

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs R Horsman-Johnson

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S J Gilmore, C Gorst, T Holbrook, I Hollingworth, Mrs S Horsman, G King, H Murray, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart, G Smith and N Wylie

41. Questions to the Mayor

Mr Eaves spoke on his email which was received by the Town Council members. All town supported Mr Eaves and agreed that the Town Council write to David Rutley MP in support of awarding the Clasp to the RAF Bomber Command veterans.

Mr Eaves noted that David Rutley MP has been very supportive in raising this issue in Parliament along with William Wragg MP from Hazel Grove, and the Macclesfield Express and other media have shown great support too. The Town Council agreed to help publicise this information by including it in the Poynton Update News (PUN).

RESOLVED: That the Town Council receive the email from Mr Eaves. That the Town Council write to David Rutley MP in support of awarding the clasp (NC)

Cllr Murray arrived at 8.15pm.

42. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs T Lorde.

43. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

44. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 26th October 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 26th October 2015 are approved as an accurate record (16, 1 abstention)

45. Mayor's Engagements/Announcement

Full report available from the Clerk by request.

The Mayor requested that a note of thanks is included in the Poynton Post to residents for turning out for the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's announcements are received. That a note of thanks to residents is included in the Poynton Post (NC)

46. Consider for approval project management and communications documentation from Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore.

Cllr Mrs Gilmore spoke on the benefits of the project management and communications documentation. The benefits of the document include:

- A document proforma.
- Ensures the information is recorded and compiled.
- Provides consistency and clarity.
- A way of communicating with each other and the community.
- A simple method of reporting back to the parent committee.
- A way of communicating in the PUN.

Cllr Mrs Gilmore was thanked for her work on this item.

Members discussed at length the advantages and disadvantages of the document. From discussion the following advantages were noted:

- Provides a useful method for monitoring and tracking Town Council work.
- Helps to make projects visible to all councillors enabling other councillors to become involved.
- Assists with the time management of projects.

However, there was also strong disagreement with implementing the document. A member said that although this is a good tool for those who wish to use it, it should not be obligatory and members should be able to report back to their parent committee as they see fit. Another member supported the comments and noted their reservation because in their opinion the document needs to be a live document to be effective.

Following further discussion it was proposed that:

- The Town Council accept the document as a project management tool.
- This is piloted for a trial period of up to four months.
- It is for each parent committee to decide the project for which they would like to use this tool.
- This is piloted by those who want to use it.
- This is not a mandatory/obligatory tool for every Task and Finish group.

From discussion it was noted that each Task and Finish Group, rather than the Clerk, complete the document.

RESOLVED: That the report is received and the proposal as stated approved (16, 1 abstention)

47. Consider for approval a report about Councillor dress-codes from Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore.

Cllr Hollingworth introduced the item on the consideration of a dress code for councillors. From discussion it was noted that as a Council this can only be advisory since members are elected and derive their appointment by election rather than appointment and can dress as they see fit. A member noted that the Council is diverse and councillors are always well presented and the dress code has never been an issue. Following a robust discussion and debate it was proposed that the report is received.

RESOLVED: That the issue was debated and the report is received (NC)

48. Adoption of the minutes of Standing Committees

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 6th July 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 6th July 2015 be adopted by full Council (16, 1 abstention)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 27th July 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 17th August 2015, be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 7th September 2015, with an amendment under Declaration of Interest be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 21st September 2015 be adopted by full Council (16, 1 abstention)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 28th September 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 5th October 2015, be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 12th October 2015, be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Additional Planning and Environment meeting held on 19th October 2015, be adopted by full Council (NC)

Any Other Business

The Chair authorised Cllr Murray to speak under any other business.

Cllr Murray reported the following as information:

- That there is a Task and Finish Group looking at options to address a policing gap should the PCSOs been withdrawn from Poynton.
- The Government are considering a scheme called Policing Community Support Volunteers. This is currently being extensively consulted upon. Other communities are looking at their options too.

Cllr Murray also reported the following from a meeting he recently attended:

- CE are considering LED lights outside every school with an advisory 20mph speed limit.
- Cllr Murray informed members that he has objected to the idea and advocates engineering solutions to slow traffic throughout the day not only during school time.
- Cllr Murray confirmed that he is committed to a 20mph environment.

The meeting concluded: 9.05pm