

**Main points arising: Mayor's engagements; Civic Hall/Library integration project; Poynton Neighbourhood Plan; Records of Standing Committees.**

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Ms R Horsman

Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, C Gorst, Mrs S Horsman, P Hoyland, B Lewis, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith, G Smith and R E West

60. Questions to the Mayor

There were no questions to the Mayor from the single member of the public present.

61. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. G Bartos, I Hollingworth, G King, M C G Sewart and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

62. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None

63. Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Page 57 – Cllr Mrs Sewart asked when the new format for Council Surgeries, a mix of drop-in and appointments, would begin. The Clerk said given that this has yet to be publicised it will commence from January 2015.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor (10 – 3 abs)**

64. Mayor's Engagements

The Mayor's engagements had been circulated in advance to Members. The full report is available from the Clerk on request.

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

65. Civic Hall/Library Integration Project

In addition to his written report, Cllr A Smith added that a stakeholder communications pack will be made available. There will be a display in the Civic Hall reception for residents, and the information will be publicised through the normal Town Council communication channels such as the website and the PUN.

**RESOLVED: That the written and verbal updates from Cllr A Smith on the Civic Hall roof and Civic Hall/Library Integration project are received (NC)**

66. Poynton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hoyland provided a verbal update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

From the Local Plan, the main areas that affect Poynton are the Green Belt assessment, objectively assessed needs and the relationship between growth and housing numbers. Cheshire East have six months to resubmit the Local Plan. Cllr Hoyland said that the Green Belt policy has held so far. This means that the further we progress the Neighbourhood Plan the more weight it carries in planning terms. A short concentrated Neighbourhood Plan was agreed at a previous Town Council meeting and the timescale is about 12 months before the Local Plan is resubmitted. There is every chance that the Neighbourhood Plan will be ready before the Local Plan has been through the examination process again. Cllr Hoyland said that there is an opportunity to influence the Local Plan. The volunteers are working very hard and effectively on the Neighbourhood Plan, meeting regularly within the three groups. In terms of timescales and dates:

Publicity – from w/c 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Launch/Exhibition – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
NP Survey Distributed – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015

The survey will be trialled initially with a group comprising the Neighbourhood Plan volunteers.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal report by Cllr Hoyland on the Poynton Neighbourhood Plan is received (NC)**

67. Records of Standing Committees

Cllr Hoyland proposed that the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council.

Cllr Lewis said that Cllr Murray had been verbally abusive during this meeting, adding that he (Cllr Lewis), having raised it at this meeting of the Town Council, now felt quite at liberty to take it to Cheshire East Council as a formal complaint.

Cllr Mrs Sewart said that she is aware that the minutes cannot be changed, but she would like it to be recorded that on p.72, third paragraph, 8<sup>th</sup> line down there is an omission. Her personal view was that the act of making secret recordings was completely unacceptable.

Cllr Hoyland noted that these minutes were approved as accurate at the following M&E Committee meeting when unfortunately Cllr Mrs Sewart had not been in attendance.

**RESOLVED: That the that the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (12 - 1 against)**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (NC) (12 - 1 against)**

Cllr A Smith proposed that the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council.

Page 108 - Cllr Lewis asked what Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks' legal opinion was on the insurance claim regarding the bus shelter. The Clerk explained that a meeting had been scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 but that in the event Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks was not well enough to keep the appointment. The Clerk added that he is seeking a new appointment.

Cllr Lewis suggested that Town Council seek advice from a practising solicitor. Cllr Gorst said that this is simply to adopt the minutes and the issue would have to come back to the Committee again for any recommendation.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (NC)**

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Additional Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 20th October 2014 and the resolutions therein be adopted by the Town Council (NC)**

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm