

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 5 March 2020 at the Sandbach Literary Institution, Hightown.

PRESENT Councillors: K Flavell
 M Muldoon
 S Broad
 L Crane
 R Hoffmann
 D Jack
 M Lea-O'Mahoney
 G Price Jones (Arrived 7.05)

Also present was Cllr D Hegarty and 1 member of the press.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: G Merry

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was adjourned to allow questions from public and press in attendance, there being no questions the meeting was reconvened.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held 21 November 2019 are approved as a true record.

4. EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Lead: Chair

Resolved: that:-

- i. That this Committee approves the following breakdown of spend for Events organised by the Events Sub-Committee:-
 - Family Fun Day - £1500
 - Party in the Park - £8000
 - Market Town Festival - £4500
- ii. The spend is delegated to the Clerk for management:

5. TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

Lead: Cllr Price Jones

To enable Cllr Price Jones to join the meeting and speak to this item it was deferred to follow item 6.

An evaluation document was circulated with the agenda pack and verbal update received following Cllr Price Jones' recent attendance of the transport festival committee meeting, at which Spareparts provided details of this year's activities. This is the 30th Anniversary of the event and will once again include a full programme of activities, including welcome return of the parade, and will be the last of the three-year Spareparts involvement. They have been a great partner to the Festival Committee; supporting the volunteers in putting together varied activities.

With the withdrawal of Spareparts there is opportunity for the Council to assist in future years, specifically through hosting activities in the Town Hall Complex to compliment the main event within the Town; no further funding is sought at this time by the Festival Committee.

Concerns were raised regarding lack of event sponsorship/funding from other organisations, absence of advertising for this year's event and the previous years' having diminishing links to original transport theme. As weather impacted the previous attendee numbers it was suggested that potential options be considered following the April event, to enable the Committee to establish current activities, themes and visitor numbers.

Resolved: That:-

- i. The 2019 event evaluation report is received.
- ii. Consideration of possible event support be deferred to the next meeting, following the 2020 Festival.

6. TIDY TOWN SUB-COMMITTEE & CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP

Lead: Asst. Town Clerk (ATC)

The ATC referenced Council decision 27 February 2020 dissolving both the Tidy Town Sub-Committee and Conservation Working Group, with the two becoming regular reporting items for this Committee and queried how members wanted these to be managed.

Through discussion it was suggested that the Clean Team be consulted on possibility of 'ward tidies' to clean areas in addition to the Town Centre, with Ward Councillors co-ordinating the schedule and residents being encouraged to engage. It was agreed that Cllr Crane would liaise with the Clean Team and report back to the next meeting.

The background of the Conservation Group was explained and Members requested the original working group terms of reference and Conservation Area Management Plan be reviewed at the next meeting.

Resolved: that:-

- i. Spend of £500 Tidy Town budget be delegated to the Town Clerk.
- ii. Information to be provided for next meeting from ATC and Cllr Crane.

7. CCTV REPORTS

The quarterly CEC CCTV reports were circulated with agenda papers.

Resolved: The reports are received.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

8. SKATE PARK AND CCTV EXTENSION

Members discussed the funding opportunities, current and proposed CCTV installation areas and necessity to decouple this work from the Skate Park project to allow project progression.

Resolved: that:-

- i. This Committee agrees to the decoupling of the Sandbach Park CCTV extension from the Skate Park Project.
- ii. Committee delegates Cllr David Jack to undertake consultation and discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner to establish the level of funding available under Proceeds of Crime Funding.
- iii. Committee delegates Cllr David Jack to consult with the CCTV operators and providers to ascertain the full implications and costs of the proposed extension to CCTV in and around Sandbach Park.
- iv. A fully costed report be brought back to the next possible Community and Environment Committee, in line with Safer Town and Safer Community Funding guidelines.

9. PUB WATCH RADIO LINK SCHEME

Having spent an evening with local Pub Watch, Cllr Jack provided an insight into issues of the current scheme which included poor communication devices, costs and limited premises participating. Obtaining upgrades and installing for the 43 licenced premises will offer benefits of enhanced security and safety for the Town, Businesses and Residents and improved reporting of incidents between Pub Watch and CCTV.

Resolved: that:-

- i. The Committee delegate Cllr David Jack to undertake consultation and discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner to establish the level of funding available under Proceeds of Crime Funding and Whole Of Community Safer Towns funding.
- ii. The committee delegate Cllr David Jack to consult with the radio operators and providers and Cheshire Police to ascertain the full implications and costs of the proposed upgrade and extension to Radio Link Scheme in and around Sandbach Park.
- iii. That a fully costed report be brought back to the next possible Community and Environment committee in line with Safer Town and Safer Community Funding guidelines.

10. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is to be confirmed

Meeting closed 7.45pm, Cllr K Flavell, Chair.
KP.