

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th July 2017 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance:

- Cllr Janet Jackson
- Cllr Gareth Jones
- Cllr Philip Bolton
- Cllr Beverley Dooley
- Cllr Ainsley Arnold
- Cllr Neil Puttick

Also in attendance was Mr Jon Tilley (Macclesfield Garden Festival and the Town Clerk of Macclesfield).

1. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

It was noted that members recognised the value of equality when considering the appointment of committee chairs and vice chairs.

1.1 Selection of Chair

RESOLVED: That Cllr Martin Hardy is elected Chair of the Services Committee

1.2 Selection of Vice Chair

RESOLVED: That Cllr Philip Bolton is elected Vice Chair of the Services Committee

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Martin Hardy

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no members of the public present (Mr Tilley addressed the committee at agenda item 5.)

**4. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL
FEBRUARY 2017**

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

5. MACCLESFIELD GARDEN FESTIVAL

Jon Tilley gave an overview of the 2017 event and plans for the coming year and the next event in 2019.

Members expressed and thanks and support for the |Garden Festival but sought greater detail of the 2019 event to inform any future decision relating to practical or financial support.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

6.1 Update report

The report was noted. Members commented on successful deliver of Cycle Saturday and the plans for future events and thanked the Community Engagement Officer for her work so far.

7. TREE OF LIGHT EVENT PLAN

Members welcomed the circulated event plan and noted the event's planned structure.

8. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

8.1 Macc's Plaques

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of Blue Plaques and Social History Plaques Project was noted

8.2 Town Centre WiFi

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of town centre WiFi for Macclesfield was noted.

9. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)

Cllr Puttick and the Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the work of the communications group and then gave an overview of the circulated submission for destination marketing for Macclesfield. Members expressed support for the proposals, recognising the potential benefits as well as the level of investment required and sought clarification on monitoring effectiveness and value for money and ensuring that the delivery of such a project would meet with the proposed town centre wifi branding and contact databases.

10. TOWN CENTRE TREE LIGHTS

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of Town centre Decorative Tree Lighting was noted

11. E-NOTICEBOARDS

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of 2 new electronic/digital noticeboard displays in the town centre was noted

12. LOCAL POLICING

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of a grant to support local policing initiatives was noted.

13. PARKS & PLAY AREAS

13.1 Open Spaces review

The report was not available. The Town Clerk clearly identified that a decision on this investment in park infrastructure must be made in time to ensure work can be scheduled for delivery in this financial year, recognising that ANSA has a borough-wide remit and an already demanding work schedule, therefore accommodating this work will require adequate notice.

13.2 West Park Benches

RESOLVED:

- i. That Macclesfield Council funds the provision of up to 6 new benches in West Park, as quoted in the circulated communication from ANSA.
- ii. That the supplied benches are identified as provided by Macclesfield Council (this council to supply the branding resource).
- iii. That ANSA/Cheshire East Council resources the benches' installation.

13.3 Pocket Parks & Fruitful Communities

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of a pilot project for Pocket Parks was noted.

13.4 Sparrow Park Interpretation

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of interpretation of the view from Sparrow Park was noted.

14. PARK RUN UK

The resolution of Full Council on 19/6/17 relating to provision of a grant to support infrastructure for the creation of a Macclesfield Park Run was noted.

15. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

15.1 Street Sports

The initial register figures were welcomed and it was commented that they showed a good level of early engagement. It was also noted that some parents had expressed interest in activity and an informal arrangement had been made to provide parents with available equipment on request to monitor the opportunity for further activity engagement.

15.2 Supported Summer Schools

It was expressed that the summer school referrals had been positive and would exceed expectations with a more detailed report to be submitted after the summer at the next services committee.

16. MEMBER ITEMS

16.1 Bicycle racks

Cllr Dooley reported that a retailer had requested that bike racks be installed on Market Place. The Town Clerk clarified that this may relate to a regular occurrence of cyclists chaining their bike to a lamppost nearby. Members expressed support for more cycle racks in the town centre but rejected the need to install on Market Place as there was nearby provision and potentially other more suitable locations.

16.2 Fly Posting and Graffiti

Cllr Dooley sought members' views on actions to discourage fly posting in the town. Members identified that Cheshire East Council should be contacted for enforcement against each instance of fly posting.

17. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 11th September 2017 at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Chair Cllr Philip Bolton
Clerk Pete Turner