

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Macclesfield Town Council held 10th December 2018 at **7pm** at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Matthew Sharrocks
Cllr Janet Jackson MBE
Cllr Neil Puttick
Cllr Alift Harewood MBE
Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Liz Durham
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Ainsley Arnold¹

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Martin Hardy

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harewood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.1

Cllr Dooley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.1

Cllr Puttick declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8 (his employer is engaged with a contract with the event's main contractor) and took no part in the discussion of the item

The meeting was adjourned for public questions and comments.

The meeting was addressed by Chris Harrop of Live at Home Macclesfield. Ms Harrop gave some insight in to the organisation's aims to support older people to live at home. That the work of the organisation reduces the demand on other statutory services supporting older people. Ms Harrop has submitted a 12 month business plan supporting her request for funding. The organisation is currently accessing its reserves, which is not sustainable and the service is at risk.

¹ Joined the meeting at Item 10 due to attending prior commitment

Members ought clarification from Ms Harrop regarding the reach of the organisation; to ensure it served Macclesfield; that other organisations and councils had been approached for funding; and an indication of any expected growth.

Ms Harrop was thanked for her contribution to the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL 8TH OCTOBER 2018

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

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee 19/10/18

4.2 Minutes of the Planning Committee 09/11/18

4.3 Draft minutes of the Planning Committee 30/11/18

The minutes and draft minutes were noted

5. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1 Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee 19/11/08

The draft minutes were noted

6. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE

6.1 Draft minutes of the Services Committee 12/11/18

The draft minutes were noted

7. COMMUNITY SERVICE DELIVERY

7.1 Macclesfield Live at Home

Members expressed support for services for older people. It was also clarified that this was not an annual proposal and reflected a request for support from the 2018/19 budget. It was expressed that caution in providing funding was required as the council cannot fund all requests for funding and be seen as a soft option for funding.

However, members expressed support for the service, identifying its value to support older people and reduce the burden of care whilst enabling older people to live independently.

RESOLVED: That, subject to the terms and conditions of a Service Level Agreement, Macclesfield Live at Home is granted £20,000 from 2018/19 budget to support the business case submitted to this meeting.

7.2 Macclesfield Local Policing Unit (LPU)

Members discussed at length the requests for funding. Expressing support for local policing and providing appropriate resources. However, members also expressed clear disappointment that an officer was not present from the Local Policing Unit at council meetings to update members on the use of funded resources as well as local policing issues and current priorities.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the TruCam is funded to £6,999.98
- ii. That the 2 electric bikes are funded to £4,287.20
- iii. That funding is subject to agreement that an officer will attend future council meetings to provide a local policing update

7.3 Disability Information Bureau (DIB)

No update available

8. SILK FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION PROJECT

The update was noted

9. CAR PARKS

The recent Cheshire East Council consultation was noted

10. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

The available update was noted

11. NEW HOMES BONUS (NHB)

It was noted that the NHB fund awaits applications.

12. SPEND TO DATE

RESOLVED: That spend total of £227,187.57 is approved

13. GOVERNANCE REVIEW

13.1 Equality Policy

13.2 Community & Social Policy

13.3 Volunteers Policy

13.4 Mayor's Cadet Policy

13.5 Environmental Policy

13.6 Child & Vulnerable Adult Policy

RESOLVED: That the above reviewed and amended policies are approved (noting that reference to "CRB Check" in 13.3 is amended to "DBS check")

14. BUDGET SETTING

RESOLVED: That the draft 2019/20 budget and precept setting as submitted (draft version 7) to this meeting is approved and adopted.

15. MEMBER ITEMS

18.1 Town Signage – Cllr Puffick

RESOLVED: That the proposal is referred to the communications working group to consider form, location, quantity and content, with detailed proposals to be approved by the Services Committee

18.2 Homelessness & Empty Shops – Cllr Puffick

RESOLVED:

- i. That Cheshire Streetwise is advised to make contact with Cheshire East Council Housing & Homeless team
- ii. That a Cheshire East Council Homelessness Officer is invited to a Services Committee to inform members of the work and issues relating to homelessness in Macclesfield.

18.3 Holiday Hunger Scheme – Cllr Puffick

RESOLVED: That Cre8 Macclesfield is advised to submit a grant application to the council relating to this project

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Emailed questions and draft responses

RESOLVED: That the drafted form and content of responses is approved

17. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Macclesfield Town Council is 7pm, 4th February 2019, at Macclesfield Town Hall (subject to meeting schedule and meaningful agenda).

Meeting Closed at 8.21pm

Chair Cllr Adam Schofield
Clerk Pete Turner

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