

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, 2 JUNE 2026

Present: Councillor M B Wyatt (Chair)

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

In Attendance: Councillors

Officers: Mr J Knight, Mr P Wheatley and Ms S Core

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were sought for the Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor L Windram that Councillor M Wyatt be appointed as Chairman of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J Geary.

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor M Wyatt be appointed Chairman of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party for 2026/27.

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor M Wyatt, seconded by Councillor M Burke and

RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor L Windram be appointed as Deputy Chairman of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party for 2026/27.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Wyatt declared a registrable interest as the owner of two businesses within the town.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2026.

It was moved by Councillor M Burke, seconded by Councillor J Geary and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Chair's initials

6. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE 2026/27

The report was presented by the Leisure and Communities Team Manager.

Following the presentation, a discussion was had regarding the need for dog bins and a bench for Western Avenue play area; to encourage cleanliness and footfall. Officers confirmed that general use bins were provided instead of dedicated dog bins. The requests were taken on board from the Chairman as part of a wider play area review.

Concerns were raised about the condition of a wall at the Coalville cemetery. It was explained by the Head of Property and Economic Regeneration that the wall movement was within expected range and was being monitored monthly by a building surveyor, with contingency funds available if its integrity became a risk.

A member wished to ensure thanks were given to the National Forest for their support with tree planting in Coalville. The Leisure and Communities Team manager agreed to look at options to action this.

The report was noted and members were thanked for their comments.

7. EVENTS UPDATE 2026/27

The report was presented by the Senior Economic Regeneration Officer.

Following the report presentation, members discussed some of the logistics around Christmas in Coalville; including road closures and building works. In response to a member request, the Head of Property and Economic Regeneration agreed to ask the contractor whether having Christmas lighting on scaffolding would be feasible, to replace the lights that would have been on the buildings.

In response to feedback from residents, the event would be running later in the evening and provide more entertainment including an ice rink and a snowdome.

The report was noted and members were thanked for their comments.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.58 pm

Chair's signature