

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 16TH JULY 2018 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

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

Officers in attendance: L Osborn (Town Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

1. 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 Minute taker 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.

2. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr T Holbrook and Mrs J Sewart.

4. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

5. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2018

The Clerk was requested to check whether the communication messages from the previous minutes have been communicated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2018 are approved as an accurate record (6 for, 1 abstention)

6. Note the remit for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

RESOLVED: That the remit for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee is approved (NC)

7. Receive and consider an update for mid-April to June 2018 from the Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham, spoke on the written update for mid-April to June 2018. From discussion the following points were noted:

The milestone has been repaired at minimal cost. The committee noted their thanks to the milestone team and the residents who offered assistance.

A nomination for the Chair of the Coppice Road Allotment Association has been received.

Members discussed the offer of joint tenancies for the allotments. The Clerk noted that the tenancy agreement would need to be amended accordingly if joint tenancies were permitted.

RESOLVED: That in future joint tenancies are offered for the allotments (NC)

A Member noted that although an extra litter bin has been installed on Mallard Drive it is fixed on the same lamp post as the existing litter bin. The Operations Manager will follow up on the issue with ANSA.

It was reported that the bins on Park Lane are full to the brim. The Operations Manager explained that these are supposed to be emptied three times a week and he will follow up with ANSA.

Councillors are invited to report any bin issues directly to the Operations Manager.

Draft Bird Box Policy; the policy will be drafted for the Inclines.

The new play equipment, a swing, has been installed at Hockley Park.

A Member raised concern about the poor condition of Poynton Pool with algae across the lake, extensive bulrushes and concern on the impact on the wildlife. The Operations Manager will first contact the Rangers for their view of the condition of the lake.

RESOLVED: That the update for mid-April to June 2018 from the Operations Manager is received (NC)

8. Consider the Town Council response to the erection of a new fence by a resident bordering onto Lady's Incline which incorporates an area of Town Council owned land.

Members considered the Town Council response to the erection of a new fence by a resident bordering onto Lady's Incline which incorporates an area of Town Council owned land. It was noted that this is an enforcement issue.

Members agreed the following approach:

- The Clerk to send a letter to the resident to request the fence is removed subject to a two week notice period.
- The Clerk to forward a second letter by registered post if there is no response received to the initial correspondence.
- That developments are received and considered at the FIED committee meeting in September 2018.

The issue of resident gates on fences with entry onto the Inclines was considered. The gates in association with fly tipping is an issue of concern. The Operations Manager will pursue the matter through discussion of fixed penalty notices with the PCSOs.

Cllr Mrs S- J Gilmore left the meeting at 9.05pm

RESOLVED: That the Town Council response to the erection of a new fence by a resident bordering onto Lady's Incline which incorporates an area of Town Council owned land is approved as stated (NC)

9. Consider the removal of the existing multi-play structure in Hockley Park and the installation of a replacement play structure.

Members considered removal of the existing multi-play structure in Hockley Park and the installation of a replacement play structure. It was noted that the existing multi-play structure is dated and costly to repair and any improvements are subject to funding.

From consideration of potential funding streams the committee agreed that an urgent application is submitted for recreational purposes for the Waitrose S106 funds.

RESOLVED: That the existing multi-play structure in Hockley Park is removed with delegated powers to the Clerk as part of the refurbishment of the play area with an urgent application submitted for the S106 funds from Waitrose which are available for recreational purposes for the refurbishment of the site including the removal and replacement of the equipment at Hockley Park which is situated on the corner of Park Lane (NC)

10. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups:

a) Poynton Heritage Garden

Cllr Mrs Horsman provided the following update on the Heritage Garden Working Group:

- There has been no response from Rainbows so the Working Group will approach both 1st and 2nd Poynton Rainbows to engage them in the planting for spring 2019.
- There will be an application for the Waitrose green token scheme to fund the seasonal planting.
- An application will be made in due course to Cheshire East for maintenance and running costs.
- An application will be submitted to the Poynton Town Council for funding next year for planting and maintenance.
- The Garden Safari was held on Saturday 14th July with the involvement and support of the library staff. The funds raised from the event will be donated to Poynton in Bloom.
- Every month a member of the team has been allocated with responsibility for taking care of the garden.
- Arrangements for the centre piece are being explored.

b) Shared Space

Cllr Smith provided the following verbal update:

Following a joint meeting with Cheshire East on 24th January 2018 of the subsequent agreed actions only one significant action in relation to the Gateways has been completed. Recent notification of the refurbishment to Park Lane has been received. The audit of materials required for the work has revealed that there is a shortage of footpath material and this is subject to a 16 week delay to obtain the materials from abroad. Alternative provision is being explored too. Although there has been some progress on the issues, developments are slow and the Town Council continue to pursue Cheshire East. Some actions have exceeded the agreed timelines by three months. The Working Group have requested the Clerk write to Cheshire East to express their concerns.

RESOLVED: That the verbal updates from the Task and Finish Groups is received. That the Clerk write to Cheshire East to express concerns from the Shared Space Task and Finish Group about the situation to the Cheshire East Highways Team and cc'ed to the Portfolio Holder (NC)

11. Note action taken under S0 51(a) regarding the request from the Poynton and District Rotary Club for an easement of the Town Council's byelaws on the use of parks and open spaces, to enable the Party in the Park to take place in Poynton Park on 16th June 2018.

RESOLVED: That the action taken under S0 51(a) regarding the request from the Poynton and District Rotary Club for an easement of the Town Council's byelaws on the use of parks and open spaces, to enable the Party in the Park to take place in Poynton Park on 16th June 2018 is noted (NC)

12. Receive and consider a request for an easement of the Town Council's byelaws on parks and open spaces from Poynton and District Round Table to enable the annual Civic Bonfire and Fireworks display to take place at Poynton Park on 3rd November 2018.

The Clerk will check if the easement for the Poynton Show has been completed.

RESOLVED: That the request for an easement of the Town Council's byelaws on parks and open spaces from Poynton and District Round Table to enable the annual Civic Bonfire and Fireworks display to take place at Poynton Park on 3rd November 2018 is received and granted (NC)

13. Receive and consider information from Cheshire East Council about proposed changes to highways maintenance priorities – well managed highways infrastructure consultation.

RESOLVED: That the information from Cheshire East Council about proposed changes to highways maintenance priorities – well managed highways infrastructure consultation is received. That delegated powers are granted to the Chair to complete the consultation with the Operations Manager on behalf of Poynton Town Council (NC)

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

The following communication messages were agreed:

- To thank the Milestone Team and the residents who offered their assistance.
- To highlight proposed changes to highways maintenance priorities – well managed highways infrastructure consultation.

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

Meeting end time: 9.40pm

Chair.....

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