

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

Cllrs: L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart, Mrs S-J Gilmore and G Smith

Attending under SO 56: Cllr M Beanland

Officers in attendance: L Osborn (Town Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

50. 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 within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations.

51. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public.

52. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs J Saunders.

53. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr L A Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 9 and will leave the meeting for this item.

54. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 14th January 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 14th January 2019 are approved (6 for, 1 abstention)

55. Consider a letter from the Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) about the Poynton boundary signs and planting a tree to mark Poynton's twinning links, dated 6th February 2019.

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Boundary Signs

It was noted that TAP have made no decision on whether the boundary signs should include both twinning links and this decision would be determined and approved by the Town Council.

A member queried the process and procedure to relinquish the Twinning with Erd. It was noted that the Town Council are still in contact with Erd albeit in a more limited capacity.

Members considered the boundary signs to Poynton. A member noted the high cost of boundary signs; this should be carefully considered before an amendment to existing signs is commissioned. The Twinning links can be specified where new signs are required and agreed. The Operations Manager noted that for existing signs amendments using graphics may be a more cost effective method of amending the signs. A member requested specific cost information to enable more considered discussion of costings. It was agreed that further information is required. Locations to consider for new signs include Middlewood Road at Norbury Hollow and the A523 at Brookside Garden Centre. Also, to consider the damaged sign on the A5149 Chester Road close to the A555.

RESOLVED: That the letter from the Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) about the Poynton boundary signs and planting a tree to mark Poynton's twinning links, dated 6th February 2019 is received. That Cllr Berry and the Operations Manager review the map of signs into Poynton to establish the location of missing signs, obtain costings for new signs and for modifying signs. That TAP report on their views. That there is a comprehensive report to be considered at a future meeting (NC)

Planting a tree

From discussion about planting a tree, it was agreed that a policy on commemorative trees and benches is required because clarity about the on-going maintenance is required. This will be included for consideration at a future meeting.

TAP have proposed a flowering tree with a plaque located outside the Civic Hall to replace the Christmas tree. Members agreed in principle to mark the twinning links and will refer the details to the Civic Hall Improvement Group.

RESOLVED: That the proposal to mark twinning links with a flowering tree and a commemorative plaque is in principle agreed and the specific details will be forwarded to the Civic Hall Improvement Group (NC)

56. Receive and consider the report for January 2019 to 25th February 2019 from the Operations Manager.

Hockley Park

Members urged a speedy outcome to the drainage works at Hockley Park.

Tree felling

A member requested that the tree stumps on the Inclines are considered for carving features. It was noted that this can be costly. Costs will be obtained to be considered within future budgets; sponsorship could be an option.

Shared Space

It was noted that the set process was not followed and this was only a temporary repair which was insufficient. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr McLellan at Cheshire East Council Highways for the matter to be addressed.

Poynton Pool/Poynton Park

It was requested that work/maintenance on the field side of the paths is considered too.

A member requested context to the number of issues reported. The Operations Manager will refine the issues log to provide the information requested.

A member requested that the figures reported for street lighting are reviewed because there are lights on Park Lane that are not working.

There was a request for the missing litter bin lid at the London Road South substation to be raised with Cheshire East Council. The Operations Manager will pursue the matter.

RESOLVED: That the report for January 2019 to 25th February 2019 from the Operations Manager is received. That the Clerk writes to Mr McLellan at Cheshire East Council Highways on the issue of the shared space repair (NC)

57. Receive and consider a report on Cheshire East Council's Barnaby Park play area fencing and the locking and unlocking of the play areas at Barnaby Park, Glastonbury Park, Hockley Park and Brecon Park from the Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager reported on Cheshire East Council's Barnaby Park play area fencing and the locking and unlocking of the play areas at Barnaby Park, Glastonbury Park, Hockley Park and Brecon Park as follows:

Barnaby Park; 10 pales have been purchased and will be fitted soon.

The annual total cost for locking and unlocking the three parks (Barnaby Park, Hockley Park and Brecon Park) is £10,797. The cost of locking and unlocking Glastonbury Park would be £2,500. It was noted that there have been no recent complaints or issues at Glastonbury Park.

RESOLVED: That the report on Cheshire East Council's Barnaby Park play area fencing and the locking and unlocking of the play areas at Barnaby Park, Glastonbury Park, Hockley Park and Brecon Park from the Operations Manager is received. That the recommendations in the report are approved (NC)

Cllr Clarke left the meeting.

58. Receive and consider a report on the trees within the shared space area from the Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager spoke on the report on the trees within the shared space area.

Members agreed that there needs to be a reminder sent to the owners of premises on Park Lane to maintain upkeep of their frontages. It was noted that ANSA and CEC also clean Park Lane twice a week.

Members noted that the agreement is between Cheshire East Council and the landowners so the Town Council should only monitor the agreement; the Town Council is not party to the agreement. The Town Council will follow up with Cheshire East Council on progress on the agreement in place.

RESOLVED: That the report on the trees within the shared space area from the Operations Manager is received. That Cheshire East Council are contacted to find out their progress on their audit of assets on Park Lane and about the legal agreements about what is the responsibility of the land owners (6 for, 1 abstention)

Cllr Clarke re-joined the meeting.

59. Receive and consider the Notice of Proposal from Cheshire East Council (Brookside Avenue and Clumber Road, Poynton) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Notice of Proposal from Cheshire East Council (Brookside Avenue and Clumber Road, Poynton) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2019 is received (NC)

60. Receive and consider the draft remit for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

Members considered the draft remit for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee. It was requested that in future a cover note of the draft changes is included.

Add to point 2: "...paths and public rights of way"

CIL money; add a point to note that this is reported to FIED with recommendations to the Town Council.

Working Group for S106 and CIL; to report to the FIED committee and report to the Planning and Environment committee for information only. The FIED committee will be the decision making committee. This will need to be clarified within the remit of the S106 and CIL Working Group. The Clerk will prepare a brief paper for the committee clarifying the details of the New Homes Bonus, S106 and CIL including the decision making and reporting processes.

RESOLVED: That the draft remit for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee is received. That the draft remit with the addition to point 2 reference to paths and public rights of way is approved. That the Clerk prepare a brief paper on the S106 and CIL Working Group (NC)

61. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups

Each Task and Finish Group was reviewed to consider where there was no outcome required if the group could be disbanded:

a) Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility – Leader Cllr Les Berry
A member noted that the community group called Mobility Matters have expressed some ideas on accessibility. Cllr Berry will liaise with Cllr Mrs Gilmore to pursue the matter.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Berry will liaise with Cllr Mrs Gilmore to find out about the ideas of Mobility Matters (NC)

b) Visitor Economy – Leader Cllr Charles Gorst
The leaflet 'A walk around Poynton's mining heritage' has been updated.

RESOLVED: That the Visitor Economy Task and Finish Group is closed. That the latest version of the Poynton Information Guide leaflet is finalised (NC)

c) Civic Hall hirers and finance issues – Cllr Charles Gorst

RESOLVED: That the Civic Hall hirers and finance issues Task and Finish Group is moved to the Finance and General Purposes committee (NC)

d) Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman
Cllr Mrs Horsman provided the following verbal feedback on the Poynton Heritage Garden Task and Finish Group:

- There has been excellent feedback received about the garden.
- There has been some vandalism with plants being pulled out. The library staff have been helpful in replacing the plants.
- The garden continues to be well maintained and the team of volunteers is working well.

There is £300 in the budget line for the maintenance of the Heritage Garden. The team will also continue to fundraise. Approach for further funds can be made by Projects for Poynton.

A member raised a query about the insurance status of the land.

RESOLVED: That the Poynton Heritage Garden Task and Finish Group is on hold until the letter of agreement from Cheshire East Council is located and checked (NC)

e) Shared Space – Leader Cllr Graham Smith
There are active points that are still on-going.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Shared Space Task and Finish Group is received (NC)

f) S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy – Cllr Lee Podmore

RESOLVED: That the written report on S106 and Community Infrastructure from Cllr Podmore is received (NC)

62. Receive a report from the Civic Hall capital projects working group and to consider and approve the remit for the proposed Capital projects and scheduled and preventative maintenance working group.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Civic Hall capital projects working group is received. That the recommendation to amalgamate the two groups is approved. That the remit for the proposed Capital projects and scheduled and preventative maintenance working group is approved. That membership of the working group is from a rolling programme of named members is approved (NC)

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

- The new homes bonus for Deva Park will be publicised once it is signed off
- The new automated external defibrillators

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

Meeting end time: 9.50pm

Chair.....

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