

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2016 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman, and Mrs N Wylie

49. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

50. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs T Lorde, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart

51. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr Mrs Horsman declared a non-pecuniary interest in discussions relating to Barnaby Park fencing as her private residence borders the park.

52. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 30th November 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 30th November 2016 are agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

53. Receive and consider a written update for November and December 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager

Item 1.3 London Road North pedestrian crossing points

A member noted that with regard to the pedestrian refuge on London Road North by South Park Drive, the bollards at the refuge remain dirty and one bollard is absent. The Operations Manager agreed to pursue this with Cheshire East Highways.

Item 1.5 Hazelbadge Road

The Operations Manager confirmed that he had sent a copy of Cllr Sewart's recommendations report to Rob Welch and Cllr Margaret Simons (Chair of Schools Parking Task and Finish Group) at CE. There has been no response from CE to date.

Item 1.6 Lostock Hall Road

The committee considered the decision request for the installation of railings and road markings outside the pedestrian entrance to Lostock Hall Primary

School. The committee agreed that they should press CE to take responsibility for reinstating the road markings. It was stated that this is indicative of the withdrawal of funds and cuts to Local Government funding. It was proposed that the committee approve in principle £300 for the railings outside the pedestrian entrance to the school and that the Operations Manager approach CE to negotiate the arrangements and pursue the reinstatement of the road markings.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approve in principle expenditure of approx. £300 for new railings outside the pedestrian entrance to the school. That the Operations Manager approach CE to negotiate arrangements and pursue the reinstatement of the road markings (NC)

Item 2.2 Pool House Road Noticeboard

The committee considered a new noticeboard at Pool House Road to replace the current board which is in a poor state of repair. The noticeboard, situated in Higher Poynton, is well used by local residents. It was proposed that the Operations Manager, Chairman and Vice Chairman be given authority to approve expenditure of up to £2,000 to replace the noticeboard with a board of similar design to the Town Council's other noticeboards.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager, Chairman and Vice Chairman are given authority to approve expenditure of up to £2,000 to replace the Pool House Road noticeboard with one of similar design to the Town Council's other noticeboards. (NC)

Item 3.1 Street Lighting

Cllr Clarke agreed to send the Operations Manager a list of street lights that have been out for a considerable amount of time. The Operations Manager explained that the issue has been escalated to Cheshire East Lighting many times and that he currently has approx. 20 locations requiring attention. The support of Ward Councillors was requested. It was noted that there is a service level agreement (SLA) for the repair of street lights, however, there is no legal requirement for the local authority to light the streets. The Operations Manager will continue pursuing the matter.

Item 4.1 Barnaby Park

Installation of the fencing at Barnaby Park has been delayed due to a communication supplied by ANSA proposing unsuitable materials and locations. The priority for the Town Council is to ensure that the proper fencing as agreed is installed and in the correct locations. The Chairman assured members that progress is being made to ensure the correct fencing is installed in the correct positions as soon as possible.

Item 5.1 Inclines

The Operations Manager informed the committee that the two rough cut benches are due to be placed on the Inclines. Carving a sculpture in situ will be dependent on a suitable site being identified as part of the 2016 Inclines Management Plan.

Item 6.6 Hearing Loop

The committee members considered the potential costs involved in improving the provisions for the hard of hearing at the Civic Hall.

RESOLVED: That expenditure of approx. £300 for a hearing loop provision in main reception and approx. £75 for a follow up survey of the Chamber and Main Hall is approved. That the survey report is received at the next FIED committee meeting (NC)

Item 6.7 New Town Council Van

A new van has been purchased and is due to be branded soon.

RESOLVED: That the written update for November and December 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager is received with thanks (NC)

54. Task and Finish Group Update

No written updates were received from the following Task and Finish Groups:

- Queensway Revitalisation
- Visitor Economy
- Middlewood Station
- Heritage Garden
- Footpaths/Cycling
- Village Accessibility/Mobility

Following discussion the following was proposed:

- That Cllr Berry is assigned the leader of the Village Accessibility/Mobility and Footpaths/Cycling Task and Finish Groups.
- That an update on the Heritage Garden Task and Finish Group appears as an agenda item at the next FIED committee meeting on Monday 29th February.
- That the Clerk or Operations Manager contact the remaining Task and Finish Group leaders to request they attend the next FIED committee meeting to provide reports on their Task and Finish Groups.
- That the committee will consider renaming certain Task and Finish Groups as *Areas of Interest* to better reflect the purpose and progress of the groups.

RESOLVED: That the proposals for the Task and Finish Groups as stated above are approved (NC)

Meeting End Time: 8.55pm