

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, G Smith and Mrs Wylie

Cllr M Sewart joined the meeting at Item 9.

37. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations.

38. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

39. Apologies for absence

Cllr M Sewart.

40. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

41. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 11th September 2017 were approved as an accurate record (7 for, 1 abstention)

42. Receive and consider an update for September 2017 from the Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham, spoke on the written update for September 2017. From discussion the following points were noted:

Members expressed their thanks to Cllr Clarke and the Operations Manager for their efforts in the removal of the oversized Solo Takeaway sign on Park Lane.

The Operations Manager will follow up on the street light that is out on Park Lane. Members are in contact with Ian Darlington at Cheshire East on the issue of incomplete works.

From discussion of the dead tree on Hardwick Drive, it was confirmed that the Town Council follow the industry standard risk assessments with a full tree management plan in place for the Inclines. The Operations Manager confirmed that the dead tree on Hardwick Drive is situated on the resident's land. The Town Council approved that the resident can remove the tree at their own cost. A member reported a dead branch on Oakfield Drive. The Operations Manager confirmed that this will be addressed as part of the next planned cutting out of branches.

The Poynton Pick and Tidy group requires more volunteers to be effective. As a reminder, councillors will be sent an invitation to the events. Also, there will be effort to ensure early marketing of the event with regular posts on Facebook and Twitter. Members noted that individual pickers are encouraged to do regular litter picks and the Town Council should acknowledge and support the work of volunteers with a letter of thanks.

Flooding on footpath FP30 at Poynton High School: The Deputy Clerk has liaised with the Cheshire East Public Rights Way Officer, Evan Pedley on the issue. Evan Pedley has visited the site and advised the Town Council to notify him if there is future flooding and he will raise the issue with the Cheshire East Assets Team.

Members considered the request for double yellow lines to be implemented on Puffin Avenue. The Operations Manager will contact the resident and explain that the committee were aware of the resident's concerns and suggest the resident to canvas opinion of all the neighbours on that road. Should more than 90% of residents support the implementation of the double yellow lines the Town Council will take the matter to Cheshire East Highways.

The Operations Manager will follow up on the issue on double yellow lines that were previously proposed for Park Avenue.

The issue of sponsorship for flower beds will be included as an agenda item to be considered on the next Finance & General Purposes committee meeting. In principle, members agreed that there must be an agreed fair process for sponsorship.

RESOLVED: That the update for September 2017 from the Operations Manager is received with thanks (NC)

43. Receive and consider a report on 'Civic pride - cleaner, greener Poynton' from the communities co-ordinator.

Cllr Mrs Gilmore spoke on the "Civic pride - cleaner, greener Poynton" report from the communities co-ordinator.

RESOLVED: That the report is received with thanks (NC)

44. Receive and consider a report on the civic hall building improvements from the deputy clerk.

The deputy clerk spoke on the written report on the civic hall building improvements. The actions will be decided subject to budget.

It was noted that new tables for the civic chamber have been priced. Further testing of the loop system has been arranged to ensure that the system is not intermittent. The deputy clerk will follow up to have the existing lights in the chamber to be in full working order until future works are decided.

RESOLVED: That the report is received with thanks (NC)

Cllr M Sewart joined the meeting.

45. Receive and note the income and expenditure report for April to September 2017 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

The Deputy Clerk spoke on the income and expenditure report for April to September 2017 and noted the following items:

- Supervisors salaries are over budget due to the fact that the civic hall is very busy and the supervisors have worked more hours than usual.
- Although business and water rates are over budget they will come in on budget because they are paid over ten monthly payments.
- Security; the majority of this entry is due to the annual maintenance of the alarm.
- Civic Hall hire income is slightly under budget but is considerably higher than this time last year. This is expected to be on track for this year's target.
- It was agreed that the £6,000 budget for tree management is included as an agenda item at the next FIED committee meeting.
- Members agreed that the Operations Manager will explore enhancing better access to Lady's Incline from the area adjacent to the top of Oakfield Road to enable vehicle access.
- There has been no spending on Visitor Economy.
- Allotment costs are over budget due to incorrect budgeting in the previous year.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the additional hire income will cover the uplift in the supervisor's wages and eventually exceed the wages.

RESOLVED: That the report is received with thanks (NC)

46. Receive and consider a report about the town council allotments from the operations manager.

The Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham, spoke on the report about the town council allotments. It was confirmed that Phil Swift, Chairman of the Allotment Association, is in agreement with the decisions taken.

From discussion it was noted that in general there should be some consideration about how to increase the number of allotments.

RESOLVED: That the report is received with thanks (NC)

47. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups a) Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman b) Shared Space– Leader Cllr Graham Smith

a) Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman
Cllr Mrs Horsman provided the minutes of the latest Poynton Heritage Garden as attached.

b) Shared Space– Leader Cllr Graham Smith
Cllr Smith provided the following verbal update:

- The Cheshire East list of answers to the town council questions, provided in the meeting pack, has been analysed. The questions that Cheshire East said related to ANSA were sent to them for a response.
- Work is progressing.
- Ringway Jacobs (Cheshire East Highways); questions and answers have been ranked by importance and will be referred back to Ringway Jacobs.
- The third list of questions relate to the remit of other committees.
- Thanks were expressed to Cllr Berry and the Town Clerk for their assistance in establishing that Cheshire East Council own the flower beds on London Road North.
- Actions from Cheshire East Highways response regarding issues other than ANSA and Ringway Jacobs.

RESOLVED: That the reports are received with thanks (NC)

48. Receive and consider the response from Cheshire East Council to the questions given to them relating to highways issues at the presentation by the Highways team, Cheshire East Council, at the Town Council meeting on 31st July 2017.

RESOLVED: That the response from Cheshire East Council to the questions relating to highways issues from the presentation by the Cheshire East Highways Team at the Town Council meeting on 31st July 2017 is received. The committee and the Town Council were extremely disappointed that the information was received two months after the meeting even though a response had initially been promised within a week (NC)

49. Receive and consider the response from Cheshire East Council to the questions given to them relating to non-highways issues at the presentation by the Highways team, Cheshire East Council, at the Town Council meeting on 31st July 2017.

Members considered the response from Cheshire East Council to the questions given to them relating to non-highways issues at the presentation by the Highways team, Cheshire East Council, at the Town Council meeting on 31st July 2017. It was noted that the issue of the air quality monitor has already been investigated and explored by the Planning and

Environment committee. The A-Board policy was identified as an issue for the COPS committee.

It was proposed that the Town Council write to CE stating that Chester Road all the way from Fountain Place to the Poynton boundary is in a poor state of repair and particularly poor in areas such as the junction near Tern Drive. Also, that the Town Council would like a commitment that the road will be properly resurfaced once the SEMMMS scheme is complete.

RESOLVED: That the response from Cheshire East Council to the questions relating to non-highways issues from the presentation by the Cheshire East Highways Team at the Town Council meeting on 31st July 2017 is received. That a letter to Andrew Ross, Strategic Highways and Transportation Manager and copied to the portfolio holder, Cllr Glen Williams is drafted. The letter should cover the history of the issues and should seek an acknowledgement that these works need to be completed and an assurance that the work will be undertaken at the conclusion on SEMMMS. In addition, the letter should invite Cllr Glen Williams to do a Ward Members tour of Poynton (NC)

50. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting

The following communication messages were agreed:

- Civic Pride and Focus Crocus, to encourage residents to look after Poynton.
- The Town Council are applying greater pressure on CE Highways on a variety of issues and acknowledge that this is a difficult issue.
- Reminder of the live Town Council Facebook page and invite items from the Town Council staff to be included.

RESOLVED: That the communication messages as stated are approved (NC)

Meeting end time: 9.45pm