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Minutes

of the

Environment and General Purposes Committee meeting held 4th June 2018

In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices

- EGP18/001 Present**
Cllrs Power, Beswick, Coan, Hutchence, Malloy and Wells-Bradshaw.

In attendance: S Morgan (*Deputy Town Clerk*)
- EGP18/002 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Gray and Nicholson (personal business)
- EGP18/003 To note declarations of members' interests**
No members declared an interest in any item.
- EGP18/004 To note the committee's terms of reference**
The terms of reference were noted.
- EGP18/005 Public Participation**
A representative from Friends of the Heath spoke in relation to public waste provision on the Heath stating that they have sought costs for four new bins which they now plan to purchase.
- EGP18/006 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2018**
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.
- EGP18/007 To review the committee's progress in achieving the 2020 Vision**
The progress was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** to extend the target date on all the outstanding items by 6 months, following a discussion about Tree preservation orders and loss of trees along the highway (St John's Avenue was highlighted), where techniques to level surfaces around trees have been employed in other areas of the country. The Committee would like to seek clarification on the policy of Cheshire East Highways on the removal/protection of trees.
- EGP18/008¹ To consider the membership of working groups reporting to the committee**
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint working groups as follows:

War Memorial working group – Cllrs Coan, Dean, Hutchence and Wells-Bradshaw
Blue Plaques appraisal panel – Cllrs Coan, Hutchence and Power

¹ Cllr Hutchence arrived during this item

Highways working group – Cllrs Goodrich, Hutchence, Malloy, Power and Wells-Bradshaw

EGP18/009 To consider the committee budget and spending to date

The budget and spending to date was noted.

EGP18/010 To consider a report from the Friends of the Moor

The report was noted, and the committee expressed support for the reestablishment of the flower meadow on the Barncroft, asking whether assistance can be sought from Cheshire East Council, Knutsford In Bloom or local community volunteers with the ground preparation, which is considered a key factor in the success of the meadow. Support was also offered for outside gym equipment and thanks were passed on to Friends of the Moor for their work

EGP18/011 To consider a report from the Friends of the Heath

The report was noted, and the Chairman wished to pass on the Committee's thanks for their work.

EGP18/012 To consider the binding of the 2016/17 and 2017/18 loose leaf minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the spend of £112 for the binding of the loose-leaf minutes.

EGP18/013 To consider matters related to the creation of a cycle path connecting the Moor to Parkgate Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to formally support the cycle path proposal connecting the Moor and Parkgate Lane, with the additional proposal and support of a circular cycle route through Tatton park and back to Knutsford which would require new cycle access gates to Dog Wood. This will be further investigated by the Deputy Town Clerk with landowners including the development of a fully costed proposal and application for funding.

EGP18/014 To consider establishing a working group to explore wellbeing projects

It was **RESOLVED** to establish a working group comprising Cllrs Beswick and Power and to approve the terms of reference subject to the reduction in membership from three to two members.

EGP18/015 To consider matters related to the condition of the Bus Station

It was **RESOLVED** to convene a meeting with the relevant parties to at Cheshire East Council to discuss the issue of the bus station.

EGP18/016 Member questions to the Clerk

The Committee asked how support could be sought from other groups to get the flower meadow back (schools, guides, scouts, cadets, Barclays for example) This will be discussed with the Chair of Friends of the Moor. The Committee also asked for the Deputy Town Clerk to pass on their thanks to the Town Ranger for his hard work and excellent twitter account, querying whether the account name could include 'Bob' to make it more personal.

EGP18/017 To consider the town maintenance log

The log was reviewed and noted.

EGP18/018 To consider the actions log

The log was reviewed and noted with a request to further pursue the repair of the River Lily Bridge. A question regarding the item on the Heath railings was answered by the Committee.

EGP18/019 To note the date of the next meeting

The date was noted.

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