

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman

Attending under SO54: Cllrs G King and Mrs J Saunders

25. 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 when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations.

26. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

27. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S-J Gilmore, G Smith, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart and Mrs N Wylie.

28. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

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

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the loop system:

- The microphone on the loop system in the Civic Chamber needs to be replaced.
- It is intended that the replacement will be addressed as part of the planned refurbishment work although there could be a replacement earlier.
- The Deputy Clerk has met with the U3A regarding the PA system and the hearing loop in the hall.
- Contractors have reviewed the situation and essentially there is a multitude of issues related to the PA system that require attention; the Deputy Clerk continues to work towards a resolution.

- It was confirmed that the hearing loop in the hall is in good working order.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 26th June 2017 were approved as an accurate record (3 for, 3 abstentions)

30. Receive and consider an update for July and August 2017 from the Operations Manager.

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

Dickens Lane

It was noted that as well as the numerous calls of complaint received during the recent road works there has also been a positive report from a resident who felt that their complaint was dealt with efficiently. To minimise disruption care was also taken to plan the works during the school holidays.

Barnaby Park

It was clarified that the land is a Cheshire East asset and the responsibility of Cheshire East.

Street furniture

It was noted that street furniture is looking tired and this is a community issue to be addressed.

Site of former Vernon Infant School

Members requested that the site is secured because the building has been subjected to intruders.

RESOLVED: That there is a formal request to CE; the Town Council have been alerted by police that the building is insecure and the committee delegate to the Operations Manager to request for the site to be surveyed and if necessary secured (NC)

The Operations Manager confirmed that he will follow up with Cheshire East with regard to waiting restrictions on London Road North and South.

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

31. Receive a verbal report on the Poynton Area Highways Group meeting held on 8th September 2017 from the operations manager.

The following update from the Poynton Area Highways Group meeting was received:

- Secure storage for a cleansing vehicle in Poynton is required.

- Parking bay restrictions are due to be installed on School Lane.
- Willow Close; drawings for the dropped curbs are complete and the work at a cost of £6,000 has been approved. There is no available date for completion.
- Road Signs; clearer road signs and removing redundant signs is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Holly Road; Cheshire East Highways are due to remove a leaning tree.
- Park Lane; lighting is due to be fixed.
- Roundabout on London Road South; the paint identifying the roundabout is worn. Feedback on the issue from Cheshire East is currently awaited.
- Bird Estate and Charlecote Estate; a new slurry dressing is due to be completed on these two estates.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report on the Poynton Area Highways Group meeting held on 8th September 2017 from the Operations Manager is received (NC)

32. Consider a request from Poynton Round Table for an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws on parks and open spaces, to enable their annual civic bonfire and fireworks display to take place in Poynton Park on Saturday 4th November 2017.

RESOLVED: That the request from Poynton Round Table for an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws on parks and open spaces, to enable their annual civic bonfire and fireworks display to take place in Poynton Park on Saturday 4th November 2017 is granted (NC)

33. 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 Town Council on 31st July 2017.

The item was deferred to the next committee meeting because no feedback has been received from Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED: That 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 Town Council on 31st July 2017 is awaited and the item deferred to the next committee meeting (NC)

34. Receive updates from the task and finish groups

a) Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility – Leader Cllr Les Berry
Cllr Berry provided the following verbal update:

- Potential opportunities to improve cycling paths particularly with connectivity to the new by-pass will be researched.
- The Task and Finish Group are requested to produce a map designating the best access routes from all the Poynton estates by mobility scooter/bicycle.

b) Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman
Cllr Mrs S Horsman provided the following verbal update:

- Waitrose are able to offer the green token system to help raise funds only for a special feature for the garden.
- An application for a Cheshire East Council grant is due to be submitted.
- Some funds and donations have been received.
- Top soil has been offered at no cost; the only issue is of transportation.
- Financial provision for a wall plaque will be required in recognition of all contributors to the project.
- An application to The Horticultural Society is due to be submitted for £2,100.

c) Shared Space – Leader Cllr Graham Smith

A meeting of the Shared Space task and finish group is due to be held next week. The Deputy Clerk will follow up with Cheshire East Council for feedback on the Shared Space so it is available in time for the meeting.

d) Civic hall building improvements – Cllrs Les Berry and Mrs Jo Sewart

The Deputy Clerk is working towards developing a refurbishment programme. As part of the work relevant quotes are being obtained. It is expected that there will be numerous issues to address which will be subject to budget. A comprehensive report will be received at the next meeting.

35. Receive and note the income and expenditure report to date for 2017/18 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

The Deputy Clerk spoke on the income and expenditure report to date for 2017/18 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee. A six monthly report will be received at the next committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the income and expenditure report to date for 2017/18 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee is received. That a six month report will be received at the next committee meeting (NC)

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

It was agreed that the Operations Report will form the basis of the communication messages with additional relevant comments and amendments to the report.

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

Meeting end time: 9.25pm