



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2016

Present: Cllrs, Hickson, B. Minshall, John Rhodes, Roberts, and S. Yates.

In attendance: Cllr Jill Rhodes, S. McQuade (Town Clerk); and R. MacKenzie (Deputy Town Clerk/Economic Development Officer).

16/3/01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Beard, Johnson and D. Yates

16/3/02 TO NOTE DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interest.

16/3/03 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd August 2016.

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

16/3/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

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

No questions were raised.

16/3/05 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON HS2 AND OTHER CURRENT RAIL ISSUES

Members considered a report from JRC looking at issues around the location of the Crewe Hub station, the level of train services to aspire to, and what actions the Town Council should take to get the best outcomes for the town. It was **resolved** to approach Cheshire East Council with a view to developing a joint programme of activity.

16/3/06 TO NOTE AND CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH ACTIONS TO IMPROVE CREWE TOWN CENTRE INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON MARKET TRANSFER.

Members noted progress with the actions agreed at their meeting on 23rd August, and through the Town Centre Working Group. It was **resolved**:

- 1) To investigate the opportunity to create a display promoting the Town Council in a vacant shopfront
- 2) To seek help from local schools, colleges and other organisations to survey town centre users using the questionnaire designed by Marketing Cheshire

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16/3/07 TO NOTE AND CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH DESTINATION CREWE.

It was noted that the design of a leaflet including a map is well advanced, and that a familiarisation visit for business travel agencies has been arranged.

16/3/08 TO NOTE AND CONSIDER PROGRESS WITH THE CREWE PLEDGE.

It was noted that additional funding has now been secured for the Pledge and that a full programme of activities for the coming academic year has been agreed. The establishment of a charitable incorporated organisation to widen access to funding is under consideration.

16/3/09 TO CONSIDER THE CONSULTATION ON THE SOUTH CHESHIRE COLLEGE MERGER PLANS.

Councillor Yates reported that following a Local Area Review it is proposed that South Cheshire College merge with Mid-Cheshire College, West Cheshire College and Warrington Collegiate in a phased process. It was **resolved** to respond to the consultation as follows:

“Crewe Town Council is proud to have as a partner, a further education college in Crewe which has a “Good” overall Ofsted rating and an “Outstanding” financial rating providing excellent facilities, education and training to young people and adults living in the town.

Whilst understanding the reasons for the proposed merger and supporting the proposal, Crewe Town Council is concerned that the merger with a highly challenged College may result in expertise and management attention being diverted away from the Crewe site and a strain placed on the ability of the merged College to raise the standard of teaching and learning and the financial viability across the board.”

16/3/10 TO REVIEW THE YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE COMMITTEE

The financial position was noted.

16/3/11 TO CONSIDER THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING (Thursday 10th November 2016).

Members noted the date of the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.35 p.m.

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