

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, M Sewart and G Smith

74. 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.

75. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

76. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs N Wylie.

77. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

78. 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 5th February 2018 were approved as an accurate record (7 for, 1 abstention)

79. Receive and consider an update for February 2018 from the Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham, spoke on the written update for February 2018. From discussion the following points were noted:

- ANSA have reported that they only have one narrow sweeper vehicle which can sweep the central reservation in the shared space area. The vehicle is currently out for repair but ANSA have assured that the work will be completed when the vehicle becomes available.
- There will be a concerted effort by ANSA to clear the grit from the roads to help avoid the grids from becoming blocked.
- Works on Park Lane outside the Prickly Pear have been deemed inadequate and a failure notice against the permit holder has been issued. The situation is being monitored.
- Parklands; the parking bay restrictions on School Lane are due to be introduced from the end of March 2018 and it is expected that this will help to alleviate the parking situation. From discussion of mud on the road, as a result of car parking on the grass verges, it was noted that this is an issue for Cheshire East Council (CE) Highways. It was noted that although some residents have installed plastic posts on grass verges this is subject to ownership of the curtilage and compliance with the Highways Act. The Town Council will consider matting for the area and continue to monitor the situation.
- Grit bins; it was noted that CE have removed a number of grit bins from the village. In the past, residents have removed the grit for their personal use. A member explained how a resident was unable to leave their home for four days due to the recent heavy snow conditions. The committee agreed that the historic location of grit bins will be considered as part of a review of the areas that are most in need of gritting in poor weather. There was a suggestion that rather than replacing grit bins the village ranger could grit areas identified as particularly difficult in bad weather.
- Road gritting; CE have continued to grit Clifford Road because this meets their criteria for gritting more closely than the request from the Town Council to grit Waterloo Road. The cost for the Town Council to grit Waterloo Road is approximately £2,000. The committee agreed that the Town Council discontinue the payment to grit Waterloo Road and CE are re-approached and requested to grit Waterloo Road particularly because they have approved the development of 150 houses at the top end of Dickens Lane, many of those vehicles will be using Waterloo Road and paying taxes to CE; Waterloo Road will effectively be a suburban road and merits gritting. In addition, from April 2018, Waterloo Road will become a bus route.

RESOLVED: That CE are re-approached and requested to grit Waterloo Road because of the housing development on Dickens Lane and because the road will become a bus route. That the Town Council reallocate the £2,000 currently used to grit Waterloo Road to a winter resilience fund and consider how to best to deploy the funds during the winter for the village (NC)

- Burst water pipe on Dickens Lane; it was noted that United Utilities have been good at keeping residents, particularly vulnerable residents, informed of events during the recent problems resulting from the burst pipe on Dickens Lane. The committee agreed there will be a note in the PUN to request vulnerable residents to inform utility companies if they are a vulnerable resident so that they can be kept informed during challenging situations by the company. The committee agreed that Cllr Mrs Sewart will liaise with the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to United Utilities to reinforce the positive behaviour.
- Issues with bollards will continue to be reported to CE.

- Comparison of weed spraying costs; the cost for a weed spraying contractor for three areas is £630 or the Town Council could consider training the village ranger at a cost of £385.

RESOLVED: That the village ranger completes the training in weed spraying at a cost of £385 and the Town Council ensure that the appropriate materials and equipment are provided (7 for, 1 against)

- Poynton in Bloom are encouraged to inform the Town Council of the improved work they propose for the village. The Town Council would be pleased to support their efforts. It was agreed that the Clerk will provide Cllr Mrs Horsman with a written note to help inform Poynton in Bloom at their next meeting.
- Pick and Tidy Group; it was confirmed that the date for this year will be advertised. From discussion, it was noted that there is more regular work completed by the Pick and Tidy group with a number of other volunteer groups involved too. Also pupils from Poynton High School have been involved as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.
- Cllr Mrs Gilmore, the Town Council Communities Co-ordinator and the Operations Manager are due to attend an inaugural meeting of the group looking to develop edible gardening opportunities in the community. Safeguarding and health and safety issues will be explored.
- The 10km run is scheduled to take place on 25th March 2018.

RESOLVED: That the update for February 2018 from the Operations Manager is received with thanks. That the communications messages are reported in the PUN and the Town Council website (NC)

80. Receive an update about progress on the actions and timescales resulting from the meeting of Cheshire East Council Highways / Ringway Jacobs with Poynton town centre and shared space improvement working group about the responses to the questions remaining from Highways Hour put to CEC Highways/Ringway Jacobs

Cllr Smith provided the following verbal update on the progress on the actions and timescales resulting from the meeting of Cheshire East Council Highways / Ringway Jacobs with Poynton town centre and shared space improvement working group about the responses to the questions remaining from Highways Hour put to CEC Highways/Ringway Jacobs:

- Progress is being made.
- Gateways in the Shared Space are being repaired.
- There is evidence that there have been repairs on Park Lane.
- The work is being closely monitored and an audit of works is due to be completed in better weather.
- A review meeting is due to be held with Ringway Jacobs in April 2018.

The committee noted that the efforts of Poynton Town Council have resulted in repairs and a further update will be provided following the next meeting with Ringway Jacobs.

81. Receive an update from the Poynton heritage garden task and finish group - Link Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman

Cllr Mrs Horsman provided the following verbal update on the Heritage Garden:

- The benches have been mended.
- Child friendly steps installed.
- A plaque naming the graffiti artist displayed.
- Planters have been ordered to be placed outside the medical centre.
- The insect house and bird boxes have been installed.
- The centre piece is at a cost of £1,362 and is due to be installed; there is a donation to Anson Museum of £100 for the efforts on the centre piece.
- Poynton Brownies will be involved with the herb planting which is to be arranged.
- The grand opening is due to take place on 14th April 2018 from 10am to noon.
- Leaflets and publicity for the opening is being arranged.
- There will be refreshments and library activities on the opening day.
- A maintenance rota for the garden is due to be organised.
- Funds of £750 have been received from CE and £250 from Poynton Rotary Club.

The committee requested a post implementation report and accounts to be received at the next committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update on the Heritage Garden from Cllr Mrs Horsman is received (NC)

82. Consider and approve the remit for the council chamber refurbishment working group

RESOLVED: That the remit for the council chamber refurbishment working group is received (NC)

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

The following communication messages were agreed:

- 10km run and the closure of Park Lane.
- Opening of the Heritage Garden and possible traffic congestion.
- To request vulnerable residents or those who are aware of vulnerable residents to inform utility companies of their contact details.

The Clerk was requested to inform Cllr Mrs Gilmore of communication messages to be posted on twitter.

The cyber bullying document will be forwarded to the Town Council Communities Co-ordinator to review as part of the intergenerational work.

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

Meeting end time: 9.25pm