

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2018 at 7pm at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance: Cllr Philip Bolton
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Neil Puttick

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Janet Jackson MBE

Cllr Ainsley Arnold

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dooley declared an interest in item 6.2 as a trustee of that charity and item 11, having been involved with Cheshire East Council corporate scrutiny relating to the item

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair will adjourn the meeting to allow questions and comments from members of the public. The meeting will then be reconvened.

There were no public present

3. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND JULY 2018

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

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

The update information was discussed and noted

5. PROJECT UPDATES

5.1 Macclesfield's Plaques.

The update was noted and members expressed that proposed form and format of the plaques is brought to committee for consideration.

5.2 Town Centre Wifi

The value of the footfall data was noted and may be of interest for future extension subject to costs and demonstrated added value.

5.3 Pocket Parks & Fruitful Communities

The delivery of one space was noted and future sites are being sought

5.4 Train Station Welcome Art

The selection process and appointment was noted. The project awaits Network Rail approval.

5.5 Sparrow Park Interpretation

Progress was noted and the project now awaits draft formatting and design of the interpretation board.

6. ASSET & SERVICE PROVISION

6.1 Weston Community Centre

The refurbishment and occupancy was noted

6.2 CAB Report

The report was welcomed but members sought that future reports contained a whole of Macclesfield map to indicate distribution of service users.

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

Members noted the data report. Members also discussed a request for additional coverage and capacity, including the suggestion of a mobile unit.

RESOLVED: That the Local Policing Unit is asked to provide a business case for the provision of a mobile CCTV unit.

6.4 DIB

The update was noted

6.5 Christmas Lights

The update was noted

6.6 AEDs

It was commented that Cheshire East Council was seeking to expand provision and the details of this intent were to be shared with the Town Clerk as soon as possible to avoid duplication of work and output.

6.7 World War I Memorials

RESOLVED:

- i. That the installation of the town's war memorials requiring a permanent home is funded to the value of £5,000
- ii. That the Town Clerk is delegated to ensure appropriate spending and clarification of ownership of the memorials.

7. PARKS & PLAY AREAS

7.1 Hall Grove & High Street Parks

The progress and expected delivery was noted.

7.2 Future delivery

Members expressed that the delivery of full refurbishment projects was a positive and measurable benefit to the town. The committee agreed that a budget of £100,000 would facilitate this ongoing delivery.

8. ACTIVE MACCLESFIELD

8.1 Park Run

The update on the service was noted

8.2 Junior Park Run

The provision of this new service was noted

8.3 Street Sports

The update on the service was noted

8.4 Supported Summer Schools

The update on the service was noted. It was expressed that a broader spectrum of activities would be beneficial in seeking to be as inclusive as possible.

9. PUBLIC REALM

9.1 Public Realm Furniture

The update on the service was noted

9.2 108 Steps, Middlewood Way and grot spots

The update on the service was noted. It was commented that recent improvement works by the Prince's Trust volunteers has been damaged. It was requested that the police are advised of this and to potentially consider more police bicycle patrols of the Middlewood Way.

9.3 Town Ranger

This item has been recommended to council for consideration and is also under consideration within the budget setting consultation.

9.4 Keep Britain tidy

RESOLVED: That the committee supports the principle and will seek to engage with the process following budget setting and the consideration of appointing a town ranger service.

9.5 Public Toilets

This item has been recommended to council for consideration and is also under consideration within the budget setting consultation.

9.6 Park Green Fountain

The sizable costs of this project caused concern and is also under consideration within the budget setting consultation.

10. BUDGET SETTING 2019/20 AS IT RELATES TO THIS COMMITTEE

10.1 Service & Asset Review

RESOLVED:

- i. That the provision of community spaces and buildings through a trust is progressed
- ii. That the Town Clerk is delegated to develop and deliver the operating vehicle for final council approval

10.2 2019/20 Forecasting Review

Amendments were advised for the following draft budget lines:

Community enforcement ~~£10,000~~ £20,000

Youth Street Activity ~~£25,000~~ £30,000 (“playing Out” added to this budget)

Planning Policy ~~£25,000~~ £0

Playing Out ~~£5,000~~ £0 (note included within “Youth Street Activity”)

RESOLVED: That the town Clerk is to present a project plan business case for town centre vacant unit redevelopment and refurbishment to this committee for consideration

11. NEW HOMES BONUS

Members were updated with the newly released details relating to the New Homes Bonus. Projects will be required to be proposed to apply for the available £121,739 funding. The funding to be open to applications from Macclesfield and its bordering/surrounding parishes.

12. REMEMBRANCE

12.1 Act of Remembrance

RESOLVED: That video display screens will be installed for this year’s act of remembrance on 11th November.

12.2 Remembrance Dinner

RESOLVED: That a budget of £2,000 is provided for a Service Person’s Remembrance Dinner

13. MEMBER ITEMS

13.1 Community Bikes

Members expressed in principle support for the concept of a community bike scheme. Cllr Jones will seek more details for consideration.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None

15. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held on 12th November 2018 at **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

Meeting closed at 9.43pm

Chair Cllr Philip Bolton

Clerk Pete Turner

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