

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 2 April 2024

**PRESENT:** Councillor J. Davies in the Chair and  
Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, A. Burgess, L. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood, T. Kelt,  
B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, A. Mottershead and  
R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Edwards and T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: K. Dawson, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

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### Prayers

Before the meeting began Reverend Jim Cartlidge led prayers.

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### Congratulations to Jack Scott

Before the meeting began the Town Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council and the people of Stone, congratulated Jack Scott for his outstanding achievement as an inspirational record breaking British ultra-runner who has excelled on the international ultra-running scene, winning the 2024 Montane Winter Spine Race in record time.

The Town Mayor awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Jack for winning what is widely regarded as one of the toughest endurance events in the world, completing the race (in January 2024) in an astonishing time of 72 hours and 55 minutes. Jack bettered the course record by more than ten hours and his achievements have put his name firmly alongside some of Stone's other great athletes and Olympic champions.

Jack thanked the Town Council for the recognition afforded him and shared details of his race strategy and challenges on and off the course route.

Upon completion of the item, Jack left the meeting and Council Chamber.

### **C24/099** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Dawson, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft.

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**C24/100**    **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

**C24/101**    **Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

**C24/102**    **Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**C24/103**    **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 5 March 2024 (Minute Numbers C24/091 – C24/098), be approved as a correct record.

**C24/104**    **Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 March 2024 (Minute Numbers GP24/171 – GP24/186), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 5 March 2024 (Minute Numbers PC24/061 – PC24/066), were noted.

**C24/105**    **Civic Announcements**

The Civic Announcements, which had previously been circulated, were noted.

The Town Mayor drew the Council's attention to his upcoming civic engagements. He thanked Town Councillors who had volunteered to assist with his Street Collection on Saturday 6 April, and issued a reminder of the upcoming Civic Dinner on Saturday 20 April 2024 at the Stone House Hotel.

The Deputy Town Mayor advised the Council that he had accepted an invitation to attend Oak Tree Farm Rural Project's Annual General Meeting on 17 April 2024.

**C24/106**    **Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements**

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's reports of engagements, which had been previously circulated, were noted.

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The Town Mayor advised the Council that on 1 March 2024 he had the pleasure of welcoming the Mayor of Market Drayton to Stone, along with representatives from Joules Brewery, who were keen to learn how the partnership between the Town Council, Theatre Trust and Joules Brewery had evolved to make Stone's new Heritage Centre a reality. The Mayor of Market Drayton was impressed, and the Town Mayor said that he looked forward to the Town Council having an ongoing close relationship with Market Drayton Town Council in the future.

Last Thursday the Mayor and Mayoress had attended the Stoke Repertory Theatre to see a performance of 'A Handful of Songs' by the Stone Outward Division Girl Guides which was a fantastic show. The Mayor reported that the energy and interest, staging and costumes were brilliant and he looked forward to a time when the Show, as well as other gang shows, could take place at the theatre in Stone.

The Deputy Mayor shared information about his visit to the Opening of the Museum of the Moon Exhibition in Cheadle which was a three-week arts, culture and education event. The exhibition was sold out for its duration and the organising charity, a new organisation currently restricted to the Staffordshire Moorlands, indicated it would be willing to visit Stone if its remit was expanded.

**TOWN MAYOR**

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