

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022, AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr K Booth

Cllrs P Bailey, L A Clarke, S Lees, T Swatridge, L Podmore, P Oakes M Sewart and J Waterhouse

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Clerk) Chris Oakes (Operations Manager)

Cllr Mrs J Saunders arrived at 8.20pm

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

48. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present

49. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs J Sewart (late), Cllr M Blackie

50. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 9 as a part owner of a property on Park Lane.

51. Approve the draft minutes of Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting be approved (6 for, 1 abstention)**

52. To receive and consider the action log for the FIED Committee for 2021-2022.

Members reviewed the action log, and the Clerk and Operations Manager provided an update.

**RESOLVED: That the action log for the FIED Committee for 2021 – 2022 was received (NC)**

53. To note the SO51 decision to the request from You and Yours for a rent holiday.

**RESOLVED: That the SO51 decision to refuse a rent holiday was noted (NC)**

54. To receive and consider the Operation Manager's report for end November 2021 to end January and agree any recommendations therein

Members received and considered the report for end November 2021 to end January 2022. The Operations Manager updated the members on additional items subsequent to the report. The flood warden scheme was activated on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February after receiving a flood alert from the environment agency. Following the event an informal staff debriefing to capture learning points was held.

**RESOLVED That the report for the end November 2021 to end of January 2022 was received. That the following recommendation in relation to the street lighting was approved:**

**That the Committee agrees to waive financial regulation 11.1(i) for the Town Clerk to obtain three quotes on the basis that the work is highly specialised and it was not possible to secure three quotes. That the quote from Harttron is accepted and they undertake a full inspection of the Town Council Lamppost assets. Any shortfall in the budget will be vired from another FIED budget line or funded from general reserves. Any ad hoc work required will be paid from another budget line or from general reserves. (NC)**

55. To note the response from Cheshire East in relation to the trees within the shared space and to agree any actions

*Cllr Clarke left the meeting.*

Cheshire East had acknowledged that some works to the trees was required but due to significant budgetary pressures at Cheshire East no funding was available in the current financial year. Cllr Sewart spoke of his and Cllr Mrs J Saunders intention to use their Councillor allocation to cover this work if funding from Cheshire East was not forthcoming. It was noted that Cheshire East would have to carry out the work as it would entail traffic management. There may be a possibility to explore using Section 106 money to fund the work.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts Cheshire East to request whether any funding has been found and to request an estimate of when the works will take place (NC)**

56. To receive the report from the Clerk and to consider and agree whether there are any highways projects that the Town Council request that the Cheshire East ward members fund

Cllr Sewart informed the members that the newly painted yellow lines on Queensway had been paid for by Cllr Beanland's councillor allocation. Cllr Sewart confirmed in response to a member's question that the Councillor allocation was £4000.00. Possible suggestions included extending the cycle lane up Chester Road to join the bypass and repairing the large pothole on School Lane.

**Resolved: That the report be received. Further consideration will be given to projects once it is clear whether money will need to be allocated to the trees in the Shared Space area (NC)**

57. To receive and consider a report from the Clerk on her meeting with Mad About Power and a Town Councillor about electric charging points

The Clerk had made enquiries and met with two representatives from Transition Bollington in relation to their acquisition of electric charging points. Bollington Town Council have installed 4 charging points in the main car park using a grant from the On Street Residential Charging Point Scheme. The grant is currently available to local authorities and covers up to 75% of the installation cost up to a maximum £7,500 per unit. The charging points must be installed on streets or car parks where there is no off-street parking.

There was also a charge of £2,000.00 from Cheshire East for legal fees to sub-lease the four car parking spaces. The Cheshire East Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Report had been sent to members. Poynton is identified as a quite a high priority with a timescale of 1-2 years for installation of charging points in the Civic Centre Car Park.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to Cheshire East requesting further information about the plans to install electric charging points and ask for a time scale (NC)**

58. To receive and consider a report on land transfer on the Inclines and to agree any actions

It was noted that although the Town Council had previously resolved to agree to the transfer of land, the land is currently being well managed by both owners. The transfer of the land would result in increased costs to the Town Council.

**Resolved: That the committee agreed not to pursue the land transfer. The Operations Manager to notify the owners of the outcome (NC)**

59. To receive and approve the allotments policy

The Committee reviewed the policy and suggested a number of typographical corrections and the following amendments:

1. That 1.2 and 1.3 are merged
2. 2.6 the word days is added after 28

**Resolved: Subject to the proposed amendments, the Committee adopts the allotment policy (NC)**

60. To receive a report from the Clerk in relation to the derelict building on Coppice Road

The Clerk provided an update to her report. A building control officer had visited the site on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The officer had determined that there had been no further deterioration and the building is not deemed to be a danger at present.

**RESOLVED: That the report is received. That the Council Community Support Team are asked to monitor the building on their patrols (NC)**

61. To Receive and consider a report from the Clerk in relation to broadband connectivity on Towers Road.

**RESOLVED: That the report is received, and the Clerk writes to BT to inform them of the difficulties that are currently being experienced by a number of residents in the Millstone Close/Towers Road area (NC)**

62. To note the letter from Poynton Rotary indicating that Party in the Park has been cancelled and that no further concerts will be organised

**RESOLVED: That the letter from Poynton Rotary is noted (NC)**

63. To receive and consider a verbal report from the chair on the AED formally at the Acoustic Lounge

The Chair provided a verbal report on the AED which was formally situated at the Acoustic Lounge

**Resolved: That the Town Council will fund the new battery for the AED and will take on the responsibility and the checking of the AED unit once it is relocated (NC)**

*Post meeting note: The Acoustic Lounge have requested the return of the AED*

64. To receive and consider and approve the draft terms and conditions for the hire of the Civic Hall

The committee reviewed the draft terms and conditions.

**RESOLVED: Subject to minor typographical amendments, the draft terms and conditions for the hire of the Civic Hall are approved (NC)**

65. To consider the appointment of a lead councillor to the following areas of the strategic plan

**RESOLVED: That the following lead councillors are appointed to the areas of the strategic plan:**

**Flooding – Cllr Laurence Clarke**

**Civic Hall Repairs – Cllr Lee Podmore**

**Town Improvements – Cllr Simon Lees**

**Civic Pride – Cllr Kevin Booth**

**Accessibility – Cllr Mike Sewart**

**Destination Place – Cllr John Waterhouse**

66. To receive a written report from the village Improvement Working Group

**No written report was available. The Chair outlined the discussions that had taken place at the last meeting**

The Chair provided an update on the pollinator project, a flower display for the Queens Jubilee possibly linked to either London Road North Flowerbed or the Civic Hall gardens which need to be replanted now that ANSA will no longer plant the bed.

It was noted that councillors were meeting with Cheshire East to discuss the London Road North Flowerbed on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022. To date the Operations manager has had no response regarding the earlier request from the Town Council to maintain.

The Heritage Garden have indicated that they will look after the Civic Hall garden which runs along the front of the building, request that the committee ask the Clerk to investigate the costs of planting and maintenance, possibly using some s106 money.

The Operations Manager has been asked by the Group to examine the path at Poynton Pool on the London Road North side with a view to asking Cheshire East about laying aggregate surface. The Clerk has discussed with the footpaths officer the possibility of reallocating the S106 money from the Lostock Hall footpath to footpath 81 (near Poynton Brook and the runway) she is generally supportive; the Clerk will write to the S106 officer to see if this is possible.

Officers had met with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to discuss the plans for Brecon Park. There is potentially some funding available, Cheshire Wildlife Trust will make enquiries and report back to the Clerk.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Chair of the Working Group is received. That the Clerk is requested to carry out the actions outlined above (NC)**

67. To receive a verbal update from the Clerk on the Civic Hall Capital Projects and scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working group and the flood Working Group

The Clerk provided a brief update on the Civic Hall Capital Projects Working Group actions. Survey work is currently being undertaken by the architect. The Clerk is currently

investigating the Public Works Loan as some other Clerks have identified some difficulties in obtaining the money in a timely manner.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal response is received (NC)**

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

**RESOLVED: That the communication message regarding the defibs and the flood working group is approved (NC)**

Meeting end time: 9.45pm

Chair.....

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