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Minutes

of the

Environment and General Purposes Committee meeting held 9th March 2020

In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices

EGP19/058 Present

Cllrs Power, Robertson, Beswick, Dalzell, and Malloy.

In attendance: A Keppel-Green (*Town Clerk*)

EGP19/059 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fletcher (parliamentary business) and Gardiner (personal business).

EGP19/060 To note declarations of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item.

EGP19/061 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the committee.

EGP19/062 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January

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

EGP19/063 To consider the committee budget and spending to date

The budget and spending to date was noted.

EGP19/064 To consider the repair of the Speed Indicator Device

It was **RESOLVED** to repair the speed indicator device with a reconditioned RADAR if it includes a two-year warranty or such a warranty can be secured for up to an additional £100 otherwise to repair the device with a new RADAR.

EGP19/065 To consider matters related to bus services in Knutsford

The committee discussed the impact of the reduction in bus services and the importance of buses to plans for the town centre. It was noted a meeting was to be held with the Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council and it was **RESOLVED** that the priorities for service improvements are:

- a) access to medical and social care
- b) working with surrounding towns to coordinate services
- c) the provision of a town circular

EGP19/066 To consider to the changes to winter gritting routes

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Cheshire East Council requesting that the school routes are reconsidered for inclusion on the gritting routes and secondarily that Goughs Lane be reconsidered due to it being used to access Booths Hall.

EGP19/067 To consider the council nature action plan

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- a) aspire to plant 13,000 trees, corresponding to approximately one per resident
- b) approve the nature action plan and authorise officers to execute the action plan
- c) establish a Nature Action Plan working group comprising Cllrs Power, Beswick and Dalzell and Messrs Griffiths and Thomas
- d) review progress against the action plan at each committee meeting
- e) to look to undertake wildflower planting on Higher Town Green, the large layby on Mobberley Road and the verge along the river Lily
- f) undertake the planting projects to expand St Johns Wood and enhance the wildlife corridor from St John's Wood to Longridge

EGP19/068 To consider matters related to the cleanliness of the town centre

The pigeon mess outside 60 King Street and Waterstones was noted as the two main problem areas, it was agreed to write to Fisher German with respect the latter asking them to arrange regular cleaning. It was agreed that the Town Centre and Marketing Officer would continue to encourage bars and restaurants to improve the cleanliness outside their establishments.

EGP19/069 To consider a review of committee policies

It was **RESOLVED** to establish a working group comprising Cllrs Robertson, Abel and Dalzell to undertake a review of committee policies.

EGP19/070 Member questions to the Clerk

The Town Clerk responded to questions stating that previous exploration of options for dovecotes to reduce the pigeon population in the town centre had been unsuccessful due to a lack of viable locations for their installation and that the installation of cycle parking would be prioritised once the new Planning and Facilities Officer was in post.

The Town Clerk sought the committee's view on the installation of the spare Amberol planters.

EGP19/071 To consider the town maintenance log

It was noted that some issues had been resolved and that the graffiti on the utilities box on Thorneyholme Drive needed adding to the log.

EGP19/072 To consider the actions log

The log was noted.

EGP19/073 To note the date of the next meeting

The date was noted.