

MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD AT 7.15PM ON MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Alex Smith

Cllrs. G Bartos, Ms R Horsman, Mrs S Horsman, G King, Mrs J Sewart and G Smith

Attending under SO53: Cllrs. M Beanland, C Gorst, P Hoyland and Mrs J Saunders

60. Apologies for absence

Cllr I Hollingworth

61. Absent

Cllr B Lewis

62. Declarations/ Requests for dispensations

None

63. Record of the previous meeting of 17th December 2012

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked whether the Clerk had received any information regarding the experimental road narrowing on Clifford Road. The Clerk said we had sent two reminders and had heard nothing to date. At the end of last year he wrote asking Cheshire East to ensure the Town Council are informed before any decision is taken. Richard Holland has also followed up but has received no response. The Clerk confirmed he will continue to chase.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 17th December 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Deputy Chairman (5 – 2 abs)

64. Civic Hall/Library project

Cllr Mrs Sewart introduced the list of requirements to be considered for forwarding to the Cheshire East architect of the Civic Hall/Library project. The list was discussed and agreed by the Civic Hall Working Group and others at a meeting held on 8th January 2013. Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if members would like to add or amend any items.

On point 6, Cllr Bartos queried the type of landscaping at the front of the new entrance. He said the current paving stones were unsightly. The Clerk said that given this is such a barren area at present the idea is perhaps to have some small trees, beds, and to generally give the location an uplift.

On point 11, Cllr Mrs Saunders questioned the incomplete information about the existing main hall doors. Cllr Mrs Sewart replied that there was uncertainty as to whether fire doors would be required. One option might be to let the architect provide his views. The Clerk suggested that this was likely to be dependent on fire regulations. Following some discussion members agreed that a wall might be preferred, given that confidentiality would be required in the proposed new meeting room, adjacent to the main hall. Cllr Hoyland proposed that this should read "Present main hall doors to be removed and replaced with a blank wall".

Cllr A Smith asked if any consideration had been given to items such as good WiFi installation and reception and IT in general. Members agreed that these were very good points. Cllr Mrs Sewart said she will raise this with Paul Everett and ask him specifically to add them to the list.

Members agreed that point 12 should be removed as a non-starter.

Cllr G Smith pointed out that it is would be very important at the next meeting with the architect to gain accurate costings.

The Chairman asked about the next steps. The Clerk replied that the architect's site visit to the Civic Hall/Library is likely as the next part of the process, and then he will hopefully be able to incorporate these requirements as far as it is feasible. The next stage would be to have sight of the preliminary designs, and at some stage it will be necessary to put the plans before the Town Council.

Members agreed that this Civic Hall/Library project could feature on future FIED agendas as appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk forward the list of requirements as amended to the Cheshire East architect via Paul Everett and Paul Bailey (NC)

(Revised list available from the Clerk)

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm