



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th FEBRUARY 2017

Present Councillors B. Minshall, Roberts, D. Yates and S. Yates.

In attendance: R. MacKenzie (Deputy Town Clerk/Economic Development Officer).

16/5/01 ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Hickson, Councillor S. Yates took the Chair for the meeting.

16/5/02 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Beard, Hickson, Johnson and John Rhodes.

16/5/03 TO NOTE DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interest.

16/5/04 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th October 2016.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

16/5/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

No questions were raised.

16/5/06 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATED TO HS2

Members received a presentation from Messrs John Atkinson and Raj Chandarana of HS2 Ltd. regarding recent announcements and consultations related to the Phase2b Crewe to Manchester link.

Messrs Atkinson and Chandarana were thanked for their helpful presentation. It was **resolved:**

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- (1) that the following responses be made to current consultations:
 - (a) Crewe to Manchester route refinement consultation – the Town Council has no comments to make on the refinements currently subject to consultation but notes that further route refinement will be required to accommodate a northern link between the West Coast Mainline and HS2, and that such a link is vital to ensure frequent services stop at the Crewe Hub Station to provide links to the regional rail network and spread the benefits of HS2 to a wider area.
 - (b) Rural support zone consultation – the Town Council considers that the rural support zone boundary for Phase 2b north of Crewe should commence at the northern tunnel portal on both sides of the route. The proposal in the consultation draft is inequitable in that some properties in a rural setting are covered and others along Broughton Road are not. Moreover it is unreasonable that properties on one side of the line qualify for support, whilst those on the other side do not. All of this part of Crewe should be classed as rural as it is surrounded by open countryside.
- (2) That the Deputy Town Clerk in consultation with Councillor Yates be given delegated authority to extend the arrangement for specialist services with JRA Ltd. to secure advice and support to make a strong case for the best disposition and design of the Hub Station, and other matters related to HS2, the cost of which should not exceed £7000.
- (3) That the Town Council welcomes the efforts made by HS2 Ltd to inform and engage local residents and stakeholders, and considers that there should be the same level of local involvement and consultation about Network Rail’s proposals for the hub station.

16/5/07 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE DIALOGUE WITH CHESHIRE EAST WITH REGARD TO THE MARKETS IN CREWE

Councillor Yates provided an update on dialogue with Cheshire East Council with regard to the Markets in Crewe.

16/5/08 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH DESTINATION CREWE

The Deputy Town Clerk gave a progress report on Destination Crewe.

16/5/09 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH THE CREWE PLEDGE AND FUTURE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk on the achievements of the Crewe Pledge and it was **resolved** that the recent progress made by the Crewe Pledge be welcomed, and that £8000 be paid to South Cheshire Chamber from this committee’s 2016/17 budget to assist with future activities in Crewe, particularly in relation to disadvantaged young people. The Town Council would like to see some evidence of outcomes for young people following engagement with the Crewe Pledge. The Town Council is pleased to note that all secondary schools and colleges are involved in the Pledge and would like to be re-assured that efforts will be made to ensure that schools with smaller numbers participating in Pledge activities between September and December 2016 increase levels of involvement.

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16/5/10 TO REVIEW THE YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE COMMITTEE

The financial position for the year to date was noted.

16/5/11 TO NOTE THE BUDGET ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON 17TH JANUARY 2017 INsofar AS THEY RELATE TO THIS COMMITTEE.

The reduced Committee budget for 2017/18 was noted. It was agreed that the Committee will discuss spending priorities for the coming year at its next meeting.

16/5/12 TO CONSIDER THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING (Thursday 16th March 2017).

Members noted the date of the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.58 p.m.

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