

Main points arising: Minutes of previous meeting/ Mayor's announcements/ Civic Hall/Library integration/ First World War commemoration/ Neighbourhood Plan/ Cheshire East Local Plan/ Minutes of Standing Committees

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2014 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr G Bartos

Cllrs. L A Clarke, C Gorst, I Hollingworth, Ms R Horsman, Mrs S Horsman, P Hoyland, G King, B Lewis, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders, A Smith, Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks and R West

93. Questions to the Mayor

There were no questions to the Mayor.

94. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. M Beanland, Mrs J Sewart, M C G Sewart and G Smith

95. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

96. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th February 2014

Item 88 – The Mayor asked for the following addition to be made to the Mayor's Engagements, regarding the Holocaust Memorial Day that he attended in Sandbach in late January 2014. "This was a subject held very close to my heart, particularly since I lost 14 members of my family at Auschwitz during the Holocaust".

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th February 2014, with the addition of the above to the Mayor's engagements, be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor (9 - 5 abs)

97. Mayor's announcements

The Mayor read through the list of recent engagements and events he had attended in March 2014.

The Mayor drew attention to a complaint he had received from a resident, Miss Hilary Parry of Hazelbadge Road, who did not have a computer, and so was not able to download the Local Plan document. She had been told by Cheshire East that she would have to pay £20 for a hard copy. Cllr Clarke explained that this item will be addressed and clarified under agenda item 109.

The Mayor asked members to attend and support his upcoming Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning. This is a fundraising event which will be held at the Civic Hall on Saturday 26th April 2014.

Finally, the Mayor sincerely thanked Town Council members for their support during his second tenure as Town Mayor.

98. Civic Hall/Library Integration Project

Members had received a written update from Cllr A Smith on the Civic Hall/Library integration project. Cllr A Smith highlighted to members that the next meeting of the Steering Group on 7th April is important in that actual cost information will be available. We were also nearing the stage when the project would go live, in May 2014.

Cllr A Smith also highlighted the penultimate paragraph in his report, which refers to the landscaping of the new complex. This could accommodate some form of First World War commemoration.

RESOLVED: That the written report from Cllr A Smith on the Civic Hall/Library integration project is received (NC)

99. First World War Commemoration Events

Members were provided with a written update from the Clerk on First World War Commemoration events in Poynton. This is a four year commemoration. The Town Council have been unable to make any progress on finding a local volunteer to coordinate the event. A suggestion was made to approach the Royal British Legion and the Air Training Corp (ATC). Apparently if the ATC agree to take this on as a community project it counts towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Town Council Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins is the Town Council point of contact with the ATC and the Clerk asked whether members would want her to approach the ATC, or whether to make a similar approach to the Royal British Legion.

Cllr Hoyland offered to provide contact details for the Chairman of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Murray said that he had understood from previous discussions that the Royal British Legion would want to be involved but would not want to take the lead.

RESOLVED: That the written update from the Clerk on First World War commemoration events is received; and that the Clerk asks the Town Council's Youth Co-ordinator, Erica Adkins, to approach the ATC (NC)

100. Poynton Neighbourhood Plan Leaflet

Members received for information an advance copy of a leaflet on the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan, to be issued with the April edition of the Poynton Post.

By way of background the Clerk explained that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had met on a number of occasions, and had received advice and guidance from John Knight. John Knight had kindly produced the narrative for the leaflet which was subsequently worked on by Cllr Mrs Sewart. The plan is for the final version to be distributed with the April edition of the Poynton Post. An additional 1,000 copies have been printed for availability at the Civic Hall.

Cllr West commented on the professional quality of the leaflet and congratulated those that produced it.

RESOLVED: That the leaflet is received and that the Clerk proceeds to arrange for its circulation (NC)

101. CE Local Plan (Submission Version)

Cllr Clarke explained that he had provided members with a brief summary and had attached a letter the Clerk received from Adrian Fisher at Cheshire East concerning the final iteration of the Local Plan. This now has to go through the final stages of public consultation and a public enquiry.

Cllr Clarke clarified for the Mayor that residents do not have to pay to express their opinion. There is a charge, but this would be to purchase a copy of the Local Plan. Reference copies of this were however available to residents at the Civic Hall and Poynton Library.

Cllr Clarke commended his report to members and added that this will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting on 7th April 2014. He invited all members to attend.

Cllr Murray commented on the good summary provided by Cllr Clarke. Cllr Hoyland noted his support in general for the report but felt that in his opinion

the Local Plan is of such significance to Poynton that it should pass go before a meeting of the Town Council.

The Mayor reiterated Cllr Clarke's invitation to all Councillors to attend the Planning Committee meeting to discuss the Local Plan.

RESOLVED: That the written brief from Cllr Clarke concerning the CE Local Plan (Submission Version) is received and the recommendations therein approved; and that all Councillors are encouraged to attend the 7th April Planning Committee meeting (13 - 1 abs)

102. Minutes of Standing Committees

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 20th January 2014 be received and adopted (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment meeting held on 21st January 2014 be received and adopted (13 - 1 abs)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development meeting held on 27th January 2014 be received and adopted (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 3rd February 2014 be received and adopted (13 - 1 abs)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Community, Order and Public Safety meeting held on 10th February 2014 be received and adopted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm