

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2021 VIA MS TEAMS.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Podmore

Cllrs: M Beanland, K Booth, L A Clarke, S Lees, P Oakes, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart, Ms H Whitaker, K Woolley and Mrs N Wylie

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Town Clerk), K McDowell (Deputy Clerk), G Thurgoland (CCS Team Supervisor) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

Cllr P Bailey joined at 8.27pm

Opening Prayer

69. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are agreed. There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

70. The Mayor proposed an amendment to the order of business to consider the following items after agenda item 4:

- To receive a report from the Chair of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee on parking enforcement.
- To receive and consider the proposal from resident Tony Penny to create a Poynton Legacy Fund.

RESOLVED: That the order of business is amended as stated was agreed (NC)

71. Questions from members of the public

A member of the public, Mr Penny will speak on the proposed Legacy Fund under the relevant agenda item.

72. Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Belcher, M Blackie, Mrs S-J Gilmore and T Swatridge.

73. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

74. Receive a report from the Chair of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee on parking enforcement.

The Chair of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee invited Gary Thurgoland, the Town Council CCS Team supervisor to speak on parking enforcement.

Gary Thurgoland provided information regarding the current role of the CCS Team dealing with parking issues in the Town. As well as issuing verbal warnings the Team also issue advisor notices to drivers who are contravening parking restriction or who are causing an obstruction. Although initially very affective, drivers are now aware that the notices are advisory and the CCS Team have noticed a rise in both illegal parking and reports from the public of the same over the past 6 months. There are a number of repeat offenders who park inappropriately. The Council Community Support Team report repeat offenders to Cheshire East however, little if any action is taken by Parking Enforcement at Cheshire East Council and the Team have been told that attendance by parking officers cannot be guaranteed.

The Chair of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee informed members of the following costs:

- Training of one CCSO is £1,183; this is a two-week training cost.
- If all three CCSO's attended the training, there would be a reduction in costs.
- On-going future costs would need to include the impact of potential staffing changes and the required training.
- The cost for training all three CCSO's and for one set of equipment is £13,222.
- This is a pilot scheme by Cheshire East Council so there is no certainty of their future intentions.

The Clerk informed members that there are available funds in earmarked reserves that could be used to fund the project. However, future costs and impact would need to be funded from the budget since ongoing costs could not be continued to be supported from the earmarked reserve.

Cllr P Bailey joined the meeting at 8.27pm.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Chair of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee and the CCS Team Supervisor on parking enforcement was received. Agreement for the Town Council to fund the training of three CCSO's and one set of equipment at the cost of about £13,000 to £15,000 must be agreed using an SO 51 was agreed (12 for, 1 against)

75. Receive and consider the proposal from resident Tony Penny to create a Poynton Legacy Fund.

Resident Mr Penny spoke on the proposal to create a Poynton Legacy Fund. Mr Penny expressed his thanks to the Clerk and the Communities Co-ordinator for their support and guidance. Members considered the proposal to create a Poynton Legacy Fund. It was agreed that the Poynton Legacy Fund is a good idea which can benefit residents of Poynton. At this stage, the Town Council would be happy to encourage Mr Penny to

proceed but further details on the project would be required by members before the Town Council could make any commitment. The Clerk to provide assistance if requested.

RESOLVED: That the proposal from resident Tony Penny to create a Poynton Legacy Fund was received. That the Town Council appreciates the efforts of Mr Penny and is happy to encourage Mr Penny to proceed with the idea and the Town Council look forward to receiving a future report with any progress made was agreed (NC)

76. Approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st December 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st December 2020, subject to a typographic amendment to Page 146, were approved as an accurate record (NC)

77. Receive and consider the action log for 2020-2021

The Clerk spoke on the action log for 2020-2021 as received by members. The Clerk has started negotiations for the purchase of the Inclines and noted some concerns. The Clerk will continue with these discussions.

The Civic Regeneration Working Group are due to meet in the next one or two weeks.

RESOLVED: That the action log for 2020-2021 was received (NC)

78. Receive and note the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's engagements / announcements.

Members noted the following engagements attended by the Mayor:

- Poynton Pedals for All; quiz fundraising to build a disabled bicycle on the Middlewood Way.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's engagements / announcements are noted (NC)

79. Note the actions taken under SO51.

RESOLVED: That the following actions taken under SO51 are noted:

- The release of earmarked reserves and to proceed with the purchase and installation of new fire doors was agreed.
- The release of funds to replace two stiles with kissing gates on public footpaths was agreed (NC)

80. Agree membership to the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

RESOLVED: That membership to the Council for the Protection of Rural England was agreed (NC)

81. Receive a verbal report from the Clerk on the arrangements for the annual assembly and to confirm the arrangements.

The Clerk spoke on the arrangements for the annual assembly and confirmed that the annual assembly will be held virtually via MS Teams and is called by The Mayor. Members requested that it should be verified that those submitting questions are Poynton residents. The Clerk will liaise with councillors to obtain electoral information to ensure questions or presentation at the annual assembly are by Poynton residents only.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Clerk on the arrangements for the annual assembly was received. That the Clerk to obtain the required electoral confirmation for those submitting questions or presenting at the annual assembly was agreed (NC)

82. Receive and consider a report from the Clerk on Civic Sunday arrangements.

The Clerk spoke on the written report from the Clerk on Civic Sunday arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the written report from the Clerk on Civic Sunday arrangements including the following recommendations contained within the report were agreed:

1. That the report from the Clerk was received.
 2. That the Town Council date for the Civic Service and awards ceremony of the 22nd August 2021 was agreed.
 3. That the Clerk confirms this to St George's Church.
 4. That the Civic Service working group meet in early May 2021 to finalise the arrangements.
- (NC)**

83. Approve the draft Town Council Strategic Plan for 2020-2023.

Members reviewed the draft Town Council Strategic Plan for 2020-2023. Members agreed that the Clerk and staff are commended for their efforts on the comprehensive plan.

Members agreed the following amendments:

- To add a link in relation to the Poynton Twinning links.
- To amend and replace the names of officers with the roles and responsibilities of officers.
- Minor typographic amendments.

RESOLVED: That the draft Town Council Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 subject to the agreed amendments was agreed (NC)

84. Receive and consider the record of meeting of Poynton Stakeholders on the Cheshire East Town Centre Vitality Plans received from Cushman and Wakefield.

The Clerk spoke on the record of meeting of Poynton Stakeholders on the Cheshire East Town Centre Vitality Plans received from Cushman and Wakefield. It was noted that there is no funding available yet.

RESOLVED: That the record of meeting of Poynton Stakeholders on the Cheshire East Town Centre Vitality Plans received from Cushman and Wakefield was received (NC)

85. Receive a verbal report from the Clerk on the GDPR action plan and to approve the following policies and notices:

- a. General Privacy Notice
- b. Privacy Notice for councillors, staff and role holders
- c. Subject Access Request Policy

The Clerk spoke on the GDPR action plan and explained that the plan is proceeding, historical files are being sorted, cataloguing, storing and shredding of documents is on-going as necessary.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Clerk on the GDPR action plan and the following policies and notices: a. General Privacy Notice; b. Privacy Notice for councillors, staff and role holders; c. Subject Access Request Policy were received and approved (NC)

86. Confirm the membership of Cllr Lee Podmore on the Management and Establishment Committee.

RESOLVED: That the membership of Cllr Lee Podmore on the Management and Establishment Committee was confirmed (NC)

87. Approve the purchase of land at Anson Road subject to contract.

The Clerk spoke on the purchase of land at Anson Road subject to contract. Members considered a number of issues in relation to the potential purchase of the land including how to secure the land and protection from the travelling community.

RESOLVED: That the decision to the purchase of land at Anson Road subject to contract was deferred. That the Clerk will report back to the Town Council with further details was agreed (NC)

88. Consider a six month leave of absence for Sarah-Jane Gilmore and Tim Swatridge.

RESOLVED: That the six months leave of absence for Sarah-Jane Gilmore and Tim Swatridge was approved (NC)

89. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees:

a. Community, Order and Public Safety 16th November 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 16th November 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

b. Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development 30th November 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 30th November 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

c. Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development 19th January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 19th January 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

d. Finance & General Purposes Committee 7th December 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 7th December 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

e. Finance & General Purposes Committee 19th January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 19th January 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

f. Management & Establishment Committee 2nd November 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 2nd November 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

g. Management & Establishment Committee 19th January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 19th January 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

h. Planning & Environment Committee 14th December 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment committee meeting held on 14th December 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

i. Planning & Environment Committee 4th January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment committee meeting held on 4th January 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

j. Planning & Environment Committee 25th January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment committee meeting held on 25th January 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

k. Planning & Environment Committee 15th February 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment committee meeting held on 15th February 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

90. Consider and agree whether the Town Council should make an expression of interest to Cheshire East to host a sprint in the Town for the Tour of Britain cycling race.

Members considered whether the Town Council should make an expression of interest to Cheshire East Council to host a sprint in the Town for the Tour of Britain cycling race. Members agreed that the event would be of benefit to Poynton.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council should make an expression of interest to Cheshire East to host a sprint in the Town for the Tour of Britain cycling race was agreed (NC)

91. Communication Messages.

RESOLVED: That the Civic Sunday arrangements as the communication message arising from this meeting was agreed (NC)

Meeting end time: 10pm

Chair.....

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