

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th September 2016 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Library**.

In attendance: Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Martin hardy
Cllr Neil Puttick

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gareth Jones – Non pecuniary interest in item 8 as an allotment holder within Macclesfield.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman of the meeting adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

There were none

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JUNE 2016

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

4. GARDEN FESTIVAL

Mr Tilley gave a detailed overview of the planned Macclesfield Garden Festival he has been working on, identifying the multiple aspects to the festival, including engaging with schools, a parade, a garden art show at the football club, a proposed show garden display and floral display at Christchurch, a speciality themed street market and proposals for decorating the Town Hall.

Mr Tilley clarified that he has put a lot of work in and needs help to deliver the event, having sought support from the community, Cheshire East Council and Macclesfield Town Council. Mr Tilley identified that he was seeking specific help with gaining approval to use Christchurch, displaying on the Town Hall, organising a market and creating a website.

Members discussed the details at length expressing clear support for a garden festival, but also identifying concerns around a perceived lack of formal project structure and delivery detail, the dispersed nature of the event, risks associated with excavations at Christchurch and the lack of practical community support for all the hard work already done by Mr Tilley.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should talk to Mr Tilley to "temper his expectations"

5. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Cllr Dooley updated the committee on the plans and progress with the delivery of the Christmas lights and the switch on event. The planning was going well with all orders placed and the infrastructure having been tested and installation commenced.

Members thanked Cllr Dooley for her work leading the delivery of Christmas Lights and the switch on event.

6. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)

Cllr Puttick updated members on the work of the communications group, explaining that website updates were ongoing and welcomed suggestions from members. Cllr Puttick also commented that social media continued to develop and the group welcomed ideas for promotion and press releases.

The town entry signs have now been ordered and their delivery is expected soon. There is concern that engagement with the 90 trees for the Queen has not generated a great deal of interest and members were asked to come forward with their locations for the project.

7. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

7.1 Street Furniture

This item was deferred to the next meeting

7.2 The Brick Project

Cllr Puttick updated members on the delivery of the second phase of this project and it was agreed that the project was a great success in terms of community engagement, public art and public realm improvement.

Cllr Puttick was congratulated on a very successful project.

7.3 Floral Displays

The Town Clerk gave a brief update on the delivery of floral displays to date and the positive responses received from the community. Cllrs Dooley, Durham and Jackson would be looking at winter displays and future provision and will return to this committee with an update.

7.4 Town Centre Decorative Lighting

Following the resolution of Council 23/6/16 Agenda Item 8, which approved the provision of decorative town centre lighting subject to competitive quotes and value assessment. This has been awaiting highways approval, which has now been received. Quotes have been requested from LITE, Blachere and local commercial electrical installers, Oakes. Lite currently offer the greatest value for money and continuity in service. Oakes has as yet not submitted a quote.

7.5 Move More Macclesfield

The Town Clerk introduced the circulated report and highlighted the engagement of CEC public Health and Delivering Differently. The CCG has been contacted but a meeting has not yet been confirmed and an application for CEC Participatory Budget has been made with a decision expected on 15/10/16.

Members welcomed the principle of the report and the opportunity to include consideration for how Move More can be considered within all future service and policy decisions.

The report will be submitted to Full Council for consideration.

7.6 CCTV

Members discussed in detail the circulated management data, identifying the low number of arrests, concerns relating to blind spots and the perceived value of the service.

Members were reminded about the visit to the CCTV Control Room on 30/9/16 at 7pm.

8. ASSET AND SERVICE DEVOLUTION – ALLOTMENTS & WESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Town Clerk confirmed that CEC has approved the transfer and we are now awaiting first draft contracts of transfer. It is expected that East Cheshire Housing

Consortium will seek to take on the Weston Community Centre as a community and service hub.

9. MEMBER ITEMS

9.1 Weston Bench

Deferred

9.2 Public Realm Direct Service Delivery

Members discussed at length the submitted report with consideration of the effects of localised flooding and the opportunity to increase the provision of gully clearance as well as concerns raised by the public regarding litter and dog fouling. It was expressed that CEC would be expected to fulfil these functions but currently provision may be considered below expectations and the committee was being asked to consider enhancing that local level of service provision.

Members agreed to revisit the report with additional information for the funding of additional PCSO or Community Warden cover.

10. BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

Members took a line-by-line view of the draft budget circulated and made amendments to be considered at the next Finance Committee to which all members will be invited (amended draft budget will be displayed as Version 3 (v3) with notes added to clarify amendments).

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

Supplementary Agenda Item

12. TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES & ROAD CLOSURES

Cllr Puttick sought that the council works to facilitate and where possible stream line the application process for road closures and TENs. It was clarified that the newly appointed Community Engagement Officer would work to progress this with Cllr Puttick

13. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 5th December 2016 at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

Meeting Closed at 9.31pm

Chairman Cllr Martin hardy

Clerk Pete Turner