

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CIVIC HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr P Hoyland

Cllrs L A Clarke, C Gorst, Alex Smith,

Cllrs G Bartos, M Beanland, Mrs S Horsman and H Murray attended under SO53

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Standing Order 69(b)(i) refers**

PART A

7. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs J Saunders (leave) and Mrs J Sewart (family commitment)

8. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

9. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

10. Town Council Workload Matrix

Councillors went through the updated matrix in order, and commented on each of the projects. On Woodford Cllr Hoyland said there was no longer a Joint Stockport/Cheshire East SPD covering the Woodford site, and CE was a consultee only. The Woodford LAP Working Group is discussing the best way forward, and will make suggestions to the councils involved. Cllr Hoyland is in discussion with Adrian Fisher, CE Strategic Planning concerning a Cheshire East response. Meanwhile the public consultation on Woodford had started, and runs until 15th October 2012. The local lobby group Woodford United was well organised, and had a good exhibition running alongside that from Stockport Council at the two public sessions, the second of which is on Saturday 29th

September at the Woodford Community Centre. Cllr Hoyland encouraged all Councillors and residents to attend.

On the related issue of the Woodford/Poynton Relief Road, which is itself related to the SEMMMS programme, Cheshire East now has funding to start preparing a business case to take to central government.

On the Bird Estate Play Park Cllr Beanland said this was not being pushed by the local school, Lostock Hall Primary, which had other building programmes in train. The Clerk said that WREN funding for a park was in danger of drying up. Cllr Beanland agreed to find out who the Chair of Governors is at Lostock Hall, with a view to progressing this project.

A survey had been sent to retailers concerning Queensway Revitalisation, and a survey now needs to be sent to residents in the catchment area.

Cllr Alex Smith said that some renovation was taking place at the School Lane Retail area, financed by one of the owners, who is also talking to the Coop about the car park. Cllr Mrs Horsman said she was aware of complaints about the car park, and Cllr Smith said he would push again on this.

Concerning the 5th Gateway of the Shared Space programme, in the vicinity of St Paul's, Cllr Murray said this would be funded in the next financial year, and would be a low-cost solution.

On the Higher Poynton Summerfest, the Clerk said that although this year's event was cancelled due to the adverse weather, a template for the event was now in place, and would be used to plan the 2013 Summerfest.

The Clerk said that he had not progressed the printing of the village map, which was important to the Visitor Economy project. He would now try to expedite this. Meanwhile there are plans to purchase and install a double sided notice board in the vicinity of the fountain on Park Lane. Cllr A Smith said he was happy to get involved in progressing this, in his capacity as Chairman of FIED and a member of the PVRS Steering Group.

The Clerk said he was waiting for news from Paul Bayley at Cheshire East on their capital bid for the Civic Hall/Library complex – a CE meeting had been held about this last week, but the Clerk had not been told the outcome. He agreed to chase.

On Middlewood Station Cllr Gorst said that the results of the survey undertaken by the Town Council earlier this year were now available for dissemination. He had also put down his thoughts about the outcome, and how matters might be progressed. Cllr Murray said we now need to get Cheshire East's attention on the issue.

The Clerk reported that attendance at the Men In Sheds drop in earlier this month had been encouraging – he was now going to write to the various churches in Poynton, to ask for news about the project to be read out in parish notices, to encourage more interest. The Clerk will also address the next U3A meeting at the Civic Hall. Meanwhile third party funding still needed to be identified.

The Clerk thought that the Standing Orders needed a periodic review, particularly in the light of the new Code of Conduct and Registration of Interests. Councillors agreed that a resolution to that effect could be tabled at the Town Council meeting that followed this.

Cllr Hoyland informed Councillors that a meeting would take place tomorrow to progress the PTC Annual Business Awards, which were linked to the Mayor's Ball.

The Clerk told Councillors that the new look Town Council website would go live in mid-October, and would be fully functional and loaded by the New Year.

Cllr Murray provided Councillors with an update on the Revitalisation Scheme. Phase 1 snagging was nearly complete, and there were plans to extend the Gateways to Poynton Green and to St Paul's Church. Snagging on Phase 2 would take place in due course. Issues that had arisen from the safety audit were being addressed, and would be fed back to the Disability Advisory Group. Bill Smith, the Shop Doctor, had returned to Poynton for a retail survey, and the outcome of this is pretty good, although he acknowledged the timing was a bit too soon. Cllr Murray was not aware of any RTCs within the Scheme, apart from that concerning a young child at the junction of Bulkeley Road and Park Lane some months back.

A new edition of Manual Streets had been produced by the Dept of Transport, and Poynton got a good mention in it. Cllr Murray said the efforts to get rear car parks surfaced and opened up was proving very frustrating, and a source of major disappointment. The large areas of black top around Fountain Place would due to be overlaid to improve their appearance, but the lack of progress on this from Cheshire East was disappointing too.

Councillors then mentioned the related subject of car parking, with Cllr Hoyland recommending that the Town Council address the whole parking issue. Cheshire East was very likely to prepare a car park plan for Poynton, and it was important that both our Cheshire East and Town Councillors had some input into this.

PART B

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11. Staffing Update

(Removed)

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.