

Main Points Arising: Additional agenda items/ Proposed to twin with Haybes in France/ Neighbourhood Plan Working Group/ Future of Policing in Poynton/ Minutes of Standing Committees.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs R Horsman-Johnson.

Cllrs. L Berry, L A Clarke, C A Gorst, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman, G King, Mrs T Lorde, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, Mrs N Wylie.

Also present: Mrs S Warrington, Chairman of the Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) and Mrs G Parry-Jones, Secretary of TAP.

21. Questions to the Mayor

None.

22. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. M Beanland, T Holbrook, I Hollingworth, M C G Sewart and G Smith.

23. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

24. To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29th June 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29th June 2015 are approved as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (NC)

25. Additional Agenda Items

The following two items were proposed under SO 19(d) 'Other Business':

Proposal for the town winning with Haybes, France – The rationale for this was that the next scheduled Town Council meeting was not until 16th November, and it was felt that the Mayor of Haybes should have a response before then;

The reconvening of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – this was being taken now as there were urgent developments on the Local Plan, and the next scheduled meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee was not until 12th October.

RESOLVED: That the proposed additional agenda items are approved (NC)

26. Proposal to Twin with Haybes, France

Mrs Warrington and Mrs Parry-Jones provided the background to the proposed twinning of Poynton with Haybes in France. Mrs Warrington explained that there had been two suggestions for twinning with French towns considered by the Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP). A selection of photos of Haybes were circulated to Members.

Mrs Warrington said that the twinning with Erd in Hungary would continue, but that twinning with a French town would perhaps be more popular in terms of access and language.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council welcomes this positive response from Haybes in France for twinning with Poynton; that it approves this in principle; and that TAP is requested to keep the Town Council informed of progress (NC)

27. Reconvening the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (WG)

A Member proposed the reconvening of the Neighbourhood Plan WG as this would be helpful as a conduit between the Neighbourhood Plan WG and the Town Council. The WG was not constrained by the rules and regulations that apply to committees and also by committee timetables. The parent committee for the Neighbourhood Plan WG would remain the Planning and Environment Committee. Both the Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan WG would find it helpful to be able to liaise with one another freely. Although the WG cannot make decisions, it can make recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Plan WG is reconvened; that its members comprise a Councillor from both Wards, as well as the Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee; that Cllrs I Hollingworth and Mrs J Sewart are named as members of the WG; and that the involvement of all Councillors is welcomed (NC).

28. Mayor's Engagements/Announcements

A full report is available from the Clerk.

Following discussion of the 'Loop Awareness' event, the effectiveness of the current loop system in the Council Chamber will be checked by the Operations Manager.

It was reported that the recent Poynton Community Centre fundraising event was successful, for which Cllr King and his team were thanked. Both Waitrose and Mates have been very supportive and have donated generously. The Town Council will forward a letter of thanks.

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

29. The future of policing in Poynton

Members considered Cllr Mrs Saunder's brief on the future of policing in Poynton. The current Service Level Agreement (SLA) ends in March 2016. It is hoped that the current arrangement would continue, but the Town Council could find changes imposed upon them. It was proposed that a Working Group be formed to consider and explore alternative options. It was pointed out that although the SLA ends in March 2016 budgetary implications need to be considered well before then.

RESOLVED: That a Working Party to explore future options for policing in Poynton be formed, and that the members comprise Cllrs G King, Mrs T Lorde, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders and Mrs N Wylie (NC).

30. Update on parking charges at Poynton Station.

Members received a written update from Matthew Worman, Client and Stakeholder Manager, Northern Rail Ltd, following the introduction of parking charges at Poynton Station in mid-May 2015. From this response it is clear that there is no intention to reverse the charges, despite the Town Council raising a number of likely unintended consequences that could arise.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and the correspondence from the Town Council and Mr Worman be displayed on the website, in the PUN and Town Council noticeboards (NC)

31. Electoral Registration 2015 Canvass.

RESOLVED: That the notification from Brian Reed, CE Deputy Electoral Registration Officer, be received. That the information is included on the Town Council website, the PUN and noticeboards (NC)

32. Minutes of Standing Committees

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 16th December 2014 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1st June 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 8th June 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 15th June 2015, be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2015, with an amendment to the Declaration of Interest for Cllr Clarke, be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 29th June 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 20th July 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 17th August 2015 be adopted by full Council (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm