

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2018 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance: Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Neil Puttick

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Janet Jackson MBE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

3.1 Appointment of Chair of the committee

RESOLVED: That Cllr Bolton is elected as Chair of the Services Committee

3.2 Appointment of the Vice Chair of the committee

RESOLVED: That Cllr Dooley is elected as Vice Chair of the Services Committee

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

4. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

5.1 The report was noted and members thanked the officers for their work in delivery of projects and events

6. PROJECT UPDATES

6.1 Macclesfield's Plaques.

Cllr Puttick gave an update on the project's progress, recent engagement and future plans for further engagement. It was highlighted that, although the project has a budget, all planned spend must be agreed prior to placing any orders or commitments.

Members expressed support and thanks as well as interest in providing personal memories of Macclesfield for the project.

6.2 Town Centre Wifi

It was noted that the service is in place and also includes detailed footfall data.

6.3 Pocket Parks & Fruitful Communities

It was noted that the first park has been delivered with the help of volunteers from the Macclesfield Garden festival. The raised planting area at the exit of the bus station was completed during Barnaby and is now being watered by ANSA

6.4 Train Station Welcome Art

The shortlisted tenders were consulted on during the Barnaby Festival both digitally as well as with a display in the Grosvenor Centre.

A meeting of the panel is being arranged to review the responses and agree a preferred provider for appointment. Following that, the artists will engage with the community, within the brief, to develop a draft design prior to planning consent and installation.

Currently Cheshire East Council is communicating with Network Rail to clarify responsibility for the wall.

6.5 Sparrow Park Interpretation

Cllr Schofield has been working voluntarily on the vector images and photography for this project. Once available, they will be shared with the engaged interpretation consultant to deliver draft interpretation design.

6.6 Sustainability

RESOLVED: That a draft sustainability policy for the council is developed for consideration by council.

7. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

7.1 Weston Community Centre

The update was noted.

7.2 CAB Report

The update report was noted.

7.3 CCTV Report (Sent digitally – hard copies available on request)

The update report was noted. Members sought clarification regarding service outage in the town

8. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKING GROUP (WCSWG)

8.1 Update

The verbal update was noted. Members sought a clearer structure to the release of media information to make the process uniform and more effective.

9. PARKS & PLAY AREAS

9.1 Hall Grove & High Street Parks

The competitive procurement process was followed with Hags being appointed to deliver the two sites. Hags are in communication with ANSA with regard to technical aspects of maintenance and installation. A community engagement process delivered input from residents and potential users. Delivery of the project is expected for the end of July.

10. ACTIVE MACCLESFIELD

10.1 Park Run

It was noted that ParkRun is delivered by a group of committed volunteers, but was enabled and facilitated by Macclesfield Council from inception, including funding, empowerment and third party agreements.

10.2 Street Sports

Continues to deliver free activity services for young people around the town.

10.3 Supported Summer Schools

The Support Officer is co-ordinating the delivery of this service for summer 2018.

11. PUBLIC REALM

11.1 Public Realm Furniture

It was noted that the work on public realm furniture is continuing with planters and bins having been painted. It was agreed that those flyposting in town should be contacted to request the removal of the posters.

11.2 108 Steps, Middlewood Way and grot spots

It was noted that work on grot spots has been carried out but it is a repeating issue and as such a strategy should be considered.

11.3 Town Ranger

RESOLVED: That this committee recommends to council the appointment of a dedicated externally employed Macclesfield Ranger, subject to detailed negotiation and value for money.

11.4 Public Toilets

RESOLVED: That the provision of a new public toilet facility on Exchange Street is progressed, subject to permissions, final costs and contract negotiations.

12. SERVICE AND ASSET AMBITIONS

Members discussed the opportunity to focus on the future of local service delivery in Macclesfield as well as asset devolution. Members agreed to submit aspirations for the town to the budget setting process for discussion.

13. BUDGET SETTING 2019/20

Items for consideration to be submitted prior to the next Services Committee Meeting.

14. MEMBER ITEMS

None

15. CORRESPONDENCE

None

16. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 3rd September 2018 at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm

Chair Cllr Philip Bolton
Clerk Pete Turner