

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL
Small Common Redevelopment Sub-Committee 26 JULY 2022

MINUTES

Committee Members: Cllrs D Hegarty (Chair), G Price Jones (Vice Chair), G Merry, J Beddows, S Broad, L Crane and D Poole.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

No members of the public were present.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE SMALL COMMON REDEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30 MAY 2022.

Approved.

4. SMALL COMMON PROJECT UPDATE

Lead: The Meeting Chair

The Chair summarised the report which outlined modified proposals, in line with the Council's resolution based on the engagement exercise and the estimated cost of the full scheme. He explained that the costs for the modified plan had been requested from the Quantity Surveyor but were outstanding due to leave.

The proposals were broadly welcomed although reservations were expressed regarding replacing standard parking spaces with family spaces, due to the difficulty in enforcement and perceived lack of public support for this change. The increase in disabled spaces was fully supported.

Cllr Merry agreed to liaise with Foden's regarding funding for the plinth as the deadline was approaching and this will need to be extended.

It was requested that the project group investigate the feasibility of changing the entrance point to the car park from the access road to Congelton Road. It was agreed the Chief Officer would make contact with CEC highways to check any access issues with this suggestion.

The committee were keen to see a plan of the final options before making a definite recommendation. It was agreed that the project group would ensure that the updated costs and a diagram was presented to Assets and Services Committee and Council so that an informed decision could be made.

Resolved : That Council:

- i) Consider the costed and illustrated proposals contained in this report as the revised scheme with an additional option to change the entrance point subject to CEC highways advice;
- ii) Approve the final specification for the scheme based on these considerations;
- iii) Approve the revised scheme cost is capped at the earmarked reserve level of £203K and is reduced below that as far as possible, whilst delivering the specification;
- iv) Request the architect to prepare a fill planning application based on the approved revised scheme;
- v) Ensure that robust project management plans are put in place;
- vi) Authorise appropriate tendering process plans to be put in place in line with the Council's Financial Regulations.

6. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed based on project process.

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