

Main points arising: Operations and Events Manager's Update for April and May 2015/ Review of Task and Finish/working groups reporting to FIED/ Festive Lights action under SO51/ FIED Committee remit

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2015 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Sewart

Cllrs. L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman and Mrs T Lorde

Attending under SO 54: Cllr Mrs J Saunders (substituting for Cllr H Murray)

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs C Gorst and T Holbrook

1. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. H Murray, M C G Sewart and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7 on the basis that he has property interests on Park Lane.

4. Minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 13th April 2015

Item 72. With reference to dog fouling, it was reported that two Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for dog fouling in Poynton.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 13th April 2015 are approved as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (NC)

5. Written update for April and May 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager

Dog Fouling

In answer to a question about the provision of dog waste bins on Middlewood Way the Operations and Events Manager said that the maximum penalty for littering filled dog waste bags is greater than that for dog fouling. Members reported that the Poynton stretch of Middlewood Way requires at least one bin. The Operations Manager will check the provision with the Rangers and report back.

The aim of the Town Council's campaign is to encourage the reporting of dog fouling incidents and hot spot areas.

RESOLVED: The use of dog fouling stencils and spray at approx. £25 was agreed. (NC)

Annual Litter Pick

The Operations Manager thanked Councillors and residents who attended the annual litter pick held on 6th June 2015. Another litter pick will be considered for the autumn.

It was reported that the state of the BT telephone exchange behind the Bull's Head is poor. The Operations Manager will follow up on this.

Play Areas

The Operations Manager noted the excellent and efficient work carried out by the Town Council's Handyman to make the area safe following the extensive vandalism at Barnaby Park.

Cllr Mrs Saunders, as Chairman of COPS, has requested a police report on this, and will forward the information to this Committee. It was reported that there are still problems with anti-social behaviour at this location.

Asked about replacement of the vandalised zip wire at Barnaby Park, the Operations Manager is following up on this issue with CE but has yet to receive any feedback. Cllr Mrs Lorde was proposed as the Town Council's representative for Barnaby Park issues, and she will contact Marianne Hodgkinson at CE to progress this.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs Lorde is the Town Council's representative for Barnaby Park, and that she will pursue the issue (NC)

In answer to a question about making the Hockley play area fit for purpose, the Operations Manager said it was short of equipment and needs substantial funding in order to have new equipment installed there. The Chairman requested that the Youth Coordinator be asked to look into obtaining funding

for this improvement and emphasis be placed on provision for under 5s. The Operations Manager agreed to bring this to the Youth Coordinators' attention. He also suggested that the Friends of Poynton Play Areas community group be approached. It was noted that the drainage and safety work has now been completed at Hockley play area.

The Operations Manager reported that the WREN website shows a funding deadline of November 2015, so they are still accepting applications.

RESOLVED: That an assessment of the Hockley play area and how it can be improved is discussed with the new Youth Co-ordinator for her to pursue (NC)

Coppice Road Drainage and Sewage Problems

The Chairman requested that the Coppice Road drainage and sewage issue raised at a recent Council Surgery is included as an agenda item at the next committee meeting. The details of this matter are with the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager's comprehensive report is received with thanks (NC)

6. FIED Task and Finish/Working Groups

Queensway Revitalisation

The Chairman provided a background to the Queensway Revitalisation Task and Finish group. It was to be checked with Cllr G Smith that he will continue to lead the group. Cllrs Mrs Gilmore and Mrs Lorde will join it. It was subsequently confirmed that Cllr G Smith had agreed to continue as Chairman of the Queensway Revitalisation Task and Finish Group.

Visitor Economy

Cllr Gorst provided a background to the Visitor Economy Task and Finish group. The group will comprise Cllrs Gorst, Berry, Mrs Saunders and the Chairman of FIED.

Civic Hall/Library Project

At the front of the Library a memorial garden has been approved in principle, and Members are required to progress this issue. It was agreed that the group is renamed as the Memorial Garden Task and Finish group with Cllr Mrs Sewart and Cllr Mrs S Horsman as members.

Middlewood Station

Cllrs Gorst, Mrs Saunders and Holbrook were agreed as members. It was noted that the provision of parking at Middlewood station needed to be publicised as part of Visitor Economy actions.

Sport/Play Areas

Bird Estate – this will be pursued through the Neighbourhood Plan.
Glastonbury Estate (area near Philips Bridge) – this will remain with local resident Mr Jacks as agreed at the previous meeting and it may possibly move to the Neighbourhood Plan in future.

Footpaths Task and Finish Group

Cllrs Mrs Sewart and C A Gorst were agreed as members along with the Town Council's CE councillors as required.

Clifford Road

Chairman of FIED and Cllr Mrs Sewart were agreed as members.

There will be an opportunity for all Town Council Members to join the various Task and Finish groups at the Town Council meeting at the discretion of the Chairman of the Parent Committee.

RESOLVED: That the work of the various FIED Task and Finish Groups item was discussed, and membership approved as outlined above (NC)

7. Purchase of festive lights.

RESOLVED: That action taken under SO 51 concerning the purchase of festive lights is noted (6 - 1 abs)

8. The FIED Remit

RESOLVED: That the remit of this Committee is reviewed and approved, in accordance with SO 42 (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm