

Main points arising: Operations and Events Manager's Update/ Inclines Task Force/ Shared Space remedial action/ Civic Hall-Library project/ Easement of Town Council's Byelaws

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2014 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr A Smith

Cllrs. G Bartos, I Hollingworth, Ms R Horsman, Mrs S Horsman, G King, Mrs J Sewart and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Also attending: Cllr P Hoyland, under SO 56

67. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Smith.

68. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None

69. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd March 2014

The Clerk has been pursuing Zurich Insurance with regard to the bus shelter claim. The Zurich recovery team has appointed their solicitors, Beechcroft, who are awaiting a response from the other insurers involved. The Clerk has the recovery team's contact details, and will continue to follow up on this matter, but he has been forewarned by Zurich that is never a quick process.

The Chairman reassured members that this item will remain an agenda item as promised with further updates when available.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2014 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

70. Operations and Events Manager's Update

The Operations and Events Manager presented his written update to Members.

Loose Chippings

The Clerk said that certain sections of Clumber Road have recently been re-patched and again there is a problem with loose chippings on the surface. The Operations Manager will monitor the situation over the next two weeks and if these have not been removed he will pursue the matter.

Park Avenue Restrictions

Cllr Mrs Sewart proposed the decision request for double yellow lines to be introduced on a section of Park Avenue – a plan indicating the section concerned were circulated with the Operations Manager's update. The Chairman queried the process for informing residents. The Clerk explained that there is a normally a CE consultation process which includes blue consultation notices posted on lamp posts in the vicinity of the work. The Operations Officer reported that he has visited the site with a CE Officer who thought it prudent to inform the Dental Practice in advance, which the CE Officer undertook to do.

RESOLVED: That the decision request for double yellow lines to be introduced on a section of Park Avenue is approved, subject to the normal CE consultation process (NC)

Nursery Drive

RESOLVED: That the decision request for double yellow lines to be introduced on Nursery Drive, as per the plan circulated to Members, is approved, subject to the normal CE consultation process (NC)

Towers Road

This concerned the introduction of a further section of double yellow lines on Towers Road. The Operations Manager said that the LAP Highways Sub Group which would provide the funding for such work has limited funds. Cllr Mrs Sewart explained that the original complaint was that the double yellow lines along this short stretch of Towers Road were broken up. The Operations Manager confirmed that these have been reinstated.

Poynton In Bloom

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if there was any alternative to the black and white Waitrose notices placed on the planters at the top of Burton Drive, which are not aesthetically pleasing. Following discussion it was agreed that the Operations Manager makes a request to Poynton in Bloom for black and gold lettering on the notices instead. Members also approved match funding from the Town Council for two further planters for the other side of Burton Drive.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's match funding for two further planters is approved, and that the Operations Officer make a request to

Poynton in Bloom for black and gold lettering on the planter notices (NC)

Cllr Bartos asked for an update on the dwarf conifers planted in the flower tubs on the Victoria Fountain. The Operations Manager confirmed that they will be removed as part of Poynton In Bloom's Spring planting programme. Cllr Mrs Horsman also confirmed that they will be removed.

Chester Road area outside Post Office

RESOLVED: That the base of a former litter bin is removed by the Town Council's Handyman, that a disabled parking bay is marked up in the area vacated by the automatic toilet, and that a bench placed as stated in the Operation Manager's report to discourage indiscriminate parking. (NC)

Street Lighting

The Clerk and the Operations Manager have a meeting arranged with the CE Lighting Officer with a view to improving relations. The Clerk highlighted the safety concern in the Civic Centre Car Park, where all the lights are out at night.

Poynton In Business

RESOLVED: That the Operations Officer is congratulated for his effort and hard work in promoting Poynton in Business (NC)

71. Inclines Task Force initiative

Members noted action taken under SO 51 concerning the formation of a voluntary Inclines Task Force.

Cllr Hoyland said that the good work by the volunteers on the Inclines has made a difference, but because the path slopes towards the middle, the mud cleared to the edges has since moved back across the path. This may require the mud to be removed altogether, or to be pushed much further back. Cllr Hoyland also noted that as a consequence of the delayed response from United Utilities to the water leak affecting the Prince's Incline, the area to where the water was diverted is now vulnerable to tree damage. There is also marked damage to the path.

Following discussion Members agreed that the Clerk and the Operations Manager seek legal advice on this matter.

RESOLVED: That the Operation's Manager's Report is received with thanks, that the action taken under SO 51 is noted, and that the Clerk and Operations Manager seek legal advice on the matter of water damage to the Incline (NC).

72. Shared Space Remedial Action

RESOLVED: That the update regarding remedial action with the Shared Space area is received (NC)

73. Civic Hall/Library Project

Cllr A Smith updated Members, and explained that five tenders have been received. Each of the tenders is dramatically over the budget. He confirmed that the process is transparent, and the tenders are currently being reviewed. The next review meeting is on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

Cllr Hoyland noted that Virgin Media have been carrying out work laying cable outside the Civic Hall. The Clerk confirmed that this will be reported to the architects to include in their plans.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update from Cllr A Smith concerning the Civic Hall/Library project is received (NC)

74. Easement of the Town Council's Byelaws

The Clerk noted that Poynton and District Rotary Club's 'Party in the Park' is an annual community event that raises significant amounts of money for charity.

RESOLVED: That an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws regarding parks and open spaces is approved, to enable Poynton and District Rotary Club's 'Party in the Park' to take place on Saturday 14th June 2014 (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm