



## **Macclesfield Town Council Full Council**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

**In Attendance:**

Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake  
Cllr David Edwardes  
Cllr Emma Gilman  
Cllr Mike Hutchison  
Cllr Sandy Livingston  
Cllr Neil Puttick  
Cllr Ruth Thompson  
Cllr Mick Warren  
Cllr Chris Wilcock  
Cllr Fiona Wilson

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr James Barber.  
Cllr Alift Harewood.

#### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **Public Questions**

The meeting was adjourned to invite comments and questions from the public.  
There were no public speakers.  
The meeting will then be reconvened.

The Chair moved item 8.1 up the agenda, please see 8.1 below for the notes

### **3 Full Council Minutes**

#### **3.1 Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 20th March 2023**

#### **3.2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 15th May 2023**

**Resolved:** The minutes were approved.

### **4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Resolved:** Cllr Hutchison raised an issue with the planning committee, that there is now only 3 members, making it very difficult to be quorate if one member cannot attend. All members are asked to consider joining the committee. Clerk was asked to explore if substitutes is possible.

### **5 Planning Committee Minutes**

#### **5.1 Planning Committee Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **5.2 Planning Committee Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

#### **5.3 Planning Committee Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The minutes are noted.

#### **5.4 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

### **6 Finance Committee Minutes**

#### **6.1 Finance Committee Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

The minutes were noted.

#### **6.2 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

### **7 Services Committee Minutes**

#### **7.1 Services Committee Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **7.2 Services Committee Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The minutes were noted.

#### **7.3 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

## **8 Community Delivery**

### **8.1 Local Police Unit**

Inspector Christian Watkins attended the meeting to give Councillors an update as follows:

- There have been a number of county lines arrests all coming in from Manchester
- 8 residents have been given criminal behaviour orders, which bans them from the Town Centre.
- 3 residents have been served eviction notices for drug dealing.

The current priorities are:

- ASB in the town centre, which has become worse in past couple of weeks. 6 people arrested for drinking, including one who is expected to be banned from Macclesfield.
- Graffiti, the PCSOs have been working through action plans with High Schools, in particular Tytherington High School, where all pupils have been spoken to and informed that graffiti is a criminal activity. There is a suspect, who is a juvenile, and who the police have spoken to.

Inspector Watkins also informed the Council that a meeting with the Football Club about parking has been arranged before end June.

Cllr Wilson is happy to liaise with Inspector Watkins prior to the meeting, and she also said residents do appreciate the effort the police have gone to with the parking issues.

Cllr Bennett-Wake welcomed speaking to the schools about ASB and graffiti. She also asked when there would be another PCSO in Hurdsfield.

Inspector Watkins explained that retention continued to be an issue and he has raised it with Commissioner Dwyer that there are 2 PCSO vacancies and he has asked them to advertise for them.

Cllr Livingstone thanked the Inspector and the police. He informed Inspector Watkins that there has been drunk and disorderly behaviour in Christ Church and he will pass this on officially. Inspector Watkins is aware of this and one of the perpetrators has already been arrested.

Cllr Edwardes said he was delighted the graffiti situation has been taken seriously by the police however there has been more incidences of graffiti that have not been reported.

Cllr Puttick said Inspector Watkins predecessor had said how can we work together to help the police, including the damage caused by ASB.

Inspector Watkins said the police do have lots of diverse activities that are designed to rehabilitate and prevent young people going into crime, however if the Council had funding and ideas they were very happy to discuss and support.

### **8.2 CAB**

The report was noted.

### **8.3 CCTV**

**Resolved:** The report was noted.

Resolved to purchase more cameras with the EMR. Clerk to come back to next Full Council after speaking to CCTV to see how many cameras they can monitor effectively and whether they can be fixed as well as mobile.

## **9 Governance Review**

### **9.1 Work Experience Policy**

**Resolved:** The above policy was approved.

### **9.2 Ward Budget Policy**

**Resolved:** The above policy was approved.

### **9.3 Recording at Meetings Policy**

**Resolved:** The above policy was approved with the change of chairman to chair.

## **10 Glow Up Grants**

**Resolved:** Proposal no. 3 was chosen as the process.

## **11 Parks and Play Areas**

**Resolved:** The proposals in the report were approved.

Clerk is requested to find out the cost of one more piece of accessible equipment in West Park for next Full Council.

Cllrs are asked to get park proposals to the Clerk in time for the Services meeting to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

## **12 Youth Engagement**

**Resolved:** The proposal in the report was deferred to the next meeting.

## **13 Champions. Working Groups and Representation on Outside Organisations**

**Resolved:** The following appointments were approved:

### **Council Champions**

- Cllr Fiona Wilson – Leisure – Outdoor Activities and Town Centre Regeneration
- Cllr Chris Wilcock – Council Identity & Communication
- Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake – Community
- Cllr Alift Harewood MBE – Transport
- Cllr Neil Puttick – Environment & Climate Emergency

### **Town Centre Recovery Working Group:**

Cllr Fiona Wilson

Cllr Sandy Livingstone or Cllr James Barber

**South Park Pavilion Working Group-**

Cllr Fiona Wilson

Cllr James Barber

Cllr Sandy Livingstone

**Britain in Bloom**

Cllr Mike Hutchison

**Community Transport**

Cllr James Barber

Cllr Ruth Thompson

Cllr David Edwardes

Cllr Neil Puttick

Cllr Alift Harewood

**Representation on the Silkmen Supporters Trust**

Cllr Mike Hutchison

**14 Ear Marked Reserves Report**

**Resolved:** The reserve proposals in the report were approved.

**15 South Park Pavilion**

**Resolved:** The Council approved the principle of obtaining a public works loan for £1,000,000 over 40 years to go towards building the South Park Pavilion.

**16 Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023, at the Town Hall.

Chair: Cllr Chris Wilcock

Clerk: Laura Smith

Meeting Closed 8:37pm