

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Small Common Refurbishment Sub-Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandbach Town Council Small Common Refurbishment Sub-Committee held on 19 May 2021 at 7.00pm at Sandbach Town Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors: D Hegarty
G Merry
J Beddows
Geraint Price Jones

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk, Tom Biddle from Barnes Walker and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Smith
Jack
Broad
L Crane

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow questions, there being no questions the meeting was immediately reconvened.

3. PRESENTATION OF OPTIONS BY BARNES WALKER

The Chairman presented Mr Tom Biddle of Barnes Walker, who has been working with a Working Group to develop schemes for the improvement of the Small Common Car Park. His brief has been to retain the essential car parking spaces, whilst creating an area that can be used for a host of different events.

Mr Biddle has developed two Options:

Option 1

With the emphasis being on the Car Parking space. Option one retains 17 of the current 20 parking spaces, but delivers them in a uniform and accessible

plan. Despite covered areas being supplied, it is done in a way which will not present hazards to drivers.

Cantilever awnings are used in a cost-effective manner, which is an off the shelf design. Each section measures 5m² and the plan includes 6 of these, with an additional area available for publicity and seating. Drainage gulleys and power can be added as required.

The details of material for the scheme is yet to be considered, however the use of two surfaces was discussed, which might include block paving and tarmac.

Lighting is integral to the scheme, again, the type and lighting requirement will be subject to further discussion.

Pros and Cons: Being standard items there is a very short lead in time and the cost is realistic at c£50-55k, however there are design limitations due to shape and size

Option 2

With the focus being on a useable event space, the area is landscaped using hard and soft landscaping. It retains 18 parking spaces and provides a curves event area, which enhances the entrance to the Town.

Bespoke awnings are used, which helps to create the attractive design.

The detail of materials and installation of drainage, power and lighting will be determined at a later date, as per option 1.

Pros and Cons: Being a bespoke item, the cost increases to c£80-90k, there might also be concerns about future repair and replacement as this is the case. Lead in time is much longer and could be up to 15 weeks.

Considerations and Next Steps

Items requiring further work and consideration include:

- Planning Permissions
- Listed Building and Conservation Approvals
- Consultation with key stakeholders
- Council/Committee approvals
- Scheme development and delivery
- Detailed design

RESOLVED: that the presentation is received and that a report to Council be presented to Council, which will seek approval to move to the Consultation Phase.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

5. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

TBA.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded and the audio recording made available to the public within 5 working days of the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Cllr D Hegarty, Chair

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