

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.10PM ON MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke and Mrs N Wylie

Attending under SO56: Mrs S Horsman

Cllrs Gorst and Mrs J Saunders left at Item 3.

77. 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.

78. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Members discussed the potential closure of Middlewood Road:

- From a previous survey the majority of users are from outside of Poynton.
- Residents from Higher Poynton who would like to see the road closed should be requested to gather data and information from their neighbours.

A member noted that the concern has often been the speed at which vehicles travel along Middlewood Road. The data captured by SID demonstrates that the speeds along this road are no higher than anywhere else in Poynton. Another option may be to consider the road as a no through road for heavy goods vehicles.

Cllr Murray noted that there is unlikely to be any change until the new road developments in the area are resolved.

79. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S-J Gilmore, L Podmore and Mrs J Sewart

80. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

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

The committee agreed the following amendments:

- Allan Davis contract; should state, the lights in the ownership of the Town Council.

It was confirmed that the contract, due to be prepared by the Deputy Clerk, will not state an exact number of lights but that they are in the ownership of the Town Council.

- Memorial benches; some of which have been donated and some purchased.
- Plaques; have been purchased privately.
- The replica truck is being considered.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 20th February 2017, subject to the agreed amendments, were approved as an accurate record (NC)

There was an agreed change to the order of the agenda.

82. Receive and consider an update on the Hockley Park refurbishment from the Operations Manager

The Operations Manager confirmed that the drain work and installation of equipment at Hockley Park has been completed. The park remains closed until Easter 2017, this is to enable the grass to recover. The park will open following a successful post installation inspection.

Members agreed the following:

- The Mayor will open the park. This will be publicised in the PUN.
- The Operations Manager will liaise with the Mayor and the Clerk to organise the opening of the park.
- The arrangements are subject to a safety audit and ground conditions.
- The opening of the park will be communicated to residents.

RESOLVED: That the update on the Hockley Park refurbishment from the Operations Manager is received. That the opening of the park is organised by the Operations Manager (NC)

83. Receive and consider an update for March 2017 from the Operations Manager

The Operations Manager spoke on the written update for March 2017.

The following points from the report were noted:

Northern Rail have completed work to improve the path at Station Road.

Highways

There was a discussion about the recurring poor state of some roads. A member noted that the issue is partly due to CE no longer resurfacing roads properly.

Verges

Use of weed killer; members agreed that the situation is, for now, monitored.

Fly Tipping

There has been an increase in fly tipping. Members noted that this is a criminal activity and agreed the following actions:

- The village ranger is requested to look for signs of an address and return to owner.
- Each case of fly-tipping is photographed and the incident reported to CE.

Litter Picking

Members thanked the volunteers that attended the annual litter pick. Members agreed that the Town Council should show their appreciation and continue to encourage volunteers for their efforts across the village. The Clerk will compile a list of names of residents to be acknowledged and councillors are requested to forward the names of residents to the Town Council too. Members agreed that Poynton Pick and Tidy is incorporated within the Civic Pride initiative. The Clerk will organise a suitable acknowledgement for volunteer work by residents.

RESOLVED: That there is a suitable acknowledgement by the Town Council for volunteer work by residents (NC)

A member reported graffiti on a Virgin Media box on Park Lane. The Operations Manager will address the matter.

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

The Operations Manager outlined the identified issues within the Shared Space on Park Lane. Each of the identified works is related to a utility company. The Operations Manager continues to pursue each of the companies and will report this information at the next full council meeting.

84. Receive and consider an update on the Inclines Management work from the Operations Manager and to consider a review of the Inclines Management Plan

RESOLVED: That the update and review of the Inclines Management work from the Operations Manager is received. That the £760 plus VAT is authorised (NC)

85. Receive and consider a report on the Civic Hall from the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk spoke on the report of the Civic Hall. From the review, members agreed the following:

- To explore the cost of a new boiler.
- To explore potential grants/energy saving schemes; solar panels.
- To check that the hearing loop device in the Civic Hall chamber and main hall is working efficiently.
- To proceed with the proposal for the Civic Chamber improvements.
- The state of the Reception floor will be addressed.
- Roof:

- There have been issues since the roof work was first completed.
- Members agreed that the work needs to be addressed and corrected.
- The Clerk will write a letter on behalf of the committee inviting the companies to revisit and fix the issues or they may be subject to legal action.
- The letter will be copied to the CE project manager.

RESOLVED: That the painting work to the staff corridor and replacement doors is completed within the Clerk's budget (NC)

- Blue Room; to obtain quotes for skylights and air conditioning.
- That the committee tables and chairs are offered for sale.
- That the Mayor's Chair is retained by the Town Council.
- That the Task and Finish Group members are Cllrs Mrs J Sewart and Berry.

RESOLVED: That the report on the Civic Hall is received.

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

a. Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility – Leader Cllr L Berry

Members were saddened to hear about the death of Mr Wells. Members agreed that the Town Council send a note of condolence to Mr Well's family. Mr Wells held a career in the RAF, helped organise the parking at the Woodford Air Show, supported the Community Centre, he was a Civic Award winner and an active member of the community. The Clerk will include a note in the PUN.

b. Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs S Horsman

c. Visitor Economy – Leader Cllr C Gorst

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

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

The following communication messages arising from this meeting were agreed:

- The death of Mr Wells.
- Hockley Park.
- Potholes to be filled and work on Dickens Lane.
- Pick and Tidy Group.

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

Meeting End Time: 9.30pm