

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE 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

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs Mrs J Saunders as substitute for Cllr Mrs J Sewart

55. Questions from members of the public

Mrs Diane Perry, Glastonbury Drive, Poynton, attended the meeting to inform the committee that a litter bin was removed by the Cheshire East (CE) Park Rangers from Poynton Park and a dog waste bin was placed in this area. Mrs Penny explained that she had been liaising with the former Town Council Operations Manager to find out where a bin could be installed and requested that a litter bin is placed on an area of land that is owned by the Council. The Chairman explained the process for any request to place a bin on this land.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk draft a letter from the Town Council to Cheshire East to find out how the bin that was removed can be replaced. That this item is included on a future FIED committee meeting agenda (NC)

56. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs T Lorde, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart.

57. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

58. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 18th January 2016

The Clerk reported that a comprehensive list of street lighting in need of repair was sent to CE two weeks ago and the Town Council temporary administrative worker is due to follow up with CE soon. The Chairman suggested that the Town Council list is checked against the CE Street Lighting Report on the website prior to the follow up with CE.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 18th January 2016 are agreed (6 for, 1 abstention)

59. Receive and consider a written update for January 2016 from the former Operations and Events Manager

- Hazelbadge Road/Wayside Drive / Lostock Drive / Dickens Lane
The committee agreed that the Town Council invite Sean Halewood, Traffic Engineer and Andy Simpson, Highways Inspector, from CE Highways, to conduct a tour of the relevant areas of Poynton. Cllr Berry will organise the tour details.

- Poolhouse Noticeboard
This item will be addressed when a new Operations Manager is in post.

- Barnaby Park
Progress on installing the fencing is on-going.

- Inclines
The Clerk has received a quote from Swift Trees as per the five year management plan. On the issue of consultation on Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), the committee agreed that the Clerk will contact CE to find out the protocol.

The committee agreed that placing two benches on the Inclines is unsuitable and there will be no action on this issue for now. The preference is to have tree stumps carved in situ. The Clerk will approach the CE Ranger to research the possibility of tree carving.

- Litter Pick
The Clean for the Queen Litter Pick is organised to take place on 5th March 2016, 10am to noon. The Clerk confirmed that the event has been advertised. The Clerk will locate the litter pickers and contact CE to arrange collection of the litter pick kits as required.

- Business Jelly Café
It was agreed that the Business Café is included in the next Operations Managers report for review.

- Issues Log
The Clerk confirmed that the issues log is being actively monitored and addressed.

RESOLVED: That the written update for January 2016 from the former Operations and Events Manager is received (NC)

60. Receive and consider the quotation from Action on Hearing Loss to improve the provision for the hard of hearing in the Civic Hall

Members considered the report from Action on Hearing Loss to improve the provision for the hard of hearing in the Civic Hall. It was proposed that the report including the costs is received. That the recommendation for the Main Hall is approved and that the existing microphone in the Civic Hall Chamber is adapted and lowered for use and calibrated with a second microphone. The committee agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that a session on raising awareness for staff and councillors is organised. On behalf of the Town Council members thanked Cllr Mrs Horsman for her continued efforts in improvements for the provision for the hard of hearing in the Civic Hall with the support of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the report is received. That the recommendation for the Main Hall is approved. That the existing microphone in the Civic Hall Chamber is adapted and calibrated with a second microphone. That an awareness session is organised for staff and councillors (NC)

61. Receive an update from the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group

Cllr Mrs Horsman provided a verbal update on the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group and informed the committee that the Task and Finish Group are liaising with Projects for Poynton.

RESOLVED: That the update is received (NC)

62. Receive an update on the Task and Finish Groups

62.1 Queensway Revitalisation

The email report from Cllr Smith on the Queensway Revitalisation was received.

62.2 Visitor Economy

The report from Cllr Gorst on the Visitor Economy was received.

62.3 Middlewood Station

The report from Cllr Gorst on the Visitor Economy was received.

64.4 Footpaths/Cycling

62.5 Village Accessibility/Mobility

It was proposed that the Footpaths/Cycling and Village Accessibility/Mobility are merged and the Task and Finish Group renamed as Village Accessibility to include mobility, pavements and footpaths. The remit of the group will be expanded to include sustainability and the group will be led by Cllr Berry.

RESOLVED: That the reports from each of the Task and Finish Groups are received. That the Footpaths/Cycling and Village Accessibility/Mobility is renamed as Village Accessibility to include mobility, pavements and footpaths. That the remit will be expanded to include sustainability. That the group will be led by Cllr Berry (NC)

Meeting End Time: 9.25pm