

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Cllrs: P Bailey, K Booth, L A Clarke, S Lees, P Oakes and J Waterhouse

Officers in attendance: K McDowell (Deputy Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

61. 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.

62. Questions from members of the public

Questions from members of the public were in relation to agenda item 7.

**RESOLVED: That the order of business is amended to consider agenda item 7 as the next item (NC)**

Note the request from a resident to install a Wood Carving on the Inclines or at Poynton Pool.

A resident addressed the meeting to request the installation of a wood carving on the Inclines or at Poynton Pool. The wood carving is eco-friendly, would make the village look better, encourages mindfulness of nature and open spaces, may encourage users to ensure a better state of repair and raise awareness of the Inclines. Members considered the options for a wood carving on the Inclines. It was suggested that this could be offered to residents in memory of a loved one in a similar way to the memorial benches in the village. From discussion, it was noted that a cut down tree is usually dead or rotten so this may not be suitable for a wood carving or the location may not be ideal. Members agreed to investigate potential options through Swift Tree Services and to obtain costings for further consideration.

**RESOLVED: That the request from a resident to install a Wood Carving on the Inclines or at Poynton Pool is noted. That the installation of a Wood Carving is investigated with the arboriculturalist and details of costs and locations to be obtained to be considered further. (NC)**

63. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs J Sewart and Mrs J Saunders.

64. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

65. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 25th November 2019.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, subject to wording clarification on Page 159, Item 49, are approved (6 for, 1 abstention)**

66. Receive and consider the action log for the FIED Committee for 2019-2020.

Members reviewed the action log and the Deputy Clerk/Operations Manager provided the available updates as follows:

Poynton Heritage Garden Insurance

The Town Council have responded to the latest request from Cheshire East Council and re-sent plans which have previously been submitted to Cheshire East Council. It is hoped that a response will be received soon.

Finger Post

Funds and a specialist for the repair work are being sought.

Snow Clearing/Gritting

A Snow Policy has been agreed and the Town Council will report incidents to Cheshire East Council. If no action is taken then the Town Council can clear the area. The Town Council's insurance company would seek to reclaim any costs from Cheshire East Council if there were any damages/incidents. Cheshire East Council only do reactive rather than proactive gritting so the more people who report the incidents, the more likely Cheshire East will be to grit.

Audit of assets and legal agreements

This is likely to take considerable time (years) to be resolved as they are only currently discussing funding. The Deputy Clerk recommended that this be removed from the action log for now. It was agreed that this action is retained on the action log to avoid it being forgotten.

#### Purchase of Shed

The Cheshire East Council funds for the purchase of a shed for the allotments is awaited. The Operations Manager assured members that the Cheshire East Council funding of £1,500 towards the cost of the shed is due to be released soon and it was requested that in the meantime the Town Council provide the funding so that the shed can be purchased without further delay.

**RESOLVED: That the Town Council release funds of £1,500 from the General Reserves for the purchase of the shed on the basis that the funding of £1,500 from Cheshire East Council is assured. (NC)**

**Note: Following discussion with the Town Clerk, £1500 will come from Allotment reserves and not General Reserves.**

#### Boundary Signs

Mill Hill Hollow sign has fallen down, but Cheshire East do not feel this is a problem. Our sign is attached to theirs and it was asked if we need to purchase independent signage. Members agreed that Cheshire East Council are responsible for the repair of the sign and they should be pushed to make the repair.

Sign near Brookside Garden Centre. SEMMS have confirmed they did not remove the sign during the roadworks. It has now been referred to Cheshire East and a response is awaited.

**RESOLVED: That the action log for the FIED Committee for 2019-2020 and the updates are received (NC)**

67. Receive and consider the Operations report for mid-November 2019 to mid-January 2020 and the reports on street lighting, graffiti and the Inclines from the Operations Manager.

Members reviewed the Operations report for mid-November 2019 to mid-January 2020 and the reports on street lighting, graffiti and the Inclines from the Operations Manager.

A member requested that the CCST are requested to give attention to dog fouling on the inclines.

The Operations Manager is investigating a potential administrative error in relation to the land ownership of the Princes Incline. The Operations Manager is pursuing the matter with the land registry and Cheshire East Council to have the ownership corrected to the Town Council.

**RESOLVED: That the Operations report for mid-November 2019 to mid-January 2020 and the reports on street lighting, graffiti and the Inclines from the Operations Manager are received (NC)**

**That the recommendation to pay No Graffiti a fee of £1,200 per annum is approved (NC)**

**That the tranche of work that has been identified as part of the current Inclines risk assessment is approved. That a second round of work due to take place in late summer primarily for shrub removal is approved; a program of tree and shrub planting later in the year to be instigated is approved. Any group wishing to plant a tree would need to seek permission from the Town Council. No plaques or signage on or near the tree is allowed (NC)**

**That Jones Homes are approached on the possible transfer of land/ownership of the bottom of Lady's Incline to the Town Council (NC)**

**That the 11 lighting columns from the Town Council asset list located on Lostock Hall Road and Avenue are removed from the list of street lights and are left with Cheshire East to address these lights; That the Operations Manager write to BT and request that they lower the pole mounted light at Lyme Road; That the pole mounted streetlight [relocated by ENWL] now in Adlington parish area is removed from the Town Council asset list; That the Operations Manager write to Middlewood House to inform them the pole mounted streetlight situated on their land is now their responsibility were agreed (NC)**

68. Receive and consider an update from the Clerk on TAP signage.

**RESOLVED: That the update from the Clerk on TAP signage previously discussed and received under agenda item 6 was noted (NC)**

69. Receive and consider the presentation from Lee Scott, Electricity North West.

**RESOLVED: That the presentation from Lee Scott, Electricity North West is received. That the recommendation from the recent electrical survey for the main into the Civic Hall for a loading test to be carried out in relation to the additional load created by potential works to the Civic Hall was agreed (NC)**

70. Receive and consider a verbal report from Cllr Lees on the faulty light at the top of Glastonbury Drive/London Road.

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Lees on the faulty light at the top of Glastonbury Drive/London Road. Members agreed the faulty light presents

a potential danger and is hazardous. Cheshire East Council have provided no response despite continued reporting of the faulty light.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal report from Cllr Lees on the faulty light at the top of Glastonbury Drive/London Road is received. That the Clerk is requested to pursue this matter with the Cheshire East Council Highways Officer (NC)**

71. Receive and consider the Income and Expenditure Report for Q3 and a report of the Earmarked Reserves.

Members reviewed the Income and Expenditure Report for Q3 and a report of the Earmarked Reserves. The Deputy Clerk spoke on the report and the items of difference were explained as requested. The Deputy Clerk assured members that overall the costs will be within budget.

**RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure Report for Q3 and a report of the Earmarked Reserves was received (NC)**

72. Receive and consider the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan from Cheshire Fire Authority.

**RESOLVED: That the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan from Cheshire Fire Authority was received (NC)**

73. Receive a report from the following Working Groups and to consider recommendations made by the Working Group:

a. Flooding

The Flooding Working Group have received and considered detailed plans from United Utilities and Cheshire East Council including the pattern of sewers across Poynton. Some councillors attended the independent flood group sessions. There are plans in relation to tree planting and the removal of fast flowing drains

**RESOLVED: That a letter is sent to David Rutley MP by the Clerk to raise the issue of culverted streams and the responsibility for maintaining them in future. That Cllr Clarke will assist the Clerk with drafting the letter. (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That Cheshire East Council are approached to seek permission on the suggestion to post notices on lamp post to encourage the reporting of blocked gullies by residents. (NC)**

b. Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

It was noted that the Working Group are yet to meet.

**RESOLVED: That the Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility Working Group arrange a meeting with Mr Carmichael and provide a report to the next FIED meeting. (NC)**

c. Shared Space

Cheshire East Council declined to attend a meeting with the Shared Space Working Group. It is understood that it is unlikely that Cheshire East Council will give any attention to the Shared Space until the Poynton by-pass is in place. Until then the Working Group will apply for funds from the village improvement fund for the repair of assets; liability concerns were raised.

**RESOLVED: That the Shared Space Working Group review the assets in the Shared Space and report back with a list of actions and suggestions to a future meeting for consideration. (NC)**

d. S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy

Funds have been secured for various ideas against the relevant planning applications. These include the following:

- Drainage upgrade to the football field area of Barnaby Park has been secured.
- Development of a hop path at Brecon Park with creation of a woodland area to help with the drainage issues. Consideration of playground equipment for the park.
- Sustainable Christmas tree options/feature are being investigated; this is with a view to help manage the costs and environmental benefits.

**RESOLVED: That the Cheshire East Ward councillors are requested to investigate the availability of funds in relation to Application No. 12/3797M and request a copy of the Section 106 agreement from Cheshire East Council. (NC)**

e. Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group

Decorative works are being investigated. In due course, accurate costings for electrical works will become available. It is expected that the costs for the electrical works to the building will be considerable so funding options will need to be considered. The poor condition of the building is being realised through the work of the Working Group.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal reports from each of the following Working Groups are received (NC)**

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

The following communication messages were agreed:

- Moggie Lane repairs.
- Drainage works outside Panache.
- Sustainable Christmas tree options.

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

Meeting end time: 9.45pm

Chair.....

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