

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Aliff Harewood MBE
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Neil Puttick
Cllr Martin Hardy

The Mayor opened the meeting with a short address, thanking all those who have attended her civic events and identifying the Civic Awards as a thoroughly rewarding event. The mayor took the opportunity to remind members of the forthcoming St George's Day events on 23/4/17.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Liz Durham
Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Matt Sharrocks

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dooley Declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 9., 14.3, and the Supplementary Agenda Item 1. Cllr Dooley declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11. and took no part in the discussion or vote.
Cllr Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL AGM 23RD JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes are accepted as a true record.

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee 13/1/17

4.2 Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee 24/2/17

The minutes and draft minutes were noted

5. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE

5.1 Draft minutes of the Services Committee 5/12/16

The draft minutes were noted

6. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.1 Minutes of the Finance Committee of 16/1/17

6.2 Draft minutes of the Finance Committee of 6/3/17

The minutes and draft minutes were noted

7. INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

The circulated audit report and its recommendations were noted

8. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

8.1 Standing Orders

It was commented that the indication/direction coloured squares should be amended to symbols to make reading the document more accessible and easier to follow.

RESOLVED: That the amended Standing Orders are adopted

8.2 Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: That the amended Financial Regulations are adopted

8.3 Council and Committee Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: That the amended terms of Reference are adopted

8.4 Document Retention Policy

RESOLVED: That the Document Retention Policy is adopted

8.5 Banner Policy

RESOLVED: That the Banner Policy is adopted

9. CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)

It was commented that greater detail on works to achieve efficiencies is detailed within future reports along with some detail on geographic distribution of service users. It was suggested that external advice should be sought for efficient operational development.

It was also commented that the service has taken forward efficiencies and that it may be the case that there are few more efficiencies to make and that there has been work carried out by the agency, its partners and also Cheshire east Council which identified no further large scale efficiencies.

The report was noted.

[Cllr Hardy joined the meeting at this point (7.25pm)]

10. YOUTH SPORTS & ACTIVITY

Members discussed the proposals at length, identifying the opportunity to include the fire service for outreach opportunities; seek local service providers wherever possible. It was clarified that this would be at no cost to the end user and it was sought that the service would be directly marketed to encourage the engagement of girls as figures indicate a bias towards boys.

Members identified the opportunities associated with the summer schools schemes seeking consideration of referrals from churches and faith groups; inclusion of siblings. It was highlighted that the hope, as well as facilitate access to schemes, is to also ensure that young people with potential for sporting excellence might be identified through the scheme.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the delivery of Street Sports Service and associated spend against approved budget is approved
- ii. That the operational delivery of the Street Sports Service is delegated to the Town Clerk (in consultation with Cllrs Jones and Puttick) and reporting the Services Committee
- iii. That the delivery of Supported Summer School Scheme and associated spend against approved budget is approved
- iv. That the operational delivery of the Supported Summer School Scheme is delegated to the Town Clerk (in consultation with Cllrs Jones and Puttick) and reporting the Services Committee

11. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

It was highlighted that this was being presented to council for consideration due to the timing of town centre investment and regeneration projects and that any progression of this project would be significantly resource demanding (in both officer time and financial requirements).

It was clarified that this was a business-led project and would take information from previous research carried out in to the development of a BID in previous years.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is directed to continue developing this proposal and to return to council with additional detail with financial and resource requirements for consideration.

12. SPEND TO DATE & ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED: That the submitted spend and bank reconciliations are authorised.

13. BUDGET 2017/18

It was clarified that the intention to spend the approved budget was a requirement of audit and members will be asked to identify projects for delivery within the Macclesfield Project Investment budget heading.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Silk Heritage Museums

RESOLVED:

- i. That the grant is retained by the applicant
- ii. That the funding is no longer restricted, except that the applicant must submit a proposal for the grant's planned use for approval by Macclesfield Town Council prior to accessing the funding
- iii. That the approval of the proposed use of the grant is delegated to the Finance Committee

14.2 CCTV

The correspondence was noted, but clarification as to which index (as referenced in the correspondence) was being linked to.

14.3 Mid Cheshire Against HS2

RESOLVED: That the request for funding is declined

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

1. SPACE FOR AUTISM

Members discussed the funding request in detail, identifying the positivity of the group's work, but raising concern relating to the financial sustainability of the submitted financial details. It was also identified that, within fund raising, greater attention could be given to sources other than sponsorship and grants.

RESOLVED: That the request for funding is declined

15. MEMBER ITEMS

16. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Macclesfield Town Council will be its **Annual General Meeting** at 7pm, 15th May 2017, at Macclesfield Town Hall.

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