

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Macclesfield Town Council held on Monday 19th June 2017 at 7.15pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Liz Durham
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Neil Puttick

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk and the Civic Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Aliff Harewood MBE
Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Matt Sharrocks

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dooley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11., having been involved in a previous project to consider a BID for Macclesfield

The meeting was adjourned for public speaking.

Mr Wood addressed the meeting and circulated some background information relating to his proposals for a new agricultural market at Chelford. The Town Clerk reminded Mr Woods that Chelford was outside the wards of Macclesfield. Members sought clarification on the progress and details of the proposals and thanked Mr Wood for his time and effort in this endeavour and members expressed a level of moral support for Mr Wood's proposal. The Town Clerk will contact Mr Wood with the contact details for council members.

The meeting was reconvened.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL 15TH MAY 2017

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

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee 7/4/17

4.2 Minutes of the Planning Committee 19/5/17

The minutes were noted

5. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE

5.1 Minutes of the Services Committee 13/2/17

5.2 Minutes of the Services Committee 10/4/17

The minutes were noted

6. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.1 Minutes of the Finance Committee 18/04/17

The minutes were noted

7. MACCLESFIELD LOCAL POLICING UNIT

Sgt Rob Simpson gave a detailed presentation on projects the Local Policing Unit was working on and seeking support for. Members sought clarification on the value, perceived and estimated impact and sustainability of the proposed projects.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the council provides a grant of £10,000 to support Operation Shield
- ii. That the council provides a grant of £4591.72 to fund the provision of 4 new Police Mountain Bikes
- iii. That the council provides a grant of 757.80 for the provision of 2 new remote cameras

8. DIB

There was no further information available. The item was deferred until a submission was received.

9. PARK RUN

Members sought clarification to ensure that the project could be sustainable in terms of costs, volunteer support and community support.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a budget of £20,000 is approved for the investment in South Park to provide suitable track for a Park Run and the added value of this additional capacity.
- ii. That the delivery of the project is delegated to the Community Engagement Officer in consultation with the Town Clerk, ensuring that expenditure meets the requirements of the council's Financial Regulations.

10. SENIOR CITIZENS HALL

The correspondence was noted

11. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Members discussed the details of the proposal, the past investigations in to its viability and the potential options. It was agreed that there be no further action on the development of a BID at this stage.

12. PAST MAYOR'S CONSORT MEDAL

RESOLVED:

- i. That the provision of a Past Mayor's Consort Medal, to recognise the work and support of the Mayors' Consorts, is approved
- ii. That a budget of £1,000 is approved for the provision of medals for the 5 years from the creation of this council
- iii. That approval of the final design is delegated to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

13. WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The work and value of the Night Shelter and its volunteers' commitment was recognised by the council.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the Night Shelter is encouraged to submit a grant application for its running costs for 2017/18
- ii. That more detail is sought to evidence the viability and suitability of St Michaels as the location for the showers
- iii. That more detailed competitive costs/quotes are requested

14. FREEMAN

Members discussed the proposal at length, recognising the achievements of John Mayall. It was however expressed that the award of Freemanship might normally be awarded to recognise a person's long-standing contribution to the community of Macclesfield. It was agreed that the nomination for the award of Freeman of Macclesfield would not be progressed.

15. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The report was noted

16. SPEND TO DATE

RESOLVED: That the spend and reconciliation reports are approved.

17. COMMITTED RESERVES

Members discussed at length opportunities to invest in projects in Macclesfield including Speed Indication Devices, which was identified as a Cheshire East Highways-led initiative.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a budget of £10,000 is approved for the pilot Pocket Parks Project
- ii. That a budget of £7,000 is approved for the delivery of the Macc's Plaques Project
- iii. That a budget of £50,000 is approved for the delivery of the Town Centre Tree Lights Project
- iv. That a budget of £4,200 is approved for the delivery of the Sparrow Park Interpretation Project
- v. That a budget of £25,000 is approved for the delivery of the E Noticeboards Project
- vi. That a budget of £25,000 is approved for the delivery of Party in the Park 2018
- vii. That the Town Clerk engages with Third Sector Agencies who might consider the viability of a hub project.
- viii. That more detail on opportunities to directly support and aspect/aspects of the Town Centre Regeneration Project
- ix. That a budget of £20,000 is approved for the delivery of the Town Centre WiFi Project.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Due to the personal nature of items to be discussed, members of the public and press will not be admitted to the meeting under the 'Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960' for this item of the agenda, which may be considered at the end of the meeting.

18. MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

18.1 Minutes of the Personnel Committee 3/3/17

The minutes were noted

19. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Macclesfield Town Council is 7.15pm, 25th September 2017, at Macclesfield Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.01pm

Chair Cllr Beverley Dooley
Clerk Pete Turner