

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00 PM ON MONDAY 09TH FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Booth

Cllrs: J. Waterhouse, J. Saunders, M. Sewart, M. Blackie, P. Oakes, S. Lees

Cllr L.A Clarke attended under S052.

Officers in attendance: Haf Barlow (Town Clerk) Sally Shaw (Admin Officer)

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

There were no other declarations.

65. Questions from members of the public

A member of the public was in attendance to discuss his concerns with anti-social driving on Park Lane, Poynton.

Two representatives on behalf of Independent Street Events /Poynton Sports Club wished to speak about their request to hold a street Market/event in Poynton.

66. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

67. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr L. Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 15, Skanza empty shop and agreed he would leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

68. To approve the draft minutes of Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting on 17th November 2025

RESOLVED: The draft minutes, of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting on 17th November 2025 are approved. (NC)

69. To receive and consider the request from Independent Street Events Ltd to hold a street market in Poynton.

A representative from Independent Street Events spoke to the Councillors to ascertain their support to hold a Street market on Park Lane. An artisan market had been previously held at the Sports Club, but footfall had dropped due to varying factors. Park Lane was as a central location was an ideal alternate location. Councillors were open to the idea of a street market but highlighted several factors and obstacles that would need to be considered, including the costs associated with a road closure, emergency access, given the location of the fire station. In addition, permission would also need to be sought from the shop owners as the frontage outside many of the shops is not a public highway

RESOLVED: The Town Council were open to the idea of a street event subject to all the relevant conditions and permissions being in place and will revisit if a future request is presented. (NC)

70. To receive and consider the email from a resident and the Clerk's response regarding anti-social driving on Park Lane and agree any recommendations to the COPS committee.

A member of the public gave his view on the issue of driving and parking on Park Lane. Issues include cars driving at speed and vehicles mounting the pavement. The resident believes that traffic calming measures and/or improved signage is needed to avoid a serious accident.

Councillors debated the ongoing issues with this stretch of road which has been a problem for decades due to the narrowness of the road. They acknowledged it is exacerbated by parked cars on the road, volume of traffic and more businesses using this area of the Town. Cheshire East Council should be contacted to discuss the problem and see if a solution can be found. A site visit from the Road Safety Team will also be requested. Poynton Town Council would be willing to consider supporting financially, within reason, traffic calming measures.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should contact Cheshire East Highways to request a site visit from the Road Safety Team to assess anti-social driving on Park Lane. (NC)

71. To receive and consider the action log for the FIED Committee for 2025-2026.

Members considered the action log for the FIED Committee, Signage on Woodside Lane had been missed from the list. The Clerk reported that Cheshire East Council would not agreed to fund new Beware Pedestrian signage on Woodside Lane. They had provided an estimate of costs for Poynton Town Council to fund the signs (£3,000).

RESOLVED: That the action log for the FIED Committee for 2025-26 was received with the addition of signage for Woodside Lane. That signage at a cost of £3,000 funded from CIL is recommended to Town Council for approval. (NC)

72. To review and approve the Income and Expenditure report for Q1-Q3 for 2025 -2026

The Town Clerk gave a summary of the Income and Expenditure report and the individual items within.

RESOLVED: That the report for Income and expenditure for Q1-Q3 for 2025-2026 is received. (NC)

73. To receive a report from the Clerk on operational issues and to agree any recommendations.

Councillors discussed the report. Repairs on the benches at Glastonbury Drive will commence next week. The Committee discussed the repair of the roadside bench and they agreed to proceed with the repair. The Clerk reported that permission had now been received to start the footpath clearing at the rear of Glastonbury Drive. Quotes to clear the hedging had been received from Swifts.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's report on operational issues was received

RESOLVED: When the new operations manager is in post, they will obtain quotations for a new Wildlife Information board at Poynton Pool and two similar boards on the Inclines.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtains three quotations to remove the cowls and undertake any necessary works to remedy the issues on the Civic Hall roof.

RESOLVED: To recommend to F&GP the use of CIL money to fund in line with the Town Council's Strategic Priority relating to Town Infrastructure.

**The repair of a hole in front of a bench at Deva Park £200
Refurbishment of planters across the Town up to a cost of £500
Clear hedging near footpath at Glastonbury Drive at a cost of £400
Purchase sand and decorative bark at a cost of £500 (NC).**

74. To receive and consider the offer of a painting by a resident to the Town Council.

Cllr Booth updated that the offer of the painting has been withdrawn and now no longer needed to be discussed.

75. To receive and consider the emails regarding a potential road safety scheme on Dickens Lane.

Councillors considered the emails received and the proposal for funding requirements put forward by the Road Safety Team for Cheshire East to carry out a feasibility study. An external designer would undertake this at a cost of £1,600 to Poynton Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the email regarding the potential road safety scheme on Dickens Lane and the associated costs was received. That Cllr Whitaker is asked to confirm

with the Road Safety team that the two Cheshire East ward councillors will fund the external feasibility study at a cost of £1,600.(NC)

76. To receive and consider the purchase of new planters on Chester Road and refilling the planters on London Road South.

Councillors discussed the Towns planter requirements.

RESOLVED: That the purchase of new planters and the refilling of existing ones on Chester Road and the refilling of existing planters on London Road South was approved. In addition, the new Operations Manager will investigate the permissions required and the exact site location for a new planter to be situated outside The Turkish Bistro on Fountain Place. (NC)

77. To receive and consider the replacement of the broken bench at Fleetbank Farm play area, off Dickens Lane.

Councillors discussed whether the bench had been well used. The Clerk reported that multiple members of the public had asked about its refurbishment.

RESOLVED: That the new Operations Manager obtains quotations for a replacement bench at Fleetbank play area (NC).

Councillor L.A Clarke left the meeting

78. To consider whether any further action can be taken in relation to the empty shop at Skanza.

It was noted that some work and activity had been seen at the empty premises recently

RESOLVED: That recent activity inside the Skanza shop is noted and the CCSOs will be asked to monitor activity. (NC)

Councillor L.A Clarke returned to the meeting

79. To consider the request from Cheshire East Council to work in partnership to bring the Be Flood Ready pod to Poynton.

Councillors discussed the request to bring the “Be Flood Ready” pod to the Town. Discussion took place as to who the pod’s key audience was, whether it offered anything unique or filled a particular gap in Poynton Flood Defence programme. The high costs associated with it were also commented on and whether it represented fair value for money. It was agreed that it would be prudent to ask the Flood Working Group to assess these points in more detail and make a recommendation back to Councillors if they felt it was appropriate to go ahead with the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Flood Working Group is asked to look at the request to bring the Be Flood ready pod to Poynton and recommend whether it was a service that would be of benefit. (NC)

80. To note the invite to the Cheshire East Council meeting to discuss Shared Space on Friday 13th February at 10.am.

RESOLVED: That the invitation to discuss Shared Space improvements with Cheshire East Council is received and councillors would endeavour to attend. (NC)

81. To receive an update from the following working groups:

Accessibility group (not met)

Allotments (not met)

Leisure Centre (not met)

RESOLVED: No updates were received (NC)

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

RESOLVED: That the following items will require communication messages when complete:

-New Planters on Chester Road/ Refresh of London Road Planters

-Replacement Bench for Fleet bank Farm

-Clearing of Footpath behind Glastonbury.

83. To resolve to 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.

RESOLVED: That the press and public are excluded due to the confidential nature of business to be transacted. (NC)

84. To receive a verbal update from the Clerk on the purchase of land for allotments

RESOLVED: The update on the allotments was received. (NC)

Meeting End Time: 9.12pm

Signed.....

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