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Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 31st July, 2023 at The Ballroom, Retford Town Hall, DN22 6DB

Present: Councillor D J Merryweather (Chairman)

Councillors:

G Freeman	C Adams
D Bamford	H M Brand
M Carroll	M Charlesworth
A Coultate	H J Digby
L A Dixon	P J Ducey
T P Eaton	J Evans
J A Leigh	J O Manners
F Merryweather	J Naish
D A Naylor	G A N Oxby
S H Pashley	J Potts
D R Pressley	D E Pulk
A Rhodes	M Richardson
L A Sanders	N J Sanders
J M Sanger MBE	L Schuller
S E Shaw	J C Shephard
J G Slater	C Tindle
C Troop	

Officers in attendance: D Armiger and C Hopkinson.

(The meeting opened at 6.35 pm.)

The Chairman welcomed all Honorary Aldermen, Members, officers, members of the public, and especially the invited guests.

30 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J P Bowker, D Challinor, S Fielding, E Griffin, F McFarland and D Pidwell.

31 Declarations

There were no declarations by Members or officers.

32 Recognition of Sporting Achievements

The Chief Executive read the following resolutions approved by full Council:

In June 2022 Council approved a resolution to the effect that;

“The Council notes that in the past there have been Freedom of the District, Freedom of the Town or Honorary Alderman awards given to individuals to recognise sporting achievements. For example, Lee Westwood.

The Council also notes that there are currently many individuals who have lived in Bassetlaw and have achieved at a local, national, and international level who have contributed to building the foundation for sporting achievement for the youth of Bassetlaw to aspire to.

The Council recognises the achievements of Liam Palmer of SWFC and wishes to award him in the coming months by arranging to acknowledge his work at full Council.

The Council agrees that following this award then an annual sports award be presented by Bassetlaw District Council at an appropriate Council meeting.

In June 2023 Council approved a resolution to the effect that;

“This Council notes that the UK’s long association with football means that the sport has become an intrinsic part of the British identity. It not only provides significant health benefits for participants but, for supporters, provides a community to be part of and a way to connect with family and friends.

This Council also notes with pride the performances of its local teams this season. It not only applauds the promotions of nearby Sheffield United (finishing second in the Championship, promoted to the Premiership) and Sheffield Wednesday (finishing third in League 1, promoted to the Championship via the play-offs) but recognises the success of Bassetlaw teams in the lower leagues, notably:

- a) Worksop Town (winning the Northern Premier League Division One East, the first team in English football to secure promotion in the 2022–23 season);
- b) Retford United (winning the Central Midlands Football League North); and
- c) Retford F.C. Women (winning the Nottinghamshire Girls and Ladies Football League (Charter Standard League).

In recognition of this success, this Council resolves to hold a civic celebratory event in the off-season to acknowledge its local teams’ successes, and thank them for successfully representing Bassetlaw in this way.”

Councillors C Tindle, S Shaw and J Naish commented on the achievements of the clubs and Liam Palmer and their contributions to the community.

Video highlights from the season were shown.

The Chairman presented Worksop Town Football Club, Retford United Football Club, Retford Football Club Ladies with a certificate of achievement.

The Chairman advised that unfortunately Liam Palmer could not be in attendance however his certificate would be sent to him.

A representative from Worksop Town Football Club, Retford United Football Club and Retford Football Club Ladies addressed Council.

33 Any Other Business Which the Chairman Considers to be Urgent

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. She closed the meeting and invited all Members to join the guests in the Council Chamber for refreshments.

(Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.)

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