

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda for the meeting to be held on Monday, 10th April 2017 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Library**.

In attendance: Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Neil Puttick
Cllr Martin Hardy (joined the meeting at Item 7)

Also in attendance was Cllr Chris Andrew and the Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ainsley Arnold

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public in attendance

3. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2017

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

[Item 9 was considered at this point to enable Cllr Andrew to represent residents' comments]

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

The report was received, with members expressing support for the proposed Family Fun day and it was expressed that promotion of the planned SilkFest should be started as soon as possible.

5. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

5.1 Tree of Light

Members expressed support for retaining the event and for reviewing its delivery and format. It was expressed that community groups should be engaged in the event well in advance.

RESOLVED: That Option 3 in the submitted report is progressed, with a detailed event plan brought to the committee for further consideration

5.2 Land at Tenby Road, Weston

Members suggested that the police be contacted to provide any supporting information relating to Anti-Social Behaviour at the site. It was expressed that there might be an opportunity to deliver aspects resulting from the Youth Summit and consideration of revenue costs.

More information is required before a decision can be made.

5.3 Senior Citizens Hall

Members noted the circulated update information.

6. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)

The communications group are scheduled to meet soon to progress a number of projects to support the communications strategy.

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

Members noted the circulated information.

RESOLVED: That consultation with residents, ward members, Cheshire East Council's tree officer and the tenant of the Weston Community Centre is commenced relating to the large poplar trees at the Weston Community Centre.

8. CHANGING PLACES

Members expressed support for the principle of the provision and awareness of the lack of facilities in the town centre.

Members sought the following additional detailed information:

Exact location – site plan

Clarification that costs would exclude VAT

What facilities are currently available at DIB and the barriers that have meant they have not been upgraded previously.

Details of how the project will be managed
Comparable competitive quotes for all aspects of the work
Means of access, times of opening of the proposed facilities
Operational management arrangements
Advertising of the facility
Details and images of existing similar facilities
Rationale and business case
Who will be allowed to access the facilities

9. BT PHONE BOXES

[Moved to earlier in the agenda and considered after Item 3]

It was clarified that residents close to the Whirley Road unit had expressed clear disappointment and concerns about the retention of this phone box, identifying it as a site of persistent anti-social behaviour, littering and an obstruction to traffic.

Members identified that further consultation would have identified these legacy issues and also expressed concern that other units in the town might also be considered as not suitable adoption.

It was also identified that the units available for adoption are not traditional red phone boxes and as such offer less interest to community engagement.

It was also identified that the Barnaby Festival had expressed an interest in using the units for community engagement and that they should be made aware of the committee's decision.

RESOLVED: That Macclesfield Town Council informs BT that it is withdrawing from this round of phone box adoptions

10. LOCAL POLICING

Members expressed clear support for community policing, the provision of PCSO and partnership with the local policing unit. It was clarified that the original intention for the associated budget was for enforcement on littering and dog fouling.

Members sought more detailed information for a business case for the Operation Shield funding, including management data (including geographic spread) on local crime such as drug offences, anti-social behaviour, theft and assault.

RESOLVED: That £1,000 is granted from the approved 2017/18 community enforcement budget for the provision of submitted schools engagement equipment.

11. PARKS & PLAY AREAS

Members discussed at length the opportunities to add value to the outdoor facilities in the town, considering providing multiple small improvements to multiple sites, single larger improvements to individual sites and mixes of both approaches. It was also expressed this scheme would be a good opportunity for community engagement and consultation.

It was agreed that Cllrs Jackson, Jones and Hardy would visit all the parks and play areas in the town and identify specific opportunities for investment. This to take place on 20/4/17.

12. PARK RUN UK

Members welcomed the scheme of investment, supporting the improvements to South Park and the provision of a Park Run.

RESOLVED: That this committee recommends the provision of Park Run and its associated improvements in South Park, subject to detailed competitive quotations for the work.

13. YOUTH SUMMIT

Cllr Puttick gave a clear overview of the event and the success of the engagement and feedback was recognised. Members expressed their thanks and support for the event and it was clarified that the communications group would meet to discuss the way forward to seek to deliver aspects of the feedback received and ensure communication continues with those engaged.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

[Considered prior to Item 14]

1. TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES & COMFORT SCHEME

RESOLVED:

- i. That a funded comfort scheme be progressed, as per the circulated report
- ii. That suitable catering businesses in the town centre are identified and approached to consider joining the scheme
- iii. That, subject to business acceptance of the scheme, businesses are provided with a £500 grant per annum for taking part.
- iv. That the scheme, once introduced is promoted.

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 10th July 2017 at **Macclesfield Library**.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Chair Cllr P Bolton to Item 6 (incl Item 9), Cllr M Hardy from Item 7

Clerk Pete Turner