



Macclesfield Town Council Services Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 2023 at 7pm at Macclesfield Library.

In Attendance:

Cllr Chris Wilcock

Cllr Fiona Wilson

Cllr Ruth Thompson

Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake

Cllr Sandy Livingstone in attendance from item 3 onwards

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Janet Jackson MBE, Cllr Neil Puttick.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Questions

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

Nick Cheetham spoke representing Barnaby Festival.

Barnaby Festival is back in person on the 17th/18th June. Nick asked everyone present to help spread the word to residents and thanked the town council for their support.

Call to action was released last week.

There will be a listening tent to find out what people want going forward.

Nick encouraged residents to register with Barnaby Festival to receive updates.

The meeting was then reconvened.

3. Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting held 27th February 2023

Resolved: The minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Resolved: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Community

5.1 Community Engagement Update

The importance of costing up the value of volunteer hours was discussed as was the impact of thanking volunteers.

The report was noted.

5.2 CVSCE

The report was noted.

6. Local Service Delivery

6.1 Events update

The Macclesfield FC football celebration to be held on the 23rd April and hosted by the Mayor was detailed.

Cllrs expressed the value of the free events offered by the Town Council.

The report was noted.

6.2 Floral Displays

The importance of putting up signs on wildflower patches was discussed.

The report was noted.

6.3 Public Toilets

The report was noted.

6.4 Festoons

The report was noted.

6.5 Tunnickliffe Trail

The report was noted.

6.6 Barnaby Parade

The update at the start of the meeting was noted.

7. Leisure and Outdoor Activities

7.1 Parks and Play Areas

The report was noted.

7.2 South Park Pavilion

The report was noted.

7.3 Playing Out

Cllr Wilson detailed the plans for the next Playing Out event in partnership with Cre8 on 27th July and the need for more groups to come forward to commit to street play and the training involved.

7.4 Allotments

RESOLVED

The committee resolved to pay 50% of the proposed cost of the improvement work to a total of £494.35

7.5 Street Sports

The report and the importance of free physical activities for young people was noted.

8. Street Scene

8.1 Public Realm Furniture

The report was noted.

8.2 Town Ranger

The committee expressed their formal thank you to the ranger team for all of their hard work and dedication to the town.

8.3 Middlewood Way Lighting

The report was noted.

8.4 01625 Gallery

The report was noted.

8.5 Community Enforcement

The new partnership was discussed as was the importance of reporting via Fix My Street.

The report was noted.

9. Town Centre Re-generation

9.1 Town Centre Recovery Working Group

Cllr Wilson updated the committee on the positivity surrounding the Snow Goose mural and the aim to improve Park Green.

The report was noted.

9.2 Footfall Mapping Data

The report was noted and the Easter event footfall data was shared with the committee. There were 12,000 visitors which is an increase of 45% on the previous week.

9.3 Town Centre Free Wi-Fi Data

The report was noted.

9.4 Town Centre Signage

The report was noted.

10. Council Identity and Communications

The report was noted and the new bollard signage was shared with the committee.

11. Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Services Committee will be held, on 10th July, 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

Chair: Cllr Chris Wilcock

Clerk: Helena Gowler

Meeting closed: 20:09