

MINUTES of a meeting of the COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2025

Present: Councillor M B Wyatt (Chair)

Councillors C Beck, M Burke, D Everitt, J Geary, J Legrys, J Windram, and L Windram.

In Attendance: Councillor P Moulton

Officers: Ms S Core, Mr B Dooley, Mr J Knight, Mrs R Wallace and Mr P Wheatley

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor M French.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

10. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2025.

With regards to minute number 6, Events Update, a member enquired about information which officers had offered to provide following the last meeting but had not yet provided. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration agreed to circulate this information outside of the meeting.

They were moved by Councillor J Geary, seconded by Councillor M Burke and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

11. EVENTS UPDATE 2025/26

The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration presented the report.

A member questioned whether flags needed to be removed from lampposts during the installation of this year's Christmas lights due to them being a potential hazard. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration agreed to issue a statement that informed residents of the flag removal, as well as the reasoning behind this.

A request was made for more details to be included in the reports with regards to the use of budgets for events such as 'Picnic in the Park' so that it was clear whether targets were being met. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration agreed to provide more detail in future reports.

It was questioned whether the Market Hall building which was not being used could have acted as a contingency in the event of bad weather. The Head of Property and Economic Regeneration advised that this was not possible due to the poor condition of the building. It was confirmed, however, that there would be alternative solutions arranged so that cancellations were avoided where possible.

The Chair thanked members for their comments.

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12. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE 2025/26

The Leisure Services Team Manager presented the report.

It was questioned whether the removed tree stumps from Coalville Park could be used to create a memorial at Broom Leys Cemetery. The Leisure Services Team Manager confirmed that this was being considered as an action in 2025/26 and income generated may be included in the 2026/27 budget.

A discussion was had during which members noted concerns from residents over the quality of work in Broom Leys Cemetery since budget cuts. It was agreed by the Leisure Services Team Manager that these concerns would be raised with the team and agreed to update the Chair and ward member.

Members asked where the trees would be sourced from and who would be supplying them. The Leisure Services Team Manager replied that the trees were funded by the National Forest but was unsure who was supplying them. He agreed to find out this information and provide it outside of the meeting.

A discussion was had which focused on Scotland's Park Bowls Club. The Leisure Services Team Manager stated that the club would be in a better position to secure external funding to manage ongoing maintenance with a long-term lease if the lease would allow them to sublet. After it was asked whether any work was planned for the sports pavilion, the Leisure Services Team Manager replied that there are currently no plans to improve the existing pavilion, and members were advised that Section 106 funds could not be used for this purpose.

Members commented that they had received concerns regarding the maintenance of the changing pavilion. It was replied by the Leisure Services Team Manager that inspections had since taken place, and that no issues had been identified, but that the area would continue to be monitored, as there was funding that had been allocated specifically for improving this pavilion.

The discussion moved towards to Coalville Park Improvements during which members expressed their support for the trees and flower displays in Coalville Park.

The Chair thanked members for their comments.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.13 pm

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