

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a short address.

Ina attendance: Cllr Liz Durham
Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Neill Puffick
Cllr Matt Sharrocks

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Alift Harewood

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests in relation to any item on the agenda.

None

The mayor adjourned the meeting to invite questions and comments from members of the public.

None

The meeting will was re-convened.

Cllr Martin Hardy gave an update on the Clean for the Queen event on 5/3/16, which was very successful, well supported and enjoyable. It was

noted that there was a significant problem with cigarette butts being left on the ground and it was suggested that the Town Council provides cigarette bins to businesses to help address this issue.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL 9TH FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED: The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee 7/1/16

4.2 Minutes of the Planning Committee 11/1/16

4.3 Minutes of the Planning Committee 1/2/16

4.4 Draft minutes of the Planning Committee 22/2/16

The minutes and draft minutes are noted

5. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1 Minutes of the Finance Committee 5/1/16

5.2 Draft minutes of the Finance Committee 1/3/16

The minutes and draft minutes are noted

6. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE

6.1 Draft minutes of the Services Committee 9/2/16

The draft minutes are noted

7. GRANT APPLICATIONS

7.1 Amended Grants Policy

RESOLVED: The Amended policy is approved

7.2 Tytherington School – facilities £2,000

Members discussed the application at length and considered the application lacked wider community benefit and suggested the applicant might seek some funding from other sources.

RESOLVED: That the grant is not approved.

7.3 Parkside Bowling Club – facilities £3,000

Members discussed the application and expressed support for the proposals and identified that it was important the Town Council's contribution was recognised.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a grant of up to £3,000 is approved
- ii. That the grant is subject to receiving at least 3 detailed competitive quotes for all aspects of the associated work, within the terms of the applicant's lease and terms of occupation.
- iii. That quotes should be sought, wherever possible, from local service and product providers.

8. MAKE IT MACCLESFIELD

Members noted that this was a stand-alone request for funding, and did not form the basis of an annual agreement.

RESOLVED:

- i. To fund Make it Macclesfield through its projects Enterprising Macclesfield, The Print Mill and Community Engagement.
- ii. That this funding is subject to the associated Service Level Agreements.

9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Dooley updated members on the review of the Christmas Lights provision and that councillors and officers had met with a Christmas lights contractor. The meeting, including a walk round the town centre, identified that the Christmas lights infrastructure was in need of attention and could be expensive to remedy. The current stock of lights are reaching and had surpassed their expected useful life and significant investment in replacements and repair was required.

It is possible that the review of provision may result in a leasing contract which would reduce the Town Council's liability for maintenance, repair, testing and replacement and enable the lights to be refreshed.

10. TOWN ENTRY SIGNS

Cllr Schofield presented a report on the provision of town entry signs, the proposed designs of 3 sizes, their locations and associated costs.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the amended design is approved as displayed in Appendix 4 of the report presented to council
- ii. That Cheshire East Highways are appointed to install the signage in the locations specified.

- iii. That Morelock are commissioned to provide the signage and posts as specified by Cheshire East Highways
- iv. That details of the signage for A537 Buxton Road is sought from Cheshire East Highways and once confirmed the signage is commissioned and installed, subject to specification and available project budget.
- v. That the additional cost as yet undetailed for the addition of the Macclesfield Town Council arch on the 2000mm and 1200mm signs is approved subject to specification and available project budget.
- vi. That members are informed prior to the commencement of installation of the signs to ensure clear communication of information.
- vii. That a second phase of installations is approved, subject to available budget to include Gawsorth Road and Priory Lane. Locations and sign specifications to be detailed by CEC Highways.
- viii. That final costs are confirmed and detailed to Full Council as soon as possible

11. CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTATION

11.1 Draft Constitution

RESOLVED: That the constitution is approved

11.2 Draft Investment Policy

RESOLVED: That the Investment Policy is approved

11.3 Draft Customer Care Policy

RESOLVED: That the Customer Care Policy is approved

11.4 Draft Community & Social Policy

RESOLVED: That the Community and Social Policy is approved

11.5 Draft Volunteer Policy

RESOLVED: That the Volunteer Policy is approved

11.6 Draft Pensions Discretion Policy

RESOLVED: That the Pensions Discretion Policy is approved

12. 2016/17 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE

Members discussed at length the scheduling of meetings and the most appropriate day for formal meetings to be held. It was noted that the meeting schedule was for guidance and to allow diary planning, but all meetings were subject to change dependent on the demands of the council and its committees and that formal notices of meetings

RESOLVED:

- i. That formal council and committee meetings are expected to be scheduled on Mondays at 7pm.
- ii. That, subject to transposing the dates from Tuesday to Monday, the schedule of meetings is approved, with the August-scheduled Services Committee meeting moved to September.
- iii. That formal council meetings for August are kept at a minimum, subject to the workload of the council and its committees.

13. SPEND TO DATE

RESOLVED: The spend is approved.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None

15. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Macclesfield Town Council is 7pm, 17th May 2016, at Macclesfield Town Hall.