

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 5th December 2016 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Town Hall.**

In attendance: Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Neil Puttick

Also in attendance was the Community Engagement Officer and the Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Alift Harewood MBE (Mayor)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved as a true record of the meeting

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Community Engagement Officer updated the meeting on her work contacting and meeting various community groups and it was suggested that a "meet and greet" event might also support this work. It was reported that 12 organisations had responded to the 90 Trees for the Queen project and the trees were to be ordered soon.

5. EVENTS UPDATE

The Community Engagement Officer updated members on work to deliver a draft calendar of events (circulated with the agenda pack). Events in development include an open air cinema event (potentially to support and develop an existing community-delivered film festival).

Members expressed interest in seeing proposals for a renewed schools' music festival, fun day in the park, book swapping for World Book Day and for plans to link with the Barnaby festival organisers in their "fallow" year of research and development.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the delivery of the British Nerf Championships is approved
- ii. That Members agree for the Community Engagement Officer to work with a Charity to deliver the event
- iii. That the delivery of a Teddy Bears' Picnic event is approved
- iv. That the Community Engagement Officer is delegated to deliver the event
- v. That the Community Engagement Officer is delegated to source sponsorship for the event

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Dooley gave a brief over-view of the event and the Christmas Lights infrastructure. It was clarified that the event was not seen as a viable income generating opportunity due to the risk of weather affecting the event, the need to contain the market to avoid negative impact on Treacle, the capacity of Market Place and the need to retain good traders.

7. AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

Members discussed the opportunity to adopt redundant BT phone boxes at length, including the value, viability and risks associated with provision of AEDs. It was concluded that AEDs in the available locations would be at risk of vandalism, would not be in positions that saw enough footfall to warrant the provision of an AED and that greater focus would be placed on identifying sites within the town centre where they might be more appropriate and effective.

RESOLVED: That the boxes at Berwick Close, Whirley Road, Saville Street and Buxton Road are requested for adoption for community information hubs, green projects and mini-libraries, community art opportunities.

8. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)

Cllr Puttick gave a verbal update on the work of the WCSWG, including the town entry signs, councillor surgeries, the Brick Project, tour of Britain, heritage trail and trees for the Queen.

9. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

9.1 Notice Board Upton Priory

RESOLVED: That greater detail was sought with regard to the ongoing management arrangements for the proposed notice board (e.g. access and updating of contents, maintenance, ensuring fair and appropriate representation of material).

Supplementary Agenda Item

Due to the similarity in requested provision, the supplementary item (deferred from Full Council 28/11/16) was considered at this point.

NOTICE BOARD FOR THE WESTON ESTATE

RESOLVED: That greater detail was sought with regard to the ongoing management arrangements for the proposed notice board (e.g. access and updating of contents, maintenance, ensuring fair and appropriate representation of material).

9.2 Street Furniture

Deferred

10. ASSET AND SERVICE DEVOLUTION – ALLOTMENTS & WESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Town Clerk updated members on the transfer of the Weston Community Centre to Macclesfield Town Council on 1/12/16 and the onward leasing to East Cheshire Housing Consortium (as approved by Council 28/11/16).

The Town Clerk identified that there had been no further communication relating to the allotments but this would be progressed in the new year.

11. MEMBER ITEMS

None

12. BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

The circulated draft budget was noted and members were reminded that the next scheduled opportunity to discuss and amend the draft budget was at the Finance Committee of 16/1/17, at which the draft budget will be finalised for recommendation to Full Council the following week to

ensure reporting obligations for precept setting are met. All members are invited to the Finance Committee of 16/1/17.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Visitor Information centre

Members expressed support and recognised the value of the VIC. No specific preference of model for future delivery was identified, but it was requested that proposed figures for onward costs/support should be requested, such as details of transition funding.

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 13th February 2017 at **Macclesfield Library**.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chair	Cllr Philip Bolton
Clerk	Pete Turner