

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday, 27 July 2021 at 7.00pm, Sandbach Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr L Crane
D Hegarty
Cllr G Price Jones (Mayor)
Cllr A Smith
Cllr R Hoffmann
Cllr R Hovey
Cllr J Beddows

Also in attendance were two members of the public.

1. ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Resolved: That Cllr Hegarty be appointed Chair of Assets and Services Committee.

2. ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

Resolved: That Cllr L Crane be appointed Vice-Chair of the Assets and Services Committee.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Absent without apologies: Cllrs D Jack & S Broad

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Beddows

Declared an interest in agenda item 10 and will leave the meeting during discussion of the item.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public. There being no questions, the meeting was immediately reconvened.

5. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: Item 10 be considered in the absence of public and press due to commercial sensitivity.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 26 JANUARY 2021.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Assets & Services meeting held 26 January 2021 be approved as a true record.

7. **MARKETS & TOWN HALL OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Members expressed their thanks to the events staff for continued success in securing new bookings and hire during challenging times.

Cllr Beddows updated Members regarding market trader recruitment, following removal of barriers required for covid-safe operation, during earlier months of the pandemic and Cllr Crane referenced ongoing spates of vandalism, which is exceptionally frustrating and can hopefully be improved in future.

Resolved: The reports be received.

8. **TOWN RANGER UPDATE**

Members congratulated the Town Ranger on all efforts to improve the amenity and Council owned venues, which are not going unnoticed by residents and visitors.

Resolved: The report is received.

9. **CHRISTMAS MARKET REPORT**

An update on the circulated report was received, to confirm that there was a slight setback regarding set up process, which was being investigated by the Lead Officer and amendment to be received in due course.

Resolved: the report be deferred and update provided to next Council meeting.

10. **COMPLAINT RE TRADER**

Confidential

Cllr Beddows left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Resolved: Complaint is received and further information sought in order to progress.

11. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Item requested by this Committee that the Acting Clerk obtain a report, to be presented to the Finance Committee, regarding disputed water bill/reclaim. Further query be raised with Finance Committee regarding the previous resolution in relation to loan repayment penalties.

Items for the next Assets and Services Committee to be forwarded to the Acting Clerk and Chair.

12. **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of the Assets and Services Committee is Tuesday 2nd November 2021, Sandbach Town Hall.

Meeting closed 7.54pm
Cllr D Hegarty, Chair