

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.15PM ON MONDAY
18TH DECEMBER 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore

Cllrs: M Beanland, L Berry, L A Clarke, C Gorst, T Holbrook, I Hollingworth, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, Mrs S Horsman, H Murray, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart and G Smith

Opening Prayer

51. Anyone attending or present at the meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording 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 of a recording of the meeting.

52. Questions to the Mayor

Questions from members of the public are in relation to agenda item 6 as noted.

53. Apologies for absence

Cllrs G King, L Podmore, Mrs T Lorde and Mrs N Wylie.

54. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

55. Receive and consider a presentation on the A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road (A6 MARR) and Poynton Relief Road

The A6 MARR project team spoke on the presentation (as attached) on both the A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road (A6 MARR) and Poynton Relief Road. The members of the project team presenting included Sue Stevenson and Emma Hughes from the A6 MARR project team and John Anderson from the Poynton Relief Road team. Councillors and members of the public raised the following questions which were addressed by the project team:

Are the funds for the Poynton Relief Road available?

Yes, the funds for the project are confirmed and available.

Member of the Public: *During the works on the Poynton Relief Road will access be required to the whole section or in parts?*

This will be subject to the decision taken by the contractors and their method for the scheme.

Member of the Public: *Has allowance been made for the proposed housing development off Chester Road in the plans?*

No because the development is following a planning proposal.

The work on the Poynton Relief Road is between the boundary of Stockport and CE and modelling on the scheme is completed individually; from attending planning meetings there appears to be a disconnect between Stockport and CE, is there a joined up plan between the two councils? Residents are concerned by their access to the main road whereby the scheme layout has a cul-de-sac at Chester Road?

There is only one model which has been modified and updated. The scheme layout for a cul-de-sac at Chester Road was agreed previously. In general, the housing development will be considered by Stockport and we expect Stockport will use the same type of modelling as CE.

The vagueness of the reassurance remains a concern.

From discussion it was agreed the Cllr M Sewart as member of the Strategic Board will take the issue of collaboration to CE to seek reassurance on the issue raised.

Member of the Public: *It is disconcerting to hear that there is no joined up thinking on work on the Poynton Relief Road?*

CE Highways have assured that in their professional opinion the system put in place will be totally adequate.

The Mayor reaffirmed that the issue of collaboration between the two Councils should be followed up for clarification.

From the slides a councillor questioned the new side road protruding into a field from Woodford Road, near the bridge over the new A555 Road.

This road is intruding into the Green Belt. It is in not included on any plans under the consultation?

This road has been agreed as part of a public enquiry; as a result of the public enquiry access into the field was granted.

This was agreed by whom, there was no consultation on the issue, this is a serious incursion into the Green Belt; this should be part of a consultation and a proper planning process?

From discussion the project team agreed to forward the link to the relevant report to the Town Council. The project team were unable to provide the name of the landowner as requested but did agree to forward the name to the Clerk to forward to councillors.

When is the A6 MARR road due to be completed?

Spring 2018 subject to weather conditions.

The continued poor condition of Chester Road has been raised by residents, in general both sides of the road are filthy with very thick mud; can the road be swept more often?

At present the road is being swept once a day. The issue will be raised with the contractors and site supervisors will also be requested to make checks on the condition of the road.

A resident has raised the issue of the damaged kerb outside 205 Chester Road?

This has been examined and the damage has not been caused by the A6 MARR vehicles.

The recent exhibition in the Civic Hall was poorly set out with a lack of staff present to assist residents. There has been no response to the questions submitted at the exhibition six weeks ago?

The project team apologised that residents experienced a delay at the exhibition and promised to ensure a response by the end of this week to the questions submitted at the exhibition.

RESOLVED: That the presentation on the A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road (A6 MARR) and Poynton Relief Road from the A6 MARR project team is received and the project team are thanked for attending the meeting (NC)

The project team left the meeting.

56. Approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6th November 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6th November 2017 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

57. Receive and note the Mayor's engagements/announcements.

The Mayor spoke on the Mayor's report. The Town Council congratulated the Mayor on successfully achieving the target for fundraising.

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

58. Receive and consider the precept for 2018/19, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 11th December 2017.

The Chair of the Finance and General Purposes committee spoke on the recommended precept for 2018/19. The provisional precept figure for 2018/19 is £436,488; this is a 1.67% increase over the current year.

RESOLVED: That the precept for 2018/19, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 11th December 2017 is approved (NC)

59. Receive and consider the interim internal audit report for 2017/18 by JDH Business Services Ltd and to receive and note the action plan as approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 11th December 2017.

The Clerk spoke on the interim internal audit report for 2017/18 by JDH Business Services Ltd and the action plan as approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 11th December 2017.

RECEIVED: That the interim internal audit report for 2017/18 by JDH Business Services Ltd and the action plan as approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 11th December 2017 are received and approved (NC)

60. Receive and adopt the minutes of standing committees

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 3rd July 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 18th September 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Order and Public Safety committee meeting held on 23rd October 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment committee meeting held on 25th September 2017 be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development committee meeting held on 9th October 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 16th October 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 6th November 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 30th October 2017 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

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

- Successfully meeting the Mayor's fundraising target.
- Prudence by Chair and Vice Chair in setting a precept below 1% for a Band D household.
- Poynton Relief Road.

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

Meeting end time: 9.25pm