

# MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance: Cllr Philip Bolton  
Cllr Janet Jackson  
Cllr Ainsley Arnold  
Cllr Gareth Jones  
Cllr Beverley Dooley

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Martin Hardy  
Cllr Neil Puttick

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

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### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no members of the public in attendance

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### **3. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS**

The report was received and the Community Engagement Officer was thanked by the committee for her work.

## **5. FESTIVAL UPDATES**

### **5.1 Macclesfield Garden Festival**

The email and supporting image was noted and the committee expressed that they look forward to reading a detailed event/business plan for the festival.

## **6. PROJECT UPDATES**

### **6.1 Macc's Plaques**

Members were updated that Cllr Puttick is engaging with the community to gather content for consideration for the project.

### **6.2 Town Centre Wifi**

It was clarified that the council's chosen delivery form was self managed, as expressed within the received proposal from Inkspot WiFi. As only one price was available at the point of decision, the Town Clerk sought additional proposals from other suitable providers.

The proposal from Elephant WiFi demonstrated greater coverage as well as a more refined and user friendly back office data system. It was also noted that the annual running costs were slightly lower than quoted by Inkspot WiFi.

**RESOLVED:** That the Services Committee recommends to Council that Elephant Wifi is selected to deliver town centre Wifi as submitted in their proposal, based on coverage, value for money, ongoing costs and back office data management.

### **6.3 Town Centre Tree Lights**

The delivery of the project was noted. It was commented that the project has generally been well received.

### **6.4 E-Noticeboards**

The delivery of this project awaits the final technical fitting agreements as well as the digital branding.

### **6.5 Pocket Parks & Fruitful Communities**

It was noted that work by ANSA is awaited, with consideration that a commercial contractor may be appointed to enable the project.

### **6.6 Sparrow Park Interpretation**

The project awaits the removal of trees obscuring the view.

## **7. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION**

### **7.1 Weston Community Centre**

It was discussed that the large poplar trees in the garden of the Weston Community Centre are out of proportion to the space and cast considerable overshadowing on neighbouring properties. Complaints have been received and the trees have been inspected. They present no current identifiable fall risk.

It was agreed that a consultation with neighbouring properties and the tenants of the Weston Community Centre would take place to consider if it would be of benefit to neighbours and the tenant to fell the trees.

### **7.2 Town Entry Sign**

The replacement for the damaged sign on Gawsforth Road has been ordered and CE Highways informed for installation.

### **7.3 CAB Report (sent digitally – hard copies available on request)**

Noted. The funding request (to be considered by Full Council 27/11/17) was also discussed and more detail relating to Rent and Cross Charges will be sought from the CAB and a clearer break down of town council contributions within the CEC Contributions line within the submission.

### **7.4 Christmas Lights**

Provision for additional provision on Chestergate will be considered for future years.

### **7.5 CCTV (sent digitally – hard copies available on request)**

Noted

## **8. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)**

### **8.1 Update**

The committee was updated on the work of the communications group relating to progressing engagement and promotion of services.

### **8.2 Strategy**

The committee was updated on the procurement of digital design services to add value to the web site through redesign and content. Quotes have been received, although further quotes have been requested. The submissions will be reviewed by the communications group.

## **9. PARKS & PLAY AREAS**

The email from ANSA relating to delayed delivery and funding was discussed at length.

### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That this committee seeks detailed costings for full refurbishment and/or replacement schemes at both Hall Grove and High Street play areas.

- ii. That this committee recommends to council that funding is made available for the full schemes of works at both sites, subject to confirmed costs.

## **10. MOVE MORE MACCLESFIELD**

### **10.1 Park Run**

It was noted that the community engagement has been positive and that a formal group of volunteers will be established to support and manage the sustainable delivery of a Macclesfield Park Run

### **10.2 Street Sports**

The positive engagement and service delivery of Street Sports through the summer was noted. It was noted that the winter locations are now in operation and that work is underway to encourage greater participation during the winter months.

### **10.3 Supported Summer Schools**

It was noted that the scheme had provided valuable activities to young people who would have otherwise not been able to attend.

## **11. PUBLIC REALM**

### **11.1 CEC Town Centre Vision Consultation**

It was noted that Council will be asked to consider a corporate response to the consultation

### **11.2 Town Centre Vehicle Access**

**RESOLVED:** That this committee recommends to Cheshire East Council that the timings of barrier closure for the town centre pedestrianised area are amended to 9.30am to 6pm daily.

### **11.3 Town Centre Ad Hoc Business and Charity Stalls**

It was noted that the advice gave little indication of opportunity to enforce against ad hoc charity and business stalls. However a booking policy will be considered by Council to aim to introduce some control over proliferation of commercial on street activity.

### **11.4 Public Realm Furniture**

The ongoing repair and restoration work was noted

## **12. BUDGET SETTING REVIEW**

Noted

## **13. MEMBER ITEMS**

None

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**15. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

**Meeting Closed at 8.18pm**

Chair     Cllr P Bolton  
Clerk     P Turner