

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Cllrs: K Booth, P Bailey, M Blackie, L Clarke, S Lees, J Saunders

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Town Clerk), K McDowell (Deputy Clerk)  
P Cunningham (Operations Manager)

40. 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 Deputy Clerk confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations.

41. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public but it was proposed that the agenda was varied to move agenda item 15 to agenda item 4.

**RESOLVED: That the agenda is varied as set out above (NC)**

42. To receive and consider an email from a resident regarding the road safety at the junction of Dickens Lane and London Road.

A resident raised concern about road safety at the roundabout at the junction of Dickens Lane and London Road. He has witnessed a number of drivers not treating the roundabout as such and vehicles not stopping at the roundabout when driving in the direction of Macclesfield. The resident felt that the current signage and road markings are inadequate and is potentially an accident black spot.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Cheshire East asking for a give way sign to be placed on London Road South for vehicles travelling South (NC)**

43. To receive and consider a report from the Clerk on TAP signage

Susan Warrington, Chairman of the Twinning Association(TAP) and Glenys Parry-Jones (Secretary) outlined the signage that the Twinning Association would like to see around the village to mark the twinning with Erd and Haybes.

Following discussion, Members were broadly in favour of the proposals.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Cheshire East in the first instance to ask them to erect a new sign at Brookside Garden Centre. That the Clerk obtain quotations for twinning only signs which can be erected on current boundary signs and to ascertain whether permission from Cheshire East is required. In the event that Cheshire East is unwilling to erect a sign at Brookside Garden Centre the Clerk will obtain quotes for a new boundary sign to contain twinning information. That the Clerk reports on this item at the next FIED Committee meeting (NC)**

44. Apologies for absence

Cllrs J Waterhouse, P Oakes and Mrs J Sewart.

45. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

46. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September and amended minutes from 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 16<sup>th</sup> September are approved (NC)**

47. To note and accept the resignation from the FIED Committee from Cllr S-J Gilmore

The Committee noted the resignation of Cllr S\_J Gilmore but it is the Town Council who must accept the resignation.

**RESOLVED: To include the resignation letter on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019. (NC)**

48. To receive and consider the action log for the FIED Committee for 2019-2020.

The Clerk advised that there are a number of outstanding issues, (including road safety outside of Brook House nursery and the gritting of the Chester Road, railway bridge) as responses were awaited from Cheshire East. Cllr Saunders offered to assist in obtaining responses from Cheshire East.

The Operations Manager is continuing discussions with residents in relation to the cost of repairing the fence at Brecon Park.

**RESOLVED: That the action log is received (NC)**

49. Receive and consider a report from the Operations Manager for Mid-September 2019 to Mid-November 2019.

The Operations Manager updated Councillors on issues since his report was completed:

The additional defibrillator has been installed at Coppice Road car park. It was proposed that the Town Council apply to adopt the telephone boxes on Clifford Road and Fountain Place for additional defibrillators.

The upgrade to Deva Park has been delayed due to the weather.

The gritting of Anson Road in 2020/2021 was discussed and it was agreed that the Town Council would no longer fund gritting of this road as there is an alternative gritted road apart from a small section from the Boar's Head down recycling and waste centre.

A further update was provided on the Moggie Lane Bridge repair. It was noted that businesses in the locale are suffering due to the lack of access, especially Wards End garage.

The Operations Manager outlined the continuing difficulty with parking on London Road South. The CCSO team do not currently have parking enforcement powers. The Operations Manager suggested applying to designate the area as a controlled zone.

A number of Christmas decorative street lights are starting to fail and will need replacing over the next few years. The Operations Manager is currently investigating replacing these and finding a more sustainable alternative to a living Christmas tree. Proposals would be put to residents via a facebook poll. It was noted that these were capital projects and would require the approval of the F&GP Committee for release of funds.

**RESOLVED: The report from the Operations Manager is noted and received (NC)**

**RESOLVED: The Clerk should apply to British Telecom to adopt the two telephone boxes for use as defibrillator stations (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the Town Council do not fund gritting of Anson Road in the year 2020-2021 (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Saunders will raise the issue of the Moggie Lane repairs with Cheshire East and request that they put pressure on United Utilities to prioritise the repair (NC)**

**RESOLVED: The Operations Manager to investigate if a Controlled Zone on London Road South is a viable option (NC)**

**RESOLVED: The Operations Manager to investigate the replacement lights and the alternative to a Christmas Tree. A report to be prepared by the Operations Manager for consideration at a future FIED Committee meeting (NC)**

50. To note and receive the actions taken by Committee under SO51 regarding the Library signage.

**RESOLVED: To note the action taken under SO51 regarding the Library signage (NC)**

51. To note and receive the actions taken by the Committee under SO51 regarding the Civic Hall Asbestos work.

**RESOLVED: To note the action taken under SO51 regarding the Civic Hall Asbestos work (NC)**

52. To note and receive the actions taken by the Committee under SO51 regarding the Freedom of Information Act request sent to Cheshire East requesting a copy of the study referred to on the 2016 report and drainage and culvert maps.

The Clerk confirmed that Cheshire East had refused the request under an exemption and there didn't appear to be an option to appeal this request. The Environment Agency are currently collating a newsletter for residents explaining what actions are currently being undertaken in response to the floods.

**RESOLVED: To note the action taken under SO51 regarding the Freedom of Information request to Cheshire East and the subsequent update from the Clerk (NC)**

53. To note and receive the actions taken by the Committee under SO51 regarding the purchase of a new Poynton Town Council Van.

The van was written off after an accident and a replacement van was purchased.

**RESOLVED: To note the action taken under SO51 to purchase a new van (NC)**

54. To receive and consider an email from Stephen Forder, Stakeholder Manager (Transport) at Stockport MBC and a letter from Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM) regarding Middlewood Railway Station.

The general view is that Middlewood station is a leisure station only and used by cyclists and walkers mainly at the weekend. To change this view there needs to be clear evidence that the stations is used frequently during the week to increase the number of times the trains stop at the station. Surveys would need to be carried out and it was noted that a considerable amount of work had been done in the past to try and increase services at the station. TFGM have offered to work with the council to carry promote weekend services.

**RESOLVED: That the report is received and that the Clerk should reply to TFGM and take up the offer to work with them to promote the weekend service (NC)**

55. To receive and consider a report from the Clerk on the car parking enforcement at Waitrose.

Members discussed the issue of parking enforcement and the concerns relating to the lack of disabled parking spaces in the long stay area, the impact on the hirers at the Civic Hall and the potential loss of income as a result and the impact on other local businesses. The Clerk explained that there was confusion regarding the ownership of the carpark and Cheshire East were unaware that the carpark was owned by them and only run under

licence by Waitrose. The Clerk has outlined to Cheshire East and Waitrose the existence of the Car Park Management Agreement and the process required to start enforcement.

**RESOLVED: That the report is received. The Clerk write to Waitrose and Cheshire East and provide them with a copy of the car park management agreement and confirm that the Town Council expects parties to follow the procedure set out (NC)**

56. To note and accept the press release from Cheshire East Council regarding the new food waste recycling service starting January 2020.

**RESOLVED: That the report is received (NC)**

57. To receive and consider the Income and Expenditure report for Q2.

The Clerk briefly discussed the report and stated that the expected percentage should be around 50%. However, some items may be higher or lower due to annual fees.

**RESOLVED: That the Income & expenditure report for Q2 was received (NC)**

58. To receive and consider the FIED Committee Budget for 2020-2021.

The Clerk outlined the budget and explained the possible changes to the budget around play equipment, street lighting, village economy, civic hall income, bar charges and capital spending pot.

**RESOLVED: That the FIED Committee Budget for 2020-21 report was received (NC)**

59. To receive a report from the Working Groups and to consider recommendations made by the Working Group:

a) Flooding

The Working Group had a meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November with representatives from Cheshire East and United Utilities and Environment Agency. The Environment Agency are collating a multi-agency report for publication to residents. The Clerk attended the Incident debrief with Bollington and Kettleshulme and a number of key issues were identified.

b) Footpaths/Cycling – Village Accessibility

The Working Group hasn't met yet. The Clerk has been tasked to write the groups remit but this is outstanding. The group should be encouraged to meet before Christmas.

c) Shared Space

A meeting of the Working Group will take place on Monday. A walk around the shared space has been completed and all issues logged. The meeting will look at how to put the issues in front of Cheshire East in order to get the repairs prioritised.

d) S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy

A meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for the new year.

- e) Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group. (Civic Hall Regen Group)  
Asbestos encapsulation work is being carried out next week and the Mechanical and Electrical Survey is awaited. The next meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

60. To consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting

**RESOLVED: The following communications messages were agreed**

- **Waitrose parking enforcement when resolved**
- **Flood working group update**
- **Food waste recycling scheme**
- **Shop local and highlighting alternative routes to avoid Moggie Lane Bridge Repair (NC)**

The meeting ended at 10pm

Chair.....

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