Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September

17/3/01  Present
Cllr Maroni, P Minshall, Jill Rhodes, Roberts, D Yates and S Yates.

In attendance: Cllrs B Minshall and Straine-Francis. Steve McQuade (Town Clerk)

17/3/02  To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lundie.

17/3/03  To note declarations of Members’ interests
There were no declarations made.

17/3/04  To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017
The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as an accurate record.

17/3/05  Public Participation
A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments
Mr Jackson asked a number of questions in relation to Sandon Street and measures to help address the issues of cleanliness.

17/3/06  To review the year to date expenditure for the Committee and for Council as a whole and to review and consider debts to the Council – See agenda notes, income & expenditure tables for Council and Committee and debt summary
Members noted the date presented.

17/3/07  To receive and consider an update in relation to Crewe Markets
Cllr S Yates provided an update in relation to the investment by Cheshire East in the markets. Cllr Yates emphasised the need to ensure that traders are kept fully informed around the process and the likely impact on businesses. The Town Council is actively supporting and leading on parts of that process.

17/3/08  To consider an update from the Leader in relation to the provision of streetscene and public space management services in Crewe and to seek a resolution to authorise negotiations with Cheshire East on transfer / devolution of functions
Cllr S Yates updated members on dialogue with Cheshire East on the devolution or transfer of functions.

Members resolved that the Clerk and Leader be authorised to conduct formal negotiations with Cheshire East in line with the parameters set out in the paper

1  Cllr Maroni took the chair.
2  Cllr Straine-Francis joined the meeting during this item.

Chairman’s Initials........................
17/3/09 To receive and consider an update in relation to the allotments in Crewe
The Clerk provided an update on the present situation with regard to allotments. The
Clerk explained that:
1) the situation with Cheshire East is now very close to final resolution and sign
off.
2) the Council’s legal advisor continued to chase the legal representative of the
three sites not in the Federation.
3) the finalisation of a number of leases between the Federation and Associations
remain to be completed.

17/3/10 To receive an update from internal audit (Cllrs Jill Rhodes, P Minshall and Beard).
Cllr Rhodes updated members on the audit carried out on 15th September. All matters
were in order, but audit recommended that the processes on securing project completion
information from grant recipients be strengthened as very few grant recipients were
providing evidence of the benefits that accrued as result of receiving Council funding.

17/3/11 To consider matters related to the use of Chantry Court:
1. Installation of honour’s boards and civic portraits.
2. Upgrade of projection system.
3. Office furniture requirements.
4. Storage/disposal of unused furniture items.
5. Upgrade to CCTV system.

Members made the following resolutions:
1. That framed portraits be installed in the meeting room and efforts continue to
have the names placed on the boards in the Municipal Building.
2. That no action be taken.
3. That the budget be increased by £500.
4. That a formal valuation is undertaken and that the piano be moved to storage.
5. That the CCTV system be upgraded as per the quote.

17/3/12 To consider policy in relation to the use of roundabouts in Crewe by Cheshire East for the
purposes of sponsorship and advertising.
Cllr Rhodes and Roberts updated members on the emerging policy at Cheshire East.
Members welcomed the introduction of policies in this area by Cheshire East especially
given the offer that the Town Council’s logo could appear on the signs.

Members discussed the potential need for an iconic item on the new Crewe Green Island.

17/3/13 To consider matters related to the routine publication of member attendance at
meetings.
Cllr S Yates asked members to approve the publication of member attendance data on
the Council website. Members resolved that the data should be published routinely.

17/3/14 To consider matters related to the Council’s establishment and note that a Post Review
had taken place in line with the Council’s policy.
Members noted the completion of the process related to a post review.

17/3/15 To consider an update on joint working arrangements with another Town Council.

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3 Cllr Roberts joined the meeting at this point on the agenda.
Chairman’s Initials....................
Cllr S Yates provided an update to members on discussions with Kidsgrove Town Council and members agreed that the dialogue continue.

17/3/16  To consider the date of the next meeting (21st November 2017)
Members noted the date of the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 20:05