

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 26TH JUNE 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

Cllrs: L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman, G Smith, and Mrs N Wylie

Attending under SO54: Cllr M Beanland (for Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore)

Attending under SO56: Cllr Mrs J Saunders

14. 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.

15. Questions from members of the public

There was a member of the public in attendance.

Cllr Beanland asked a question on behalf of a local resident in relation to Deva Park. The resident expressed concern about the poor and unkept state of Deva Park. Members received photos of the park which show the overgrown grass and the general poor facilities in the park.

The Operations Manager explained that the park is subject to a quarterly inspection by Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager contact Caroline Griffies of ANSA to find out about the poor state of Deva Park (NC)

Kevin Booth, address given, addressed the meeting to discuss the funding of defibrillators in the village. Volunteers and The Acoustic Lounge have raised £3,500 in efforts to help fund more defibrillators. Kevin explained the proposal to install defibrillators in suitable locations, including decommissioned phone boxes, around the village.

Members agreed to discuss the proposal further under agenda item 6.

16. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S-J Gilmore, H Murray, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart.

17. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

18. 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 22nd May 2017 were approved as an accurate record (NC)

19. Receive and consider a report from the Town Clerk about the purchase of decommissioned telephone kiosks from BT for the installation of defibrillators

The Clerk spoke on the written report on the purchase of decommissioned telephone kiosks from BT for the installation of defibrillators including a list of phones boxes.

From discussion of the report and the proposed locations members agreed that staff time would be required to check the equipment in the boxes and would need to be subject to monthly inspection and general maintenance.

RESOLVED: That purchase from BT of five decommissioned phone boxes is approved for £1 each. To work with the volunteer group to fund-raise and install defibrillators in the kiosks. To work with the volunteer group to improve access to and awareness of defibrillators in Poynton (NC)

20. Receive and consider an update for June 2017 from the Operations Manager.

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

- The contractors are short of concrete blocks to complete the current repair work on Park Lane.
- Middlewood Road is due to be reopened soon.
- Long row; Phil is following up on the reinstatement of the wall.
- Barnaby Park; a few of the fence uprights have been removed. It was agreed that Phil and Cllr Berry will liaise to address the issue. Also a member reported that dog walkers have complained about broken glass on the grass. In addition the hedges are overgrown on the walkway from

London Road South and Dickens Lane to the park and need to be cut back. The Operations Manager will raise the issues with Cheshire East Council.

Poynton in Bloom have raised their concern about the poor state of the area by the bus stop on London Road North. The area requires attention. It was confirmed that ownership of the land is with CE. Phil will approach CE to address the matter.

A member requested that the overgrown hedges on the cut through to the Bird Estate from Chester Road is addressed.

A member noted that a sign at the station side of the road is hanging and needs to be addressed and secured.

Cllr Beanland left at 8.50pm

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

21. Receive and consider a report from the Operations Manager about the need for double yellow lines on Brookside Avenue, Poynton

RESOLVED: That the report from the Operations Manager about the need for double yellow lines on Brookside Avenue, Poynton is received. That, as proposed in the report, the matter is pursued further (NC)

22. Receive and consider the letter from Professor David Sewart, Chair of Poynton U3A, about the Civic Hall.

Members of the U3A have received complaints of the poor loop system in the main hall of the Civic Hall; the sound system is inadequate and members have left during sessions because they are unable to hear the speaker.

Members agreed that the problems with the sound and loop system need to be addressed.

RESOLVED: That the letter from Professor David Sewart, Chair of Poynton U3A, about the Civic Hall is received. That the Clerk will liaise with the U3A to understand what is required and if necessary obtain suitable quotes. That the connection problem with the loop system in the Civic Hall Chamber is addressed as part of the refurbishment work. That reports on the issue are received at the next FIED committee meeting (NC)

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

a. Poynton Heritage Garden

Cllr Mrs S Horsman provided a verbal update on the Poynton Heritage Garden project:

- The library shutter has been painted.
- A further £6,000 is required towards the project work.
- The work is on-going.

b. Shared Space

Cllr G Smith provided a verbal update on the Shared Space:

- The Task and Finish Group are due to arrange a meeting with interested residents and parties.
- The remit of the group will be developed.
- The Task and Finish Group includes Cllrs Berry, Mrs S Horsman, G King and G Smith plus the Clerk, the Operations Manager and residents.

c. Visitor Economy

The written report from Cllr Gorst on the Visitor Economy was received.

RESOLVED: That the updates from the Task and Finish Groups are received (NC)

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

The following communication messages arising from this meeting were agreed:

- Relevant areas of the Operations Manager report to be included in the Town Council website.
- PUN; to focus on the Operations Manager's report.
- All the street lights in the Shared Space area are now fixed.
- To add the link for relevant reports/departments to the website.

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

Meeting end time: 9.20pm