

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2020
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr K Booth

Cllrs: P Bailey, L A Clarke, S Lees, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart and J Waterhouse

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Clerk), K McDowell (Deputy Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

39. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are agreed.

There were no other declarations.

40. Questions from members of the public

Questions from a member of the public were in relation to agenda item 9 and 14 (c). Members agreed to amend the order of business to consider agenda items 9 and 14 (c) following the declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: That the order of business to consider agenda items 9 and 14 (c) following the declarations of interest was approved (NC)

41. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Blackie, P Oakes and L Podmore.

42. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 22 (c) and will not participate in that item of business.

43. Receive and consider a proposal in relation to planting a mini orchard at Brecon Park.

A resident, Walter Thomas, spoke on the report and plan in relation to planting a mini orchard at Brecon Park. Members considered the points raised as noted in the written report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the proposal in relation to planting a mini orchard at Brecon Park was received. That the Town Council support this project subject to consulting with ANSA regarding the impact on grass cutting before the trees are planted and to consult with an arboriculturist regarding the types of trees that should be planted on this land (NC)

44. Receive and consider the following request from resident:
More frequent bin emptying/re positioning of bins

Mr Thomas requested more frequent bin emptying/re-positioning of bins. Members considered the points raised as noted in the written report from the Clerk. The Town Council Community Support Officers educate young people about littering and provide talks about littering in schools. The recycling bins at the Civic Centre are not the responsibility of the Town Council and they are not on land owned by the Town Council. The Town Council is responsible for clearing litter from sections of the Inclines and the playgrounds which it owns and it does this three times a week. ANSA are responsible for clearing all the other bins in the village. Members agreed that businesses should be approached to engage in sharing the responsibility for clearing litter in the vicinity of their premises and this should be considered further by the Village Improvement Working Group.

RESOLVED: That the request from the resident regarding the more frequent bin emptying and positioning of bins was received. That the issue is delegated for further consideration to the Village Improvement Working Group (NC)

45. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 21st September 2020.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 21st September 2020 are approved (NC)

46. Receive and consider the action log for the FIED Committee for 2020-2021.

RESOLVED: That the action log for the FIED Committee for 2020-2021 was received (NC)

47. Note the following actions taken under SO51:

- a. To write a letter to David Rutley requesting support that a member of the Town Council is appointed to the Cheshire East Task and Finish Group.
- b. Response to the Leisure Centre consultation.

RESOLVED: That the actions as stated taken under SO51 are noted (NC)

48. Receive and consider the Operation Manager's report for mid-September to end November 2020.

The Operation Manager provided a written report for mid-September to end November 2020. Members considered the report.

RESOLVED: That the Operation Manager's report for mid-September to end November 2020 was received (NC)

49. Receive and consider the Cheshire East consultation on transport and parking and to agree who will prepare a response to the consultation.

The Clerk spoke on the Cheshire East consultation on transport and parking as received by members.

RESOLVED: That the Cheshire East consultation on transport and parking is received. That the Accessibility Working Group (Village Improvement) consider and prepare a draft response to the consultation to be received by the FIED committee under SO51 for approval was agreed (NC)

50. Note the response to Councillor Mike Sewart from Cheshire East in relation to Shared Space.

Members noted the response to Councillor Mike Sewart from Cheshire East in relation to Shared Space. Members welcomed the proposal of a 7.5 tonne weight limit on vehicles through London Road on completion of the Poynton Relief Road. Members agreed that a 20mph speed limit in the Shared Space would also benefit the village and should be requested once the Poynton Relief Road is complete.

RESOLVED: That the response to Councillor Mike Sewart from Cheshire East in relation to Shared Space was noted. That the points raised will be considered further by the relevant Working Group was agreed (NC)

51. Consider a request from other parish councils who form the Poynton Area Community Partnership to form a group to lobby Cheshire East in relation to Highways and Enforcement issues.

The Clerk spoke on the request from other parish councils who form the Poynton Area Community Partnership to form a group to lobby Cheshire East in relation to Highways and Enforcement issues.

RESOLVED: That the request from other parish councils who form the Poynton Area Community Partnership to form a group to lobby Cheshire East in relation to Highways and Enforcement issues was received. That the Town Council request more details on the proposal and request an explanation of the value this will add was agreed (NC)

52. Consider the lease of land adjacent to the Anson Engine Museum.

Members considered the lease of land adjacent to the Anson Engine Museum. The Clerk explained that progress in relation to the land stalled in 2017. The documents state the land could be used as a picnic and recreation area or the site to be used for storage of Town Council property. It is not clear what the land is intended or agreed for. The Clerk has obtained information regarding costs in relation to the land; the costs include public and open spaces notice, professional costs such as legal and surveying, other potential costs dependent on the type of use of the land, this would also impact the Town Council insurance policy to incorporate that land.

RESOLVED: That the lease of land adjacent to the Anson Engine Museum was received and considered. That the Clerk find out further details regarding costs, the terms and conditions attached to this land was agreed. That after considering all costs the Town Council survey the site to determine potential use of the land was agreed (NC)

53. Receive and consider the following requests from residents:

The removal of a bench at Marley Road

Members considered the request from the resident regarding the removal of a bench at Marley Road.

RESOLVED: That the residents request on a removal of a bench at Marley Road was received. That the Town Council has responded to acknowledge awareness and sympathy of the situation. The Clerk will request an increase the number patrols in that area by the CCS Team (NC)

54. Secure bicycle parking at Poynton train station

Members considered the request from the resident regarding secure bicycle parking at Poynton train station. It was noted that there are funds available for a bicycle rack. However, there are issues in relation to land ownership and permission to install a bicycle rack would need to be obtained from the landowner.

RESOLVED: That the residents request to secure bicycle parking at Poynton train station was received. That the issue is referred to the S106 Working Group with the aim to install a bicycle rack in a secure area at Poynton train station was agreed. That the Operations Manager find out the costs in relation to installation of a bicycle rack on this land was agreed (NC)

55. Receive and consider a verbal report from the Clerk on the planting and maintenance of flower beds at the Civic Hall, London Road North, and Burton Drive and to agree recommendations.

The Clerk provided a verbal report on the planting and maintenance of flower beds at the Civic Hall, London Road North, and Burton Drive as follows:

The Baptist Church's gardening project to help with social isolation is being developed. As part of this project, the gardening group are interested in adopting areas of land on which they can plant and look after. The group are very keen to undertake work around the Civic Hall and have provided suggestions for planting around this area. As part of this work, the Town Council would need to provide funds to purchase some plants and top soil. Other areas of interest to the gardening group include London Road North and Burton Drive; this is to help and assist with the flower beds.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Clerk on the planting and maintenance of flower beds at the Civic Hall, London Road North, and Burton Drive is received. That the Town Council accept the offer of help from the Baptist Church's Gardening Group and provide funding for the items requested, subject to, the gardening group working alongside the Town Council Communities Coordinator to ensure the areas are maintained (NC)

56. Consider a request from North East Cheshire Cricket Club to support their application for grant funding.

RESOLVED: That the request from the North East Cheshire Cricket Club to support their application for grant funding was received. That a suitable letter is sent in support (NC)

57. Receive a report from the Clerk on Twinning Association signs and to agree the recommendations.

The Clerk provided the following report on Twinning Association signs:

- The Twinning Association have requested new signs.
- Seven roadways into Poynton have been identified.
- There are various issues depending on the road; some signs have been removed and some signs are in disrepair.
- Cheshire East Council have confirmed that the cost per sign is at least £1,000 each.
- A non-refundable £500 deposit is required for an assessment of the location and the work required.
- Two quotes have been obtained from other companies and they charge just over £350 per sign plus the cost of installation which is a few hundred pounds. Cheshire East Council would need to provide permission to carry out the work and they do not have to give permission.
- The Cheshire East Council costs of £1,000 do not include any traffic management costs.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Clerk on Twinning Association signs is received. That the Town Council write to Cheshire East Council with a list of the works required and request permission for the works to the signs was approved. That if the Town Council do not receive any correspondence from Cheshire East Council the Town Council to proceed with the works to the signs by a third-party provider.

That for the new boundary signs it is requested the funds are released from the earmarked Village Improvement fund was approved (NC)

58. Approve the letter to Rebecca Prow MP in relation to culverted watercourses.

RESOLVED: That the letter to Rebecca Pow MP, subject to a typographic amendment, in relation to culverted watercourses was approved (NC)

59. Receive and consider the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1 & Q2 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1 & Q2 2020 was received (NC)

60. Receive and approve the draft budget for the FIED Committee.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget for the FIED Committee was received and agreed (NC)

61. In accordance with the recommendation from M&E to agree that the Village Accessibility, Shared Space, S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy and Pollinator Working Group should be combined into a single working group Village Improvement which will report to the FIED Committee.

RESOLVED: That the recommendation from M&E to agree that the Village Accessibility, Shared Space, S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy and Pollinator Working Group should be combined into a single working group Village Improvement which will report to the FIED Committee was approved (NC)

62. Receive a report from the following Working Groups and to consider recommendations made:

Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

RESOLVED: That the report from the Footpaths/Cycling Village Accessibility was received. That the following recommendations as stated in the report were approved:

- 1. The Accessibility Working Group is asked to prepare a response in relation to the Cheshire East Consultation on transport and parking to be approved by FIED.**
- 2. That the Operations Manager is asked to establish a rolling programme of checks throughout the village which can be undertaken by staff members who are out and about (i.e the Village Ranger and the CCS Team)**
- 3. The Clerk is asked to arrange a meeting with Nicola Swinnerton, the footpaths officer, to discuss the findings from the survey and to see how the Town Council can support the work carried out by volunteers and Cheshire East on the footpath.**
- 4. The Operations Manager arranges two Inclines Working Days and liaises with the Communities Co-ordinator on possible volunteers.**

**5. That Clerk to approach housing developers to request funds/resources/labour to carry out works to footpaths
(NC)**

63. Flood Working Group

RESOLVED: That the report from the Flood Working Group was received. That the following recommendations as stated in the report were approved:

- 1. The Flood Working Group meet with the Flood Action Group**
- 2. A multi-agency meeting is set up to discuss progress and next steps**
- 3. Seek approval for the Flood PUN from CE and the Environment Agency**
- 4. Staff to develop further the possible role for Flood Wardens**

Cllr Clarke abstained from discussion of the following item.

64. Shared Space

RESOLVED: That the report from the Shared Space Working Group was received. That the recommendation for the Town Council to write to Paul Davis at Cheshire East stating the situation as regards the health of these trees and the ongoing risk of them dying if nothing is done was approved (6 for, 1 abstention)

65. S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy

RESOLVED: That the report from the S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy was received. That the recommendation, that the Operations Manager apply for £2.5K to be released for improvements to be made to the gardens at the Civic Hall, the work to be carried out in conjunction with the Baptist Church's Gardening Group from Ref 55 - application 01/3028P was approved (NC)

66. Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group

The Deputy Clerk provided a verbal summary of the Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group as follows:

A survey on alternative energy supplies for the Civic Hall is required in order to pursue Salix funding. The cost of survey is approximately £3,000. Two other quotes are being sought. Even if Salix funding is not granted the Town Council should in any event pursue alternative energy supplies in an attempt to reduce energy costs.

For the overall project a principal designer will be required to lead the project.

RESOLVED: That the verbal summary of the Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group was received. That the Clerk should apply for Salix funding. Once additional quotes for the survey for

alternative energy are obtained the Deputy Clerk will if necessary request that the Town Council release earmarked reserves if Salix funding isn't forthcoming. That the Deputy Clerk will pursue quotes for a principal designer for the Civic Hall refurbishment project (NC)

67. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting.

The following communication messages were agreed:

- Cheshire East Council consultation planning, transport and parking.
- Concern of an increase of the litter in the village.

RESOLVED: That the communication messages stated are approved (NC)

Meeting end time: 10pm

Chair.....

Dated.....