

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2016 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman, L Podmore and N Wylie

Attending under SO 54: Cllr G King substituting for Cllr Mrs Sewart

1. Questions from members of the public

There was one member of the public in attendance.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S J Gilmore, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

4. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held 11th April 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 11th April 2016 are approved as an accurate record (6 for, 1 abstention)

5. Receive and consider an update for June 2016 from the Operations Manager

The committee members welcomed the new Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham, to the Town Council.

The areas that the Operations Manager is focussing on include graffiti, parks, park security, litter, inclines, gullies, culverts, potholes and lighting amongst others. The Operations Manager noted that his focus is to build relationships and delivery in this key role. To date Cheshire East (CE) have been forthcoming in their response. The Operations Manager was reminded to maintain an escalation of events log as required for unresolved issues. The Operations Manager is working through the list of 160 issues inherited from the former Operations Manager and expects the report to have improved for the next committee meeting.

The Operations Manager reported that as part of the recent flooding he has met with Paul Reeve the CE Flood Risks Manager and has been assured that there will be a report from the Environmental Agency. Members requested that the Operations Manager find out the timeline for the availability of the report which could potentially provide good evidence for the Town Council to request Mr Pratt the Planning Inspector to withdraw Strategic Sites from the Local Plan. The Operations Manager will liaise with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning and Environment committee, Cllrs Clarke and Podmore, on this issue.

The Operations Manager will follow up on the fencing that is due to be installed at Barnaby Park. The fencing has been funded from the S106 funds. Fencing will also be installed at the back of the Vernon Arms. Feedback from the local PCSOs is that the plans for the fencing will be effective and have an impact on the anti-social behaviour experienced in the park.

The Operations Manager will provide a demonstration of the Google document at the next FIED meeting to members.

The committee discussed the decision request from the Allotments Association for a new shed at a cost of £1,800. It was clarified that there are no other liabilities for the Town Council of a new shed in the allotments. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that there is a surplus income of £1,140 with an anticipated income of £1,140 due in September/October 2016. Based on this information it was proposed that a maximum amount of £1,800 is approved for the purchase of a new larger shed for the allotment site and the procurement process must be arranged through the Town Council and the earmarked funds used to fund the shed.

The committee noted that there has been an impact of the flood damage to Middlewood Road with increased traffic travelling through other roads in Poynton including London Road North and Anglesey Drive.

RESOLVED: That the written and verbal report for June 2016 from the Operations Manager is received. That a maximum amount of £1,800 is approved for the purchase of a new larger shed for the Allotments site. That the procurement process must be arranged through the Town Council and the earmarked funds used to fund the shed (NC)

6. Consider leasing land at Phillips Bridge, Glastonbury Drive, from Cheshire East Council

The committee considered leasing the land at Phillips Bridge, Glastonbury Drive, from Cheshire East Council. It was proposed that this discussion is deferred for six months.

RESOLVED: That discussion on leasing the land at Phillips Bridge, Glastonbury Drive, from Cheshire East Council, is deferred for six months (NC)

7. Receive and consider a grant application from the Poynton Heritage Task and Finish Group for a Town Council Community Grant of £3,000

The committee members considered the grant application from the Poynton Heritage Task and Finish Group for a Town Council Community Grant of £3,000.

The members considered how this grant could be funded and how much the Town Council could contribute. The timeline for the work is Spring 2017. It was proposed that the Town Council agree in principle the grant of £3,000 as a charge for next year's (2017/18) budget and that the £3,000 grant is subject to the approval of the Town Council budget for 2017/18.

The committee requested that the potential issues of anti-social behaviour are considered carefully with discussion with the crime prevention and PCSO team. The committee received assurance that these issues have been considered and addressed as part of the proposed work.

RESOLVED: That the grant of £3,000 in principle as a charge for next year's (2017/18) budget is approved subject to the approval of the Town Council budget for 2017/18 (4 for, 3 abstentions)

8. Receive and consider a letter from Chris Halsall, Poynton in Bloom requesting support to install a decorative floral truck on "The Green", Poynton

RESOLVED: That members fully support and thoroughly approve of the initiative (NC)

9. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups

9.1 Footpaths/Cycling – Village Accessibility
There was nothing to report.

9.2 Poynton Heritage Garden
Members have received plans for the Poynton Heritage Garden.

9.3 Railway Liaison
The Middlewood railway line has been affected by the recent flooding in Poynton.

9.4 Visitor Economy
The committee noted that there has been no consultation on introducing car park charges at Nelsons Pit. The Town Council will encourage a public response when this information is in the public domain.

Cllr King will consider requesting the Springboard Music Event is incorporated into the Visitor Economy.

RESOLVED: That the updates on the Task and Finish Groups are received and comments noted (NC)

10. Note the remit of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

Second bullet point add *Liaison with Utility companies and gullies and culverts.*

Security and Maintenance of the Town Council parks – insert, *and other areas managed by the Town Council.*

Town Council owned lighting - amend bullet point to read on “*designated lighting*”.

The Deputy Clerk was requested to establish who holds responsibility for Poynton Awards for Customer Excellence (PACE).

The committee noted that the Resilience Plan needs reviewing and updating. The Deputy Clerk is requested to provide a short report and update on the Resilience Plan for the next FIED committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That remit of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee with amendments is approved. That the Deputy Clerk provide a short report and update on the Resilience Plan for the next FIED committee meeting (NC)

11. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from the meeting

The following communication messages arising from this meeting were agreed:

- To press ahead with the Heritage Garden.
- New shed for the Allotments.
- Actions over the recent floods in Poynton.
- Installation of a decorative floral truck for Poynton Green.
- Continue to work with the residents on Phillips Bridge.

RESOLVED: That the messages as described and noted by the Deputy Clerk are passed on to Cllr Mrs Gilmore (NC)

Meeting End Time: 9.15pm