

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Small Common Redevelopment Sub-Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2022 at 7pm
in Sandbach Town Hall.**

PRESENT

Councillors: D Hegarty
G Merry
G Price Jones (Town Mayor)
L Crane
J Beddows

Also present was were two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Smith and S Broad.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

There being no questions for the Sub Committee to answer, the meeting was reconvened.

**5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SMALL COMMON
REDEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
28 SEPTEMBER**

4. PROJECT UPDATE

[Attached: Report from the Meeting Chair]

Lead: The Meeting Chair

The Chair advised the sub-Committee members that he had circulated an agenda report which detailed progress to date, design costs and next steps.

**5. DESIGN PRESENTATION AND PROJECT COSTING OPTIONS – TOM
BIDDLE FROM BARNES WALKER**

A presentation was received from Mr T Biddle, Barnes Walker representative, in which he advised of progress in design stages and displayed the upgraded visuals. It was confirmed that, since original costing and exclusion of 2nd

(alternate) design due to prohibitive costs, the quotes for remaining design, as detailed within last correspondence, will now likely increase – particularly canopies and groundwork. As materials are not yet confirmed for surface treatment, bay markings and planters etc it is not possible to obtain fully detailed quotation.

Members discussed disability parking provision and options for increasing bay numbers and, in order to progress the project to stages for obtaining planning and consulting with members of the public it was suggested that CEC Conservation Officers are invited to review latest plans for feedback and that costs of Planning Consultant are reported back to the Chair.

As the site is used regularly for established Sandbach Market location it was requested that all the Council's Market Staff are all consulted on designs as soon as possible, and ahead of any planning application submission.

It was noted that there is likely to be a lengthy delay in the CEC Planning Process and in obtaining contractor quotations for tender and commencing works.

The Chair will contact CEC Conservation Officer to arrange site visit.
Cllr Price Jones to obtain Planning Consultant cost/contact.

6. REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL AND NEXT STEPS

A brief timeline was discussed which included meeting with CEC Conservation, reporting to Council on status of the project, preparing and submitting planning and consultation and the Chair agreed to format the full project plan/timeline and prepare a report to Council, with suggestion that funds for costed budget requirements are drawn from budgeted project funds.

The chair has provided the meeting clerk with text to be typed and circulated to the group members for feedback, in relation to consultation.

For the 6 week public consultation, as a feedback exercise, Members aim for this to take place at the time of Planning submission, will ideally be on a Thursday/Saturday market stall manned by volunteers, with details published online and in the Library and possibly with visuals available in the Charter Room, with feedback forms printed for comments. It was reconfirmed that Market Staff, as key stakeholders, will require consultation ahead of planning.

7. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting clerk will circulate dates following full Council meeting for the group to meet and discuss consultation specifics.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm
D Hegarty, Chairman
KP.