# SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL Small Common Refurbishment Sub-Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandbach Town Council Small Common Refurbishment Sub-Committee held on 26 August 2020 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

PRESENT Councillors: D Hegarty S Broad S Kirkham A Smith

Also in attendance was the Acting Town Clerk.

# 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr G Merry and J Beddows Absent without Apologies: Cllrs Jack and L Crane.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair adjourned the Meeting to allow questions from the Member of public in attendance.

As there were no Members of the Public on attendance, the meeting was immediately reconvened.

## 3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SMALL COMMON REDEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2020.

Due to there being an inquorate number of Members in attendance from the last meeting, the approval of these minutes is deferred until the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. Cllr Kirkham confirmed that he gave apologies for the meeting, contrary to the minutes.

## 4. BRIEF FOR HIRING A CONSULTANT

Cllr Smith confirmed that he has started to put together a draft brief for a consultant following the resolution made by A&S at their last meeting of the 28 July. He welcomed discussion from the Members of this Sub-Committee on several queries that he had regarding the brief so far:

Members were of the opinion that the consultant should provide a range of Z:\NEW FILE SYSTEM\Meetings\Small Common Refurb Sub Committee\200826\200826 Minutes Chair Approved.docx

options for different methods of resurfacing including tarmac, block paving and York Stone. The Operational Support Officer is to source a map of the limits of Council Ownership of the Small Common to share with the brief.

A short discussion took place regarding whether the covered area should be permanent or demountable. It was felt that a permanent structure would be the much preferred option. Members also noted that the consultant should giver consideration to how the cover would interact with traffic underneath it, in terms of locations of any posts, and the surrounding buildings. Cllr Kirkham offered to bring a picture of the access under the cover by the Crewe Lyceum to help inform further discussions on this. The cover must fit in/be compatible with the surrounding buildings.

Finally, Members confirmed that a third option from the consultant should be an option including mod cons such as electric, lights and car charging points. With this option, 3 general different schemes can be requested for from a consultant – Just relaying, relaying with a cover and a full project with added extras.

It was noted that consultation should take place again once there are some firm options to present from a consultant, including consultation with Market Trades.

The Operational Support Officer will locate and send details of consultants that have quoted for other works for the Town Council to Members of the Sub-Committee, with the Acting Town Clerk gaining and circulating details for conservation based consultants held by CEC.

Cllr Smith thanked Members for their useful input and confirmed that a first draft would be circulated in the fortnight following the meeting.

#### 5. TARMAC REPAIRS FOR THE SMALL COMMON

The Operational Support Officer updated Members on the current position of these repairs. One quote from the three needed has now been gained by the Facilities and Services Supervisor. On his return from Annual Leave, the Facilities and Services Supervisor will chase this the remaining two quotes as a matter of urgency. Once 3 quotes have been gained, a resolution to spend will be gained from Full Council or Community and Environment depending on when the quotes are gained. Upon a successful resolution and in consultation with the successful quote provider, work will take place as soon as possible.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

#### 7. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will tale place on Wednesday 30 September 2020 at 7.00pm on Zoom

# 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 7.33pm

Cllr D Hegarty, Chair

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