

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

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

55. 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.

56. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from the member of the public in attendance.

57. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore.

58. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6.

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

The following updates were received:

Poynton 10km race

- The Town Council have held a planning meeting with the police and Crazy Legs.
- There are over 200 bookings for the event to date.
- Crazy Legs have been liaising with Cheshire East Council regarding the Middlewood Way.
- The police will have an Operations Order in place which means that headquarters will allocate sufficient uniform staff to manage the access for runners across roads.
- Crazy Legs have paid the Town Council the £200 that was outstanding for the event last year. Crazy Legs have informed the Town Council that they have also made the required deposit payment of £100 for this year. However the Clerk will only be able to confirm this payment has been received at the end of the month.

- Crazy Legs will have exclusive use of the Civic Hall on the Sunday morning plus the time of two to three members of staff.

There was a discussion on access to electronic banking for the required Town Council staff. At present only councillors who are signatories can have access by telephone.

RESOLVED: That the F&GP committee are formally requested to investigate the situation to enable nominated Town Council personnel to have access to the required banking information (NC)

A Boards

- The issue of A Boards placed on the highway has improved.
- The Operations Manager has addressed infringements with businesses through the use of leaflets.

The following observation was reported:

There are vehicles parking permanently on London Road North parking laybys.

Street Lighting

The Clerk will provide a short report at the next FIED meeting on details of the lighting contract.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 5th December 2016 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

60. Receive and consider an update for December 2016 and January 2017 from the Operations Manager

The Operations Manager spoke on the written update for December 2016 and January 2017.

The following points were noted:

The parking issue on London Road South has been resolved by the police. CE Highways have confirmed that they are earmarking that area for relining next year. It was confirmed that the complainants are pleased with the outcome.

The Operations Manager confirmed that potholes must be 50mm to be addressed by Highways.

It was confirmed that the potholes reported on Chester Road by a resident at the Planning and Environment meeting have been addressed.

There was a lengthy discussion on the condition of gullies in Poynton. The Operations Manager is still pursuing the issue of the poor service received from CE. It is estimated that almost half of the gullies in Poynton have an issue that needs to be resolved. The Operations Manager continues in his efforts and is making some progress on this issue.

Red resin bonding was selected for the Hockley play area.

The Operation Manager was requested to ensure that there is communication of the planned work that is due to take place on the Inclines. Letters will be distributed to homes informing them of the work.

The following issues were reported at this meeting:

- A deep pothole on the corner of Clifford Road and London Road South.
- A manhole collapsing outside the Opticians located on Park Lane.
- The stream to the front of Long Row on Park Lane is blocked across the width of the stream. The Operations Manager has approached Peaks and Plains and they have confirmed that they will address the matter at the end of March 2017. Members agreed that the Operations Manager should contact Peaks and Plains sooner since the stream could be at risk of flooding subject to heavy rainfall.
- To keep an eye on the issue of road flooding at the end of Clifford Road and Chester Road which has not been resolved.
- Graffiti on the two cable boxes situated on the corner of Clifford Road and Chester Road. The Operations Manager will ensure the graffiti is removed. Residents will be reminded to ensure graffiti is reported to the police and to ensure that a police incident number is received.
- An A Board is positioned by a business on the pavement rather than on private land on London Road near the pelican crossing.
- To address street signs that are obstructed from view due to overgrown hedges.

It was requested that road signs are cleaned. The Operations Manager and Cllr Berry were requested to conduct a survey of road signs to ensure superfluous road signs are removed.

Members thanked the village ranger for his work on painting and improving the street signs.

It was noted that the next litter pick will be held on 18th March 2017. The Town Clerk was requested to ensure organisation for the event and Sharon Duke, Communities Co-ordinator contact the relevant organisations including the local schools and churches.

61. Note action taken under SO51 concerning the supplier for new equipment in Hockley Park.

RESOLVED: That the action taken under SO51 concerning the supplier for new equipment in Hockley Park is noted (NC)

62. Receive and consider the Highway Service Satisfaction Survey 2017 received from Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED: That the Highway Service Satisfaction Survey 2017 from Cheshire East Council is received. That Cllr Berry and the Operations Manager are delegated authority to complete the survey (NC)

63. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups, if available.

a. Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

Cllr L Berry confirmed that there was nothing to report.

b. Poynton Heritage Garden

Cllr Mrs S Horsman confirmed that the working party continue in their efforts to develop the Heritage Garden; a railway truck, subject to funding, will be installed. Development of the project is slow due to a lack of funding. The working party continue to pursue funding.

c. Visitor Economy – Leader Cllr C Gorst

There was nothing to report.

64. Receive and note the income and expenditure report to 31st December 2016 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

The Clerk spoke on the income and expenditure report to 31st December 2016 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee received by members and noted the following points:

- The Town Council have instructed a specialist company who have lodged an appeal with the valuation office agency against the business rates for the Civic Hall; no case worker has been appointed yet.
- Income for Civic Hall hire is promising and anticipated to be on track for future years.
- Salt and gritting costs are high at £1,619.

Members discussed the cost of the salt and gritting of two roads; Anson and Waterloo Road. It was noted that Waterloo Road is an important road providing east - west access across Poynton. Anson Road was gritted to give residents access to the recycling centre.

Members agreed that due to funding shortages CE are approached on the issue of funding for Waterloo Road and Anson Road.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager negotiate the costs of salt and gritting for Waterloo Road and Anson Road with CE noting that Waterloo Road provides important access across Poynton and there is a housing development proposed for Waterloo Road (NC)

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

The following communication messages arising from this meeting were agreed:

Did you know that:

- the Town Council pays for two roads to be gritted.
- trees on the Inclines will be cut as part of the management plan.
- the village ranger also repairs road signs.
- there has never been so much progress on potholes.
- some of the gullies have been cleaned.
- a railway truck will be installed on the Heritage Garden subject to funding.
- graffiti is criminal damage; if you see it report it to the police, get an incident number (include locations).
- fly tipping is an offence under the Environment Act (include locations).

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

Meeting End Time: 9.15pm