



## **MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP**

### **Present:**

Cllr Alan Pearson (Chair)  
Cllr Ron Turville (Deputy Chair)  
Cllr Arthur Roden  
Cllr Shirley Pearson  
Cllr Garry Samuels  
Cllr Sheila Cartwright  
Cllr Ann Turville

### **In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:**

Chief Officer – Lindsey Smith  
Project Support Officer – John Manning

### **Members of the Public:**

There were 6 members of the public present along with MP Josh Newbury

Cllr A Pearson led a 1 minute silence in memory of former District Councillor for Cannock East Cllr Muriel Davis who sadly passed away. Muriel was a tireless community advocate who championed and supported many, many local groups and charities across the area.

### **1. Apologies:**

Cllr Paul Jones - work  
Cllr Debbie Cartwright – Family commitments  
Cllr Carl White – Family commitments

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest

### **3. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr S Cartwright  
Agreed: 5  
Against: 0

Abstain: 5

#### **4. Presentation**

Trevor, Kevin and Graham from Hednesford Town Supporters Association thanked Hednesford Town Council for the Community Grant funding towards the Interschool 5 a side football tournament on 20th June 2025 which was a huge success and presented Cllrs A Pearson, R Turville and A Turville with a medal and certificate of attendance on the day.

#### **5. Public Participation**

MOP enquired if there were any planned activities to commemorate VJ Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and was advised that there are no events but that the date is to be acknowledged by Hednesford Town Council with the flying of a flag and across social media

Cllr Samuels informed that he will check what is also planned at Cannock Chase District Council

MP Josh Newbury introduced himself and informed that while he is on summer recess from Parliament that he is attending as many local council meetings as possible and announced that his office is based in Hednesford and information will be going out to the public shortly

#### **6. Finance**

- a. Cllr Pearson formally requested Members and Committees to consider requirements for 2026-27 budget
- b. Cllr Pearson reminded of the working group meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 2025. This meeting will be closed to members of the public. All available Members should attend

#### **9. Verbal update from Committee Chairs**

- a. Finance, Operations and Personnel (FOP) – Cllr Ron Turville - expressed thanks to the RFO for providing financial information to keep him updated
- b. Regeneration and Community – Cllr Ann Turville – next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Cllr A Turville informed about the working group meeting that Cllrs A Roden, S Pearson and A Turville are to establish to look at community issues across Hednesford with date to be confirmed. Cllr A Roden informed that he does not wish to Chair the working group meeting
- c. Pye Green Community Centre Committee – Cllr Garry Samuels - next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Cllr G Samuels informed of some outstanding works that have been completed within the centre and that a small celebration took place at The Hub to mark the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PGCC. A small

discussion took place about the new prices for hire and Members were informed that this is to be confirmed at PGCC Committee

- d. Planning – Cllr Alan Pearson - updated that 3 applications had come in but that they did not require a formal meeting

## **10. CCTV Stats – July 2025**

CCTV stats were reviewed and Members sought clarification on a few issues regarding TAP zones and what area check figure is made up of

**Action: Chief Officer to request information from CCTV**

## **9. Chief Officer Update**

- a. Community Consultation is still open until 31<sup>st</sup> August. Disappointing uptake to date. Chief Officer asked Cllrs to support in the promotion of the consultation
- b. Awaiting details of event plan from Spotty Dog for Christmas Light Switch on
- c. Meeting to look at youth provision across Hednesford takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Several partners have already confirmed attendance. Any other interested parties to contact Chief Officer
- d. Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
Agreed: 6  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 1

**Action: Health and Safety Policy agreed**

- e. Proposed: Cllr A Pearson  
Second: Cllr R Turville  
Agreed: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

**Action: Agreed for The Lighthouse Community Café to use function room free of charge on Christmas Eve for community food table**

## **10. Project Support Update**

Project Support Officer provided an update on S106 assets including secure cycle facility. Location of funds have now been identified and has been working with CCDC to confirm design and location. The proposed location was not covered by CCTV so a new location has been selected but this does result in the loss of 2 car parking spaces.

A concern has been raised by Station Adoption Group as to the potential to obstruct access to any future development. Fully covered by available S106 funds. Members expressed thanks to Project Support Officer for all the hard work

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr A Turville

Agreed: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### **Action: Members agreed location of secure cycle facility**

Further updates were provided regarding parking along market street and using public space protection order to issue fines. Due to CCDC not having a sharing agreement with DVLA this cannot yet be implemented and is being investigated. Parking Wardens have been requested to attend on a more regular basis

Ownership of the lockable bollards has been established and access to be granted as and when may be needed

Hednesford Town Council are still awaiting a copy of the redacted lease agreement by SCC for Cotswold Road Park

## **11. Devolution of District Councils and the potential impact upon Hednesford Town Council**

Chief Officer gave overview of SPCA asset briefing that they attended and also that CCDC have only identified 4 assets across Hednesford on which clarity is currently being sought

A conversation took place about Pye Green Community Centre, the current full repairing lease and potential consequences if the asset was transferred to an unitary council

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agree: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Action: Members agreed to instruct Chief Officer to apply to CCDC for transfer of Pye Green Community Centre to Hednesford Town Council**

A brief discussion took place about another area of land of interest and ownership of land on Victoria Street. These were not on the agenda and will be taken to the next Regeneration and Community Committee meeting

**16. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 630pm - Pye Green Community Centre

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm

Signed:

Dated: