

Main points arising: Hazelbadge Road parking issues / Operations Manager's update for October 2015 / Replacement council van / Updates from Task & Finish Groups parented by FIED Committee / Review of FIED budget for 2016/17

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart and Mrs N Wylie

Attending under SO 54: Cllr Mrs J Saunders (Substituting for Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore)

36. Questions from members of the public

Mr Alvin Ikoku, 10 Hazelbadge Road and Mr Simon Thirde, 22 Hazelbadge Road, Poynton attended the meeting to find out if there had been any developments following the report of a meeting at Lower Park School on 22 October 2015 regarding the congestion problems on Hazelbadge Road and Wayside Drive in Poynton.

The report on the congestion problems compiled by Cllrs Beanland and M Sewart had been received by the COPS committee on 2nd November 2015. The issue had then been referred by the COPS committee to the FIED committee as it was deemed to be a parking issue not a public order issue. The report has not been received by the FIED committee.

Mr Ikoku requested that double yellow lines are placed within 10 metres of the junctions on Hazelbadge Road and Wayside Drive. There is a safety issue because visibility is reduced due to parked cars in and around the junctions. This forces cars onto the wrong side of the road. The volume of vehicles is an issue which has been exacerbated by the introduction of parking charges at Poynton train station and an increased intake of pupils at Lower Park School. There are problems at the weekends too when there are football matches and cars parked on a Saturday and Sunday morning.

Mr Ikoku and Mr Thirde were informed that CE have a Task and Finish Group to consider and address the issue of parking around schools. The residents were advised that the consultation process to introduce double yellow lines would require all residents to be in agreement. Mr Ikoku informed the committee that he had to date contacted 37 out of the 44 houses in the area.

The Chair advised that:

- Residents continue to report obstruction using the 101 Police phone number. Residents maintain a log of the calls to the police and photographs of the parking issues.
- Residents continue to engage with the school and encourage them to assist where possible.
- The residents should ensure that all neighbours are in agreement with any scheme.

37. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S J Gilmore and Mrs T Lorde

38. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

39. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 26th October 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 26th October 2015 are agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (7 for, 1 abstention)

40. Update for October 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager

The Committee received and discussed the written update from the Operations and Events Manager. The decision requests were considered.

- Road Safety Technician

The CE road safety technician is absent due to ill health and the new CE contact is Rob Welch. The Operations and Events Manager will write to Rob Welch with details of on-going Poynton highways issues and copy Cllr Murray and Cllr Mrs Saunders on the correspondence.

- Pedestrian refuge on London Road North near South Park Drive.

It was noted that the bollards are either broken or dirty and need to be improved. The Operations and Events Manager will follow up the request that has previously been submitted to CE.

- Hazelbadge Road and Wayside Drive.

It was proposed that the report of the meeting at Lower Park School on 22 October 2015, received by the COPS committee is forwarded to CE Highways for them to reassess the situation. The report will be sent to Rob Welch and also Cllr Margaret Simons, Chair of CE's Task and Finish Group on Schools Parking.

RESOLVED: That the report is forwarded to CE and Cllr Margaret Simons to be assessed (NC)

- Leaf Sweeping

It was noted that there are a number of locations around Poynton where there has been no leaf sweeping and there is leaf build-up. The Operations and Events Manager explained that he had been informed by ANSA that leaf clearing would only be carried out in response to complaints.

Following discussions it was proposed that:

- Individual complaints with photographs are submitted to ANSA via email.
- ANSA contact details are included in the PUN and on the Town Council website to make residents aware of the reporting process.
- **RESOLVED: That ANSA contact details are included in the PUN and on the Town Council website to make residents aware of the leaf build-up reporting process. (7 for, 1 against)**

- Loose Bricks

The Operations and Events Manager will follow up with CE on the loose bricks in the pavement outside the Co-op car park entrance.

- Street Lighting

The Operations and Events Manager will contact the Practice Manager at Priorslegh Medical Centre to ensure that the practice are addressing the issue with the lights outside the front of the practice.

- Barnaby Field

The Operations and Events Manager shared with committee members the recent email from Marianne Hodgkinson at ANSA regarding the fencing work for Barnaby Field. The email outlined that ANSA would now be undertaking the work in-house. The Operations and Events Manager will follow up on this issue.

- Town 10k Run

RESOLVED: That the decision request for the Operations and Events Manager to seek volunteers to organise a 2016 Poynton 10k Run is approved with the addition that Keith Rogers of Everybody be contacted. (NC)

- Litter Pick

RESOLVED: That the decision request to develop a community litter picking group is approved (NC)

- Brook at Middlewood Road

RESOLVED: That the decision request for Poynton Town Council to assist Cheshire East Floods Officers in a project to cut back foliage on the brook on Middlewood Road is approved with the amendment that Cheshire East be advised to contact the probationary service in the first instance. (NC)

- Business Café

RESOLVED: That the decision request for a 3-month trial is approved (NC)

- Hearing Loop

The Operations and Events Manager provided a verbal update on the potential loop systems that can be installed in the various rooms at the Civic Hall. The cost for providing a loop system in Reception and in two other rooms is in the region of £2,000 to £2,500. There is also potentially a data protection issue with unsecure systems. The Operations and Events Manager is awaiting further information and details.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update is received and that the Operations and Events Manager will provide more details at the next FIED meeting. (NC)

RESOLVED: That the written update for October 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager is received with thanks (NC)

41. Report from the Operations and Events Manager regarding replacing the Town Council van

There was some concern about the funding from the reserves for the van.

RESOLVED: That the report is received. That the Chairman and Vice Chairman approve the purchase of a Town Council van subject to funding approval from Cllr Gorst as Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee. (NC)

42. Update from the Queensway Revitalisation Task and Finish Group

There was no report to receive.

RESOLVED: That the necessity of the Queensway Revitalisation Task and Finish Group is reviewed by its Leader, Cllr Smith. (NC)

43. Update from the Visitor Economy Task and Finish Group

There was no report to receive.

It was noted that members of Task and Finish Groups who do not sit on the parent committee need to be informed prior to meetings to allow them to produce update reports.

From discussion, members agreed that regardless of the committee membership the Task and Finish Groups are not transferred to other committees.

RESOLVED: That the necessity of the Visitor Economy Task and Finish Group is reviewed by its Leader, Cllr Gorst. (NC)

44. Update from the Middlewood Station Task and Finish Group

There was no report to receive.

RESOLVED: That the necessity of the Middlewood Station Task and Finish Group is reviewed by its Leader, Cllr Gorst. (NC)

45. Update from the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group

The committee received an update on the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group. Cllr Mrs J Sewart informed members that there was an amendment to the report to correct the name to read Diane Penny.

A member suggested that a boulder is considered as a centrepiece for the Heritage/Memorial Garden. Cllr Mrs Sewart confirmed that she will suggest this idea to the Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group is received. That the proposals for the further actions are approved (NC)

46. Update from the Footpaths/Cycling Task and Finish Group

RESOLVED: That the report from the Footpaths/Cycling Task and Finish Group is received. That the proposals for the further actions are approved (NC)

47. Update from the Village Accessibility/Mobility Task and Finish Group

Cllr Berry provided a verbal update on the Village Accessibility/Mobility Task and Finish Group. From discussion it was noted that a plan is needed, with all members of the Task and Finish Group understanding the remit of the group and ensuring the group remain on task. The group needs a plan for the long term benefit of Poynton.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update is received (NC)

48. Review the provisional FIED budget for 2016/17

The provisional FIED budget for 2016/17 was reviewed by the committee. Queries were raised regarding the following items:

- 2102 Supervisor wages
- 2177 Children's activities
- 2184 Insurance claims C Hall
- 3101 Energy charges

RESOLVED: That the report is received. That the Operations and Events Manager addresses the queries and circulates the information to the members present (NC)

Meeting End Time: 9.40pm