

Main issues covered: A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road/ Mayor's announcements/engagements/ Town Mayor's network/ Adoption of Committee records

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Town Mayor: Cllr G Bartos

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, C Gorst, Ms R Horsman, Mrs S Horsman, P Hoyland, G King, B Lewis, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith, G Smith and R West

16. Questions to the Mayor

None

17. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. I Hollingworth, M C G Sewart and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

18. Requests for dispensation

None

19. Presentation by SMBC on the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road

Sue Stevenson, representative of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), gave a presentation on the preferred scheme for the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road, which is currently out for Phase 2 consultation until 19th July 2013.

An exhibition will be held in Poynton on 2nd July, from 10am to 8pm. Over 2,000 responses to the consultation were received from Poynton in the first week alone.

Cllr Hoyland said that Poynton Town Council had made its views very clear in Phase 1 of the consultation. In terms of Junctions 6 (Hazel Grove) and 4 (linking with Chester Road) the Town Council wanted Option 1, and was pleased to note that that choice is now shown for both in the preferred scheme. Cllr Hoyland asked if there was any wavering concerning the

location of Junction 6. Sue Stevenson explained that the move towards Brookside Garden Centre is an attempt to respond to residents' concerns. Cllr Hoyland requested that the Town Council be kept informed of any changes to that junction, since it was opposed to any move to bring it further towards Poynton.

Cllr Hoyland asked if Ward Councillors could sit in on the various fora about the scheme so that they are better informed to give feedback to their residents. Sue Stevenson replied that Ward Councillors would be welcome to attend. She said a letter was sent to Cheshire East Officers asking them to invite Councillors in the past, and was not sure why this had not happened. Cllr Hoyland requested a copy of the letter. There will also be Local Liaison Forums before submission of the planning application, and Ward Councillors are welcome to attend those too.

Cllr Hoyland asked if there would be delays due to engineering complications at the Bramhall junction. Sue Stevenson said she was not aware of any. Cllr Hoyland asked if certain parts of the road were more visible to residents than first envisaged. She said that photo montages had been compiled and these showed that small sections would be visible - there will be an attempt to resolve this.

Cllr Hoyland asked for an update on Mill Hill Hollow. Sue Stevenson replied that discussions with both landowners are required.

Cllr Murray enquired about contractors for the scheme – would sub-contractors be involved, and who would be responsible for them? Sue Stevenson replied that a consortium has been formed because of the size of the project, but there will be a prime contractor to oversee the project and ensure standards are maintained. The local authority will be responsible for letting the contracts.

Cllr Murray asked if phasing would be considered because of the potential traffic management problems. Sue Stevenson replied that much of this will be agreed with the traffic management team. Early contractor engagement is important to avoid and minimise conflict; they will also be part of the planning process.

The Mayor thanked Sue Stevenson for her presentation.

RESOLVED: That the presentation is received (NC)

20. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 13th May 2013 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor (12 – 3 abs)

21. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had attended the following events:

15 May 2013: Cheshire East Mayor Making Ceremony

17th May 2013: New initiative at Waitrose, "Sowing the seeds"

19th May 2013: Macclesfield Mayor/Trustee's Cllr. Alift Harewood's farewell party

23rd May 2013: Mayor making ceremony in Macclesfield

24th May 2013: Poynton High School, end of year 6th Form show of art and textile exhibition

13th June 2013: Homecoming Parades – First Battalion The Mercian Regiment

15th June 2013: 10th Anniversary celebration of the Twinning Agreement of Poynton with Erd

17th June 2013: Visited a United Utilities facility, Langley, near Macclesfield

18th June 2013: Mayors' Networking Meeting at Congleton Town Hall

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's announcements are received (NC)

22. Town Mayors' Network

The Mayor provided a verbal briefing on the launch meeting of the Town Mayors' Network held at Congleton on Tuesday 18th June 2013. Cllr Bartos explained that this is a new initiative, essentially a Mayors' network involving regular monthly meetings. Cheshire East Mayors will meet to discuss issues affecting their communities. Eleven Mayors were present at the first meeting. The first agenda included planning, housing and asset management, among other topics. The group agreed that Cheshire East councils should influence government decisions more often and invite parliamentary members, leaders and officers of Cheshire East. Cllr Bartos asked if there were any issues or questions that members of the Town Council would like the Mayor to raise at the next Mayors' meeting.

Cllr Murray questioned the purpose of the Town Mayors' Network meetings and said that this appears to be another unofficial pressure group and, while this may be positive, he queried the legal mandate. Cllr Bartos agreed there was no legal mandate. The purpose was to get a better understanding of the issues in each community.

23. Standing Committees

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 22nd April 2013 be received and adopted (14 – 1 abs)

Cllr Clarke proposed that the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 29th April 2013 be received and the resolutions therein adopted by full council.

On Item 99 Cllr Clarke confirmed that the draft has now been received.

On Item 100 Cllr Clarke updated that this has been rejected.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 29th April 2013 be received and adopted (14 – 1 abs)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the additional Planning and Environment meeting held on 28th May 2013 be received and adopted (14 – 1 abs)

The meeting was concluded at 8.50 pm