



Macclesfield Town Council Full Council

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2022 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance:

Cllr Fiona Wilson
Cllr Chris Wilcock]
Cllr Sarah Bennet- Wake
Cllr David Edwardes
Cllr Alift Harewood
Cllr Sandy Livingstone
Cllr Neil Puttick
Cllr Ruth Thompson

1 Apologies for Absence and Approval

Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Lloyd Roberts
Cllr Mick Warren
Cllr Mike Hutchison

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Questions

The meeting was adjourned to invite comments and questions from the public.

Will McKellor, CEO of CAB spoke on agenda item 9.2. He updated that the CAB has never been more in demand, and they are doing more and seeing many more people with fewer resources.

He spoke of how they have 25% fewer volunteers since covid, and yet they have many enquires on debt, welfare benefits, Christmas debt, cost of living increases and domestic fuel increases.

They have temporary funding, from CEC and CWP to employ 2 'Citizens Advocates' to help those with mental health deal with issues.

Cllr Thompspon asked what the split was of the funding, Will explained that it was one full time employee paid by CEC and one by CWP.

Cllr Bennett-Wake thanked Will and the CAB for their work and said that clearly with the cost of living increase and fuel poverty many people were suffering.

Cllr Bennett-Wake asked if they would carry out their work on the wards. Will responded yes they could.

Cllr Harewood asked about the CAB's relationship with the Crisis Café on the Weston. Will responded that they have visited and received referrals from them.

Neighbourhood Inspector, Arron Cooper from the Local Policing Unit, spoke of his new role leading and strengthening the neighbourhood team. The first thing is he will be recruiting more PCs and PCSO's especially for the town centre and he believes there needs to be an increased presence.

He also says he will be ensuring that the police have a presence at many community and parish meetings.

He has been made aware of ASB in South Park, of low level drug dealing, and has instructed PC's to step up visibility at key times in the park.

Operation Spectre was a success, with over 40 knives being recovered and handed in.

Cllr Edwardes said previous PCC David Keanne said there would be more 'bobbies on the beat' – is it realistic to have more police by the end of summer. Inspector Cooper said yes, they will be fully trained by August 2022.

Cllr Puttick, asked about knives and the PCs using their initiative for knife collections. Are police encouraging the PC's and PCSO's to follow what the community tell them. Inspector Cooper agreed that a successful neighbourhood PCSO's time is flexible and they can have the creative control to help with the issues.

Cllr Sandy Livingstone welcomed Inspector Cooper to Macclesfield and welcomes increased resources, and councillors are keen to meet new recruits, help them and do ward walks with them. Inspector Cooper very much will pursue this.

Cllr Bennett-Wake asked a question on behalf of a resident, who uses a mobility scooter to get to work, however due to pavement parking she did fall off her scooter. Inspector Cooper said that they refer it on to the CE Highways, who can consider putting in double yellow lines.

Cllr Wilcock did point out when he has used the website the information regarding PCSOs was incorrect. Inspector Cooper has updated the website but concedes it may need further updates and will ensure this is done.

Cllr Wilson asked could Inspector Cooper email the Town Clerk with all Pc's and PCSO's for each ward which was agreed.

Cllr Wilson also said how much ward walks benefited residents, Councillors and the police. She has mentioned that when Macclesfield FC play at the weekend is that parking is horrendous, and many residents cannot park. The police replied that CEC manage the parking at the football club, however it maybe in the short term it may be that the police need to get involved perhaps issuing tickets and giving advice. Inspector Cooper said he will take that away as an action.

4 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

4.1 Full Council 29th March 2022

4.2 Annual Town Meeting 11th April 2022

4.3 Annual Town Council Meeting 16th May 2022

Resolved: The minutes were approved.

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Resolved: There were no matters arising.

6 Planning Committee Minutes

6.1 Planning Committee Minutes 18th March 2022

The minutes were noted.

6.2 Planning Committee Minutes 8th April 2022

The minutes were noted.

6.3 Planning Committee Minutes 29th April 2022

The minutes were noted.

6.4 Planning Committee Minutes 20th May 2022

The minutes were noted.

6.5 Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

7 Services Committee Minutes

7.1 Services Committee Minutes 25th April 2022

The minutes were noted.

7.2 Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

8 Finance Committee Minutes

8.1 Finance Committee Minutes 9th May 2022

The minutes were noted.

8.2 Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

9 Community Delivery

9.1 Local Police Unit

Covered in the public questions.

9.2 CAB

Covered in the public questions.

9.3 CCTV

Cllr Livingstone, asked about progress on CCTV cameras at South Park and the purchase of 2 further cameras.

The clerk feedback that the one mobile camera the Town Council owns has still not been moved as requested and that it was agreed not to purchase anymore cameras until the system proves workable.

10 Governance Review

10.1 Environmental Policy

Resolved: The above policy was approved.

10.2 Information and Data Protection Policy

Resolved: The above policy was approved.

10.3 Transparency Policy

Resolved: The above policy was approved.

10.4 Whistleblowing Policy

Resolved : The above policy was approved.

11 Community Governance Review

The attached report was noted.

12 Macclesfield Town Council Staffing

The attached report was noted.

13 South Park Pavilion Update

13.1 Updated Report

The report was noted.

A further update was given with a meeting held prior to this meeting with the architect. This means that there will be 2 designs (1 storey and 2 storey) and a budget in time for next full council meeting.

There will also be a Civic event in the park on 13th August 2022, to celebrate the centenary of the park and consult the town on the designs.

A school competition is also planned for the pavilion.

13.2 Reserves Report

Resolved: To proposals in the report are approved.

Community transport reserves will be looked at by a sub committee. The ToR will be on the Services Committee meeting 11th July 2022.

Cllr Edwardes and Cllr Thompson requested to join this sub group as well as Cllr Jackson, Cllr Harewood-Jones and Cllr Puttick.

14 Community Enforcement Update

The report was noted.

15 Active Travel

Macclesfield Town Council continues to support the CEC Active travel initiatives.

16 Town Centre Recovery Working Group

The report was noted.

17 Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 25th July 2022, at the Town Hall.

Chair: Cllr Fiona Wilson

Clerk: Laura Smith

Meeting Closed: 20.28pm