

# Knutsford Town Council

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## Minutes

*of the*

### Environment and General Purposes Committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

*In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices*

**EGP19/001 Present**

Cllrs Power, Abel, Beswick, Dalzell, Fletcher, Malloy and Robertson

In attendance: L Benskin (*Deputy Town Clerk*) and Cllr McCulloch

**EGP19/002 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gardiner on personal business.

**EGP19/003 To note declarations of members' interests**

Cllrs Malloy and Power declared a personal interest in EGP19/008 and EGP19/014 as committee members of Friends of the Moor. Cllr Power declared a personal interest in EGP19/014 as a former member of the British Beekeepers Association.

**EGP19/004 To note the committee's terms of reference**

The terms of reference were noted.

**EGP19/005<sup>1</sup> Public Participation**

A representative of Nether Knutsford Community Group raised concerns with respect to the hedge works carried out on the Northwich Road development site despite full planning permission not yet being in place. Concern was also raised about the removal of hedgerow on Tabley Road between two parcels of land.

**EGP19/006 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.

**EGP19/007 To consider the membership of working groups reporting to the committee**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Power, Fletcher and Beswick to the Blue Plaque Appraisal Panel. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Malloy, Coan, Abel, Power and Gray to the Highways working group.

**EGP19/008 To consider the committee budget and spending to date**

The budget and spending to date was noted.

**EGP19/009 To consider a report from the Friends of the Moor**

The report was noted.

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<sup>1</sup> Cllrs Fletcher and Abel joined the meeting during this item.

**EGP19/010 To consider a report from the Friends of the Heath**

The report was noted.

**EGP19/011 To consider matters relating to Tatton Street pavement incursion**

It was agreed that making Tatton Street one way would not be the best way to solve the issue. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to carry out further investigations with Cheshire East Council to ascertain the services and their placement in the pavement, to determine the feasibility of reducing the pavement width.

**EGP19/012 To consider matters relating to Town Centre floriculture**

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the eight concrete planters with the Amberol planters. It was requested that the planters be made of recycled plastic if possible and that officers seek funding through sponsorship to help cover some of the costs.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Ranger produce the pallet planters and bug house as detailed in report ENV1905 with a budget of £150.

**EGP19/013 To consider establishing a working group to tackle substance misuse and antisocial behaviour in the Town**

It was **RESOLVED** to set up a working group upon the terms of reference as contained in report ENV1906. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Malloy, McCulloch and Coan to the working group. Cllrs Fletcher, Beswick and Robertson asked to be copied in on the circulation list for the group and they would come to meetings as and when they could.

**EGP19/014 To consider how to spend the High Street Community Clean Up Grant**

It was **RESOLVED** to spend the grant money at the railway station to improve the gateway to the Town in conjunction with Northern Rail and the Mid Cheshire Users Railway Association. This was to include new murals on the walls, a clean-up and refresh of the station as well as any other improvements users thought were necessary. It was also considered that a Friends of Knutsford Railway Station group would be of benefit.

**EGP19/015 To consider replacement of the Wildflower Meadow and Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan Wildlife Corridor improvements**

It was **RESOLVED** that to allocate a budget line to this project in the 2020/21 budget and that preparatory work be carried out over the next few months to produce specific costed proposal including aspirational improvements to spaces and opportunity spaces for primary habitat reinstatement.

**EGP19/016 Member questions to the Clerk**

No questions were raised.

**EGP18/017 To consider the town maintenance log**

Members reviewed the maintenance log and ask that the problem with streetlights be prioritised with CEC and costings for streetlight replacements be obtained. The committee asked that this item be tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

**EGP18/018 To consider the actions log**

Members reviewed the actions log.

**EGP18/019 To note the date of the next meeting**

The date was noted.