

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Mayor: Cllr L Podmore

Cllrs: P Bailey, M Beanland, K Booth, LA Clarke, S Lees, P Oakes, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart (8.20pm), T Swatridge and Mrs N Wylie.

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Town Clerk) and K McDowell (Deputy Clerk)

Opening Prayer

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

The Mayor 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. Questions from members of the public

A resident, Mr Matthew Wynne spoke to the members regarding arranging a community-based street party on Park Lane to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Following discussion, it was agreed that a working party would be formed to investigate the feasibility of holding an event of this type.

RESOLVED: That a working party is formed which will include Mr Wayne to investigate holding a street party on Park Lane (NC)

71. Apologies for absence

Cllrs David Belcher, Mark Blackie, Mrs Sarah-Jane Gilmore, John Waterhouse, Ms Hayley Whitaker and Ken Woolley, Mike Sewart (late).

72. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Cllr Beanland declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 and will leave the room. Cllr Clarke declared an interest in item 20 as a part owner of a property on Park Lane.

73. Approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6th September 2021

The reference to Chair on page 107 should be changed to Mayor.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th December 2021 are approved as an accurate record (NC) with above amendment.

74. Receive and consider the action log for 2021-2022

RESOLVED: That the action log for the Town Council Meetings for 2021-2022 was received (NC)

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

The Mayor attended the Mayor of Knutsford's charity event

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

76. To note the following action taken under SO51

- a) to use earmarked reserves to purchase five new radios for the Council Community Support Team.
- b) to delegate to a number of Councillors the responsibility to investigate the possibility of a sculpture or other permanent memorial for the Queens Jubilee.

RESOLVED: That the actions taken under SO51 were noted (NC)

77. To receive and consider a report from the Chair of Management and Establishment Committee and the Clerk on activities for the Queens Jubilee

The members discussed the report,

Tree Planting

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approach Cheshire East to establish whether they would support planting 7 commemorative trees on Brecon Park (NC)

Town Trail

RESOLVED: That the Committee support the free Town Trail for children currently under development by a resident (NC)

Town Crier

RESOLVED: That the Clerk to investigate Town Criers further and provide further information when available (NC)

Pipers and pipe bands

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts the bagpipe player recommended by Cllr Mrs Wylie, Cllr P Bailey will contact the Pipe Band that occasionally plays at the British Legion (NC)

Bonfire/ beacon lighting

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts the Roundtable regarding a Bonfire/Beacon to see if they can assist (NC)

It was noted that the Service of Thanksgiving would be arranged by the Church. The Clerk and Councillor P Bailey will request information.

Big Jubilee lunch/street parties

RESOLVED: That a street party/jubilee lunch working group is formed with Cllrs M Sewart, M Beanland, P Oakes, K Booth. The Clerk to send out invitations (NC)

Town Decoration

RESOLVED: That the Council request that shops are decorated (NC)

Exhibition

RESOLVED: That the Council put together an exhibition of archived material available in the Civic Hall with a caveat that it does not take up too much staff time (NC)

Competitions

RESOLVED: That the Town Council will run an art competition, the Communities Coordinator contact the local schools' and other organisations to ask them to take part in the competition. Winning artwork will be displayed at the exhibition which will take place at the Civic Hall (NC)

Programme of Events

RESOLVED: That the Town Council will prepare a programme of events (NC)

Capturing the Event

RESOLVED: That the Communities Co-ordinator will approach the High School to see whether the media department would be willing to co-ordinate capturing the event as a historical record. (NC)

Cllr Mrs Jo Sewart updated the committee on the proposed sculpture on London Road North. It seems unlikely Highways would give permission; they would consider a sculpture a road hazard. An alternative location for the sculpture was discussed as was the format for the sculpture. The use of s106 monies is still being explored.

Further information from Cheshire East regarding renaming the Civic Hall is currently awaited.

78. To agree a date for the Civic Service.

RESOLVED: That the Civic Service will take place on the 10th July 2022 (NC)

79. To note the recommendation from the Management and Establishment Committee that no amendments to the standing orders are required and to approve the current standing orders

RESOLVED: That there will be no change to the Standing Orders for this Civic year. (NC)

80. To consider and approve the Financial Regulations as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations are approved (NC)

81. To receive and consider a report from the Clerk on the funding of the refurbishment of the Civic Hall

The Clerk had hoped to give the committee an update on the Public Works Loan but has not been able to speak to ChALC regarding this matter. It has come to the Clerks attention that other

Councils are having difficulty applying for Public Works Loan and the loan applications are taking longer to process.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Clerk is received and further enquiries are made with ChALC (NC)

82.To receive and consider a report from the Clerk in relation to staff salaries and to agree the recommendation contained therein.

Prior to leaving the room the Clerk provided a copy of the amended report sent earlier to councillors with the correct calculation.

The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Cllr Beanland left the room

A member recommended an amendment to the report stating that should a member of staff leave after the 1st of March when any increases have not been agreed that the member of staff should return the funds.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council agree to pay the staff the additional 1.75% backdated to the 1st April 2021. Should a member of staff leave after the 1st March 2022 and this has not been ratified by the Trade Unions or Cheshire East, they should repay the money to which they were not entitled. (NC)

RESOLVED: When the final settlement is known a pay adjustment will be made if required. This would only be an upward adjustment as the final settlement has been agreed (NC)

Post meeting note. The final settlement was agreed on the 28th February 2022.

The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Cllr Beanland returned to the meeting

83.To approve an amended schedule of committee meetings.

The following amendments were proposed:

Planning and Environment committee moved from 16th of May to the 9th May 2022

Finance and General Purposes committee moved from the 9th to 16th May 2022.

An additional Management and Establishment Committee meeting is held on 21st March 2022

RESOLVED: That the amended schedule of committee meetings is approved (NC)

84. To receive, consider and agree the media release for the precept

RESOLVED: That the media release be agreed and received (NC)

85. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees

a) Community, Order and Public Safety 1st November 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 1st November 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

b) Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development 29th November 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and development held on 29th November and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

c) Management and establishment Committee 11th October 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 11th October 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

d) Planning and Environment Committee 6th December 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 6th December 2021 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

e) Planning and Environment Committee 10th January 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 10th January 2022 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

86 Consider requests for leave of absence for Cllr David Belcher and Cllr Mrs Sarah-Jane Gilmore.

RESOLVED: That the request for leave of absence be given for six months (2 ABS)

87. Communication Messages.

Members agreed to highlight the precept. The Significant dates for the Jubilee and the suggestions from a member of the public.

RESOLVED: That the communication message as stated was agreed (NC)

88. Addition of urgent items under SO19.

The Clerk had received a request from the Roundtable bonfire to provide details of Town Council projects that required funding before their meeting on the 22nd February. Suggestions included the Mayor's Charity, the sculpture for London Road North and the Baptist Church Food Bank.

The Clerk has received a Community Grants Application form from Poynton Show. There was no amount requested. They are requesting £15,000.

RESOLVED: The Clerk contacts Roundtable with the suggestions for funding. The application for funding for the Poynton Show is sent to the F&GP committee for consideration (NC)

89. RESOLVED: Exclude the press and public on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (NC)

PART B

90. To note the correspondence received from Fletcher Commercial Law.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted and received (NC)

Meeting end time: 09.50pm

Chair.....

Dated.....