

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2018 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance: Cllr Philip Bolton
 Cllr Janet Jackson
 Cllr Gareth Jones
 Cllr Martin Hardy
 Cllr Neil Puttick

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Ainsley Arnold

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.3 as a trustee of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public in attendance and no submitted questions

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

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

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

4.1 Update report relating to community engagement and events

Members were updated on the risk identified to the Macclesfield Show (Family Fund Day), in so much as our promotion and marketing partners have identified a competing commercial event scheduled for the same dates in Knutsford. It was discussed that the council event would struggle to compete with this event and it is expected, following discussions with the

council's partners, Bare Bones Marketing, that the Macclesfield Show will be postponed or cancelled.

Members expressed that the Tree of Light event was well run and well attended, especially in light of the weather, and that the Community Engagement Officer should be commended for her hard work and the success of the event.

Members welcomed the return of Cycle Saturday and the event strategy being used by the council to engage the community to try and achieve some level of deliverable sustainability through facilitation of the community.

The Playing Out initiative in South Macclesfield was discussed and welcomed and it was expressed that it would be very positive if the scheme could be rolled out in to other areas of the town.

4.2 Food Festival – consideration of proposals

Members welcomed the proposals, but sought further clarification.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the principle of a Macclesfield Food Festival on the proposed date is supported
- ii. That both submitting businesses are contacted to invite them to a selection interview on 14/2/18
- iii. That the decision to approve the preferred provider is delegated to a selection panel consisting of the committee members in attendance at this meeting

5. PROJECT UPDATES

5.1 Macc's Plaques

Cllr Puttick gave an update on progress with regard to engagement and plans for delivery of the project.

5.2 Town Centre Wifi

The report update was noted and the project welcomed

5.3 Town Centre Tree Lights

The project was noted as complete

5.4 E-Noticeboards

The committee was updated on the difficulties of delivery and costs associated. Concern was raised that content would not meet high expectations. The Town Clerk expressed that this project may not be able to demonstrate value for money and would bring a report to council.

5.5 Pocket Parks & Fruitful Communities

The report update was noted.

5.6 Train station

The report update was noted.

5.7 Sparrow Park Interpretation

The report update was noted.

5.8 Sustainability – Refillable cups and bottles

Members discussed the project outline, identifying that ambition should include engaging with the large chain providers in town as well as independents.

Members also expressed interest in issuing sports bottles to promote water refills.

Members sought a very clear sustainability message.

RESOLVED:

- i. That this committee supports the project
- ii. That a more detailed report is submitted to council for consideration

6. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

6.1 Weston Community Centre

The report update was noted.

6.2 Town Entry Sign

The report update was noted.

6.3 CAB Report (sent digitally – hard copies available on request)

The report update was noted.

6.4 Christmas Lights

The report update was noted, with investigation in to the feasibility of lighting the tree on the Hibel Road (Kings School) roundabout.

7. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)

7.1 Update

Members were updated on the progress of the next phase of the Brick Project, scheduled for May Half Term 2018.

7.2 Strategy

The report update was noted.

8. PARKS & PLAY AREAS

8.1 West Park

The report update was noted.

8.2 South Park

The report update was noted, with members requesting further details regarding the proposal from ANSA to support the provision of a new timber trail play area. Members expressed support for the principle of a public water fountain in South Park.

8.3 Hall Grove & High Street Parks

The report update was noted.

9. ACTIVE MACCLESFIELD

9.1 Park Run

The report update was noted. Members expressed that the council's work in ensuring this service was secured for Macclesfield was recognised.

RESOLVED: That the council provides branded sports bottles for the event

9.2 Street Sports

The report update was noted.

9.3 Supported Summer Schools

The report update was noted.

9.4 Active Macclesfield proposal from Active Cheshire

Members discussed the proposal at length, expressing support for the principle but sought clarification relating to the prioritisation of wards.

RESOLVED: That Active Cheshire is invited to present their proposal to council.

10. PUBLIC REALM

10.1 Public Realm Furniture

The report update was noted.

10.2 108 Steps, Middlewood Way and grot spots

Members welcomed the consideration of maintenance of routes in to town as identified, expressing that the investment in the Middlewood Way and underpass areas is at risk of being wasted if there is no maintenance scheme.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a suitable contractor is engaged to tackle the identified "grot spots" and this provision to be regularly reviewed.
- ii. That this provision is linked to the Pocket Parks Project, to enhance and progress improvements to planting and maintenance of small green spaces on the approach to the town centre.

10.3 Town Ranger

Members expressed clear support for the report's contents and recommendations.

RESOLVED:

- i. That an options appraisal in accessible terms, phrases and forms is created as the basis for consultation with the community, visitors and businesses that will seek their views on

littering, dog fouling and gully clearance and whether additional provision/investment is supported.

- ii. That clear insight of existing provision as commissioned by CEC is fully understood to identify opportunities for enhanced services
- iii. Subject to the responses to consultation and partner engagement, Council, through the appropriate committees, will be asked to consider the provision of additional services, through direct delivery and/or commissioning, and to make appropriate provision within the budget setting process for 2019/20.

11. BUDGET SETTING 2018/19

The approved budget was noted

12. MEMBER ITEMS

12.1 Linear Park bench

Members expressed clear support for the principle of providing a bench in this area, with ward members having been engaged.

RESOLVED: That a bench is installed in Linear Park at the identified location (subject to land owner approvals)

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 9th April 2018 at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

Meeting closed at 9.03pm

Chair Cllr Martin Hardy

Clerk Pete Turner

Cemetery