

Crewe Town Council

Finance and Resources Committee

1 Chantry Court
Forge Street
Crewe
CW1 2DL



Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2018

- 17/5/01** Present
Cllr Jill Rhodes, Maroni, Lundie, P Minshall, Roberts and S Yates.
- In attendance: Steve McQuade (Town Clerk)
- 17/5/02** To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Beard and D Yates
- 17/5/03** To note declarations of Members' interests
There were no declarations made.
- 17/5/04** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2018
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.
- 17/5/05** Public Participation
A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments
There were no questions asked.
- 17/5/06** To review the year to date expenditure for the Committee and for Council as a whole and to review and consider debts to the Council¹
Members noted the present financial position and level of debt.
- 17/5/07** To receive and consider an update in relation to Crewe Markets (Cllr Yates).
Cllr Yates provided an update on the Crewe Markets and the status of the ongoing project. It was noted that:
1. The scheme for the improvement of the hall is going through the pre-planning stage prior to the formal planning process.
 2. Traders have been given notice in the indoor market and meetings are planned to finalise the arrangements for individual traders.
- 17/5/08** To consider an update from the Leader in relation to the provision of streetscene and public space management services in Crewe.
Cllr Yates updated members with regard to his meetings with Cheshire East. It was noted:
- That the Crewe Ranger service would be extended from April.
 - The Town Centre Manager has been asked to set out a report to the next meeting that details the working arrangements of the Ranger Service. The focus is to be on those matters that have the greatest impact on people's lives, how the town looks, improvement in the pocket parks and avoidance of double taxation issues.
 - Dialogue with Ansa would be taking place to ensure there was a three year rolling

¹ Cllr Roberts joined the meeting at this point.

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contract to ensure continuity and planning of the service could be on a stable basis.

- The Leader would be meeting the Cheshire East Leader to discuss environmental matters including the use of surplus monies from the enforcement activity in Crewe.

Cllr Robert's updated members on other issues including the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders.

17/5/09 To receive and consider an update in relation to the allotments in Crewe.

Members noted the update from the Clerk and **resolved** that

- Council incur the capital expenditure at the Ford Lane and Walker Street for the purposes specified by the sites i.e. fencing provided that the final registration of the leases are completed and that the sites provide evidence of three quotes.
- Council authorise the Hulme Street site to enter into dialogue with Cheshire East to access the £7k of s106 funding for the purposes of providing toilet and washing facilities, secure storage, digger hire and hardcore. This to be subject to the site providing evidence of three quotations and to a future meeting giving the formal permission to proceed with the works.

17/5/10 To receive an update from internal audit (Cllrs Jill Rhodes, P Minshall and Beard).

Members provided an update on internal audit indicating there had been no opportunities to conduct an audit over the Christmas period.

17/5/11 To consider a report from the appointed internal auditor

Members considered the report of the internal auditor and agreed that the Clerk implement the recommendations and issue a formal response. Members asked that the Clerk report back on the GDPR compliance arrangements at the next meeting.

17/5/12 To consider the disposal of all or some of the items presently held in storage in light of the valuation of those items and the ongoing cost of storage.

Members **resolved** that Cllr P Minshall accompany Cllr Flude (Cheshire East) to look at the items and consider what needed to be retained.

17/5/13 To consider accepting the transfer of the John McBride Trust account into the remit of the Town Council.

Members noted the recommendation of the internal auditor on this matter and on that basis agreed that the Clerk proceed to arrange a transfer. The Clerk would add an item to Council to ensure formal approval of acceptance.

17/5/14 To consider an update on joint working arrangements with Kidsgrove Town Council.

The Clerk provided an update on the joint working relations.

17/5/15 To consider the date of the next meeting (20th March 2018)

Members noted the date of the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 20:00

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