

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2018 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

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

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

25. 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.

26. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

27. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S J Gilmore.

28. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of interests.

29. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 10th September 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 10th September 2018 subject to an amendment to correct the date of the meeting and the attendees to include Cllrs M Sewart and Mrs J Sewart are approved as an accurate record (NC)

30. Receive and consider an update for September to mid October 2018 from the Operations Manager.

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

Members expressed their thanks to the Town Centre Shared Space and Improvement Task and Finish Group and Phil Cunningham for the efforts which have resulted in improvements on the Shared Space area.

There are continued issues with the resin bonding and members agreed that the issue is included as an agenda item at the next meeting of the Town Centre Shared Space and Improvement Task and Finish Group to further consider the options to help resolve the matter.

Allotments:

It was confirmed that joint tenancies have been introduced for the allotments. Members agreed that rather than offering a taster allotment the available communal allotment plot should be offered as a mini allotment plot to those on the waiting list. The waiting list is currently six years long.

The Operations Manager informed members that there are currently 40 live issues on the "Issues Log". Councillors are always welcomed to review the log.

A member requested information about the poor condition of the road and street lights on the approach to Poynton train station. Members considered the matter and it was noted that the land is owned by Network Rail and leased by Northern Rail. Some residential properties have responsibility for the condition of the area to the front of the properties too. Members agreed that the Operations Manager will pursue the matter.

A member queried if there were any plans to re-paint the roundabout at Dickens Lane. The Operations Manager will find out if there are any plans to address the matter.

RESOLVED: That the update for September to mid October 2018 from the Operations Manager is received (NC)

31. Receive and consider a proposal plan for the introduction of 'No waiting at any time restrictions' on Brookside Avenue/Clumber Road, Poynton.

Members considered the proposal plan for the introduction of 'No waiting at any time restrictions' on Brookside Avenue/Clumber Road, Poynton. It was noted that the café owner is in favour of the proposal. Members carefully considered the multitude of issues which include ensuring the safety of pedestrians particularly school children, preventing cars parking on the pavement and improving visibility for road users which needs to be balanced with the location of a residential area. It was proposed that the original plan should include an extension of the double yellow lines up to Birchvale Close.

RESOLVED: That the proposal plan for the introduction of ‘No waiting at any time restrictions’ on Brookside Avenue/Clumber Road, Poynton is received. That the proposal plan is amended with a request to an extension of the double yellow lines up to Birchvale Close, however, if this is not accepted then the original proposal plan is accepted noting that it is of limited efficiency (NC)

32. Receive and consider a report from the Community Infrastructure Levy and s106 Task and Finish Group about Hockley Park play equipment

The Operations Manager spoke on the report from the Community Infrastructure Levy and s106 Task and Finish Group about Hockley Park play equipment. It was noted that there has been good progress and the aim is to have the equipment installed and ready for spring 2019.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Community Infrastructure Levy and s106 Task and Finish Group about Hockley Park play equipment is received (NC)

The Operations Manager informed members that Tunncliffe Signs have offered to refurbish the phone boxes when they house defibrillators free of charge.

33. Receive and note the income and expenditure report for April to August 2018 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

The Town Clerk spoke on the income and expenditure report for April to August 2018 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee. Due to staffing issues the report is for a period of five months rather than six months. It was confirmed that the committee Chair has reviewed the report. The line for the Operations Manager will need to be amended to include an increase in the hours of work as agreed by the Management and Establishment committee. The Town Clerk confirmed that the figures will need to be revised before the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting in December 2018.

The Town Clerk was requested to check whether there should be an entry for £500 allocated to the Heritage Garden.

RESOLVED: That the income and expenditure report for April to August 2018 for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee is received and noted (NC)

34. Review the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee provisional budget for 2019/20.

The Town Clerk spoke on the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee provisional budget for 2019/20. From the review by members the following points were noted:

- There is an error on line 2178 and this should read £45,000.
- Line 2201 is for an increase in working hours for Operations Manager to 28 hours a week.
- The van running costs will be amended.

- **Play area security**

There is a play area security cost for the locking and unlocking of the three play parks; Brecon, Barnaby and Hockley parks. The Town Council pay Falcon Security for the locking of the park gates. The annual cost is approximately £10,000 and Falcon Security charge double time for Bank Holidays. There is an arrangement with local residents for unlocking the park gates.

A member raised a complaint received about the park on the Glastonbury Estate. The complaint is about access to the park. It was clarified that the Town Council do not have responsibility for this park and the arrangements are managed by the residents. It is understood that there have been issues with access due to the lack of volunteers. Members agreed that the situation requires an investigation and requested the Operations Manager to provide a report to fully understand the issues and review the locking and unlocking of the park. It is possible that the locking up of the park could be reconsidered and options such as the Council Community Support Officers could be considered to help reduce costs. Members proposed an amendment to increase the budget for the play area security contract to include Glastonbury Park.

A member noted that while the Town Council are paying for the locking and unlocking of Barnaby Park there is access to the park through the holes in the fencing which have resulted from anti-social behaviour. It was noted that the locking and unlocking of the park is required due to the bye-laws. Members requested a full report to review the situation.

A member raised a concern about lines 2102 and 2178; there appears to be inefficiencies resulting from the increase in supervisory costs and a reduction in the Civic Hall hire income. The Town Clerk will review the actual income from the room hire to clarify the situation and provide more accurate information.

RESOLVED: That the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee provisional budget for 2019/20 is reviewed. That the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee provisional budget for 2019/20 with an addition of a sum to increase the budget for play area locking and unlocking of £2,500 and consider options for the CCSOs or alternative options including Town Council staff (NC)

35. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups

a) Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman

The Poynton Heritage Garden Leader, Cllr Mrs Horsman, provided the following verbal update:

- The autumn planting has been completed.
- The garden is looking colourful.
- A Christmas tree will be erected in the centre of the bed.

- A Christmas Festival is planned for Friday 14th December 2018, this will include carol singing involving the Poynton High School choir.

b) Town Centre Shared Space and Improvement – Leader Cllr Graham Smith

The Town Centre Shared Space and Improvement Leader, Cllr Smith provided the following verbal update:

- There has been good progress since the last meeting with Cheshire East Council.
- The next stage is to address the condition of the road on London Road North and South and Chester Road since the opening of the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road.
- The status of the stone for the Shared Space area needs to be established.
- Cheshire East Council are in the process of producing an assets list.
- The next meeting with Cheshire East Council is scheduled for 28th November 2018.

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

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

The new equipment at Hockey play area was agreed as the communication message from this meeting.

RESOLVED: That the communication message as stated is approved (NC)

Meeting end time: 9.35pm

Chair.....

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