**Crewe Town Council**

**Town Development Committee**

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th August 2019**

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| ***Present*** | Councillors; Cosby, Faddes[[1]](#footnote-1), Hogben, Messent, Minshall, Morrisey[[2]](#footnote-2), Walton | |
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|  | In attendance:  Councillor Dunlop, Lindsay Lewis (Town Centre Project Officer). | |
| ***19/01/01*** | | **To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair** | |
|  | | Cllr Jamie Messent was elected Chair.  Cllr Joe Cosby was elected Vice-Chair. | |
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| ***19/01/02*** | | **To receive apologies for absence.** | |
|  | | Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Palin and Cllr Howes | |
|  | | Councillors Faddes and Morrisey joined the meeting. | |
| ***19/01/03*** | | **To note declarations of Members’ interests.** | |
|  | | No declarations were made. | |
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| ***19/01/04*** | | **To note the terms of reference of the committee.** | |
|  | | Members ***noted*** the terms of reference for the Committee. | |
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| ***19/01/05*** | | **Public Participation** | |
|  | | *A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.*  *Mr S. Yates addressed members with regard to the paper in item 8:*  *He requested that Crewe Town Council seek to influence Cheshire East Council and introduce measures to set a standard to support and take action on animal welfare. Information and evidence in his proposal had been obtained from charities and local authorities which were already developing strategies and new practices to overcome such issues.*  *Mr P. Kent spoke as Chairman of the Heritage Working Group to observe and thank the Town Council for its interest in Heritage. It was stated that there has been an untapped vein of local pride which it was intended to develop through celebrating and promoting Crewe’s History. It was hoped that this would in turn support an improved sense of wellbeing for residents. The Heritage strategy is intended to be shared and consulted upon with the wider community to help determine and present priorities. This is the foundation for work to do in the future and connects with the Cultural Strategy being enabled by Cheshire East Council, and has been met with overwhelming support from local stakeholders.*  *Mr K. Edwards spoke as Chairman of the Residents’ Association for the Railway cottages. They have identified a scheme of projects which they would like to develop. The initial project is to restore the gates and the intention to make a grant application for which he requested support.*  **The Chair thanked all of the speakers for their contributions and stated that he would change the order of agenda to respond to their comments.** | |
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| ***19/01/06*** | | **To note the year to date financial position for the Operations and Improvement Committee.** | |
|  | | It was pointed out that the allotments were still managed by the Town Clerk  There may be revisions to cost centres included subject to discussion with the Marketing and Events Officer.  Amendments: bookings figure should transfer to Events and Marketing Budget.  Members ***noted*** the year to date financial position for the Operations and Improvement Committee. | |
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| ***19/01/07*** | | **To consider Matters related to the draft Heritage Strategy produced by the Heritage Working Group.[[3]](#footnote-3)** | |
|  | | Membersexpressed thanks to the Heritage Working Group for their hard work in producing an excellent strategy.  Members ***resolved*** to recommend that the Strategy be adopted by the Town Council subject to public consultation.  Members noted that in order to deliver the Strategy, additional officer time would be required and **resolved** that this should be considered during the 2020/21 budget process. | |
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| ***19/01/08*** | | **To consider matters related to a paper on Animal Welfare Protection submitted by Mr S. Yates.[[4]](#footnote-4)** | |
|  | | Members expressed thanks to Mr Yates for his submission.  Mr Yates was allowed to respond to Cllrs Cosby regarding the use of glyphosates.  Members **resolved** to request that the planning committee supports the recommendations to enable the free movement of hedgehogs in its response to the consultation on the Cheshire East Local Plan Site allocations and development policies document.  Members ***resolved*** to send a letter to Cheshire East Council, and Ansa to request that they:   * Investigate the use of alternatives to glyphosate pesticides in the town. * Ban the use of animal snares on council land. * Facilitate the re-wilding of verges. | |
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| ***19/01/09*** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **To receive an update on the project to create a Parks and Open Spaces Masterplan for the Crewe area.** | | | The Town Centre Projects Officer updated members on the Open Spaces Masterplan for the Crewe area. | | |  | |   Members***noted*** the update and requested support for people in those areas which do not have organised groups, to become involved in plans for improvements. | |
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| ***19/01/10*** | | **To receive an update on the Valley Park project.** | |
|  | | The Town Centre Projects Officer updated members on the Valley Park Project  Members ***noted*** the update  Cllr Messent announced the Valley Park festival in August and requested that members supported this. | |
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| ***19/01/11*** | | **To consider matters related to supporting the re-development of Christ Church.** | |
|  | | The Town Centre Projects Officer updated members on the project to re-develop Christ Church.  Members ***resolved*** to support an application to the Architectural Heritage Fund to develop the next stage of the project including employment of a project support officer, and requested that the Town Centre Project Officers liaise with the Christ Church project team to produce this. | |
| ***19/01/12*** | | ***To consider matters related to improving the planting scheme Vernon Way.*** | |
|  | | Members ***resolved*** to support investment in to the new planting scheme and requested that the Town Centre Projects Officer made arrangements with Ansa, and looked to extend the scheme benefits in to the permanent planters. | |
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| ***19/01/13*** | | **To receive an update on the work of the Rangers and Street Scene Improvement Officers.** | |
|  | | Members **noted** the update  The Chair asked for a note of thanks to the volunteers who have supported efforts to help with regard to Beechmere Residential home.  Members expressed thanks for the team’s rapid response to issues.  Thanks for yellow park it has been noticed by residents and had never looked so tidy. | |
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| ***19/01/14*** | | **To receive an update on the Town Centre Regeneration** | |
|  | | The Town Centre Project Officer provided a verbal update on the Town Centre Regeneration including:   * Future High Streets Fund * Royal Arcade installation of signage * Market Hall – Procurement of Operator * Meeting with Arriva by Cllrs Messent and Minshall.   Members ***noted*** the update and requested that the Town Centre Improvement Officer liaised with Arriva and CEC officers to investigate visual improvements to the presentation of the bus station.  They expressed appreciation of the on – going support from Arriva. | |
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| ***19/01/15*** | | **To consider matters relating to lighting a Christmas Tree on Crewe Green Roundabout.** | |
|  | | Members ***resolved*** to support the proposal to light a Christmas Tree on Crewe Green Roundabout. Members requested that the Town Centre Project Officer investigate the costs of an additional tree, which would be agreed via a call-in process. They ***resolved*** to support the installation of a sculpture on the roundabout in the future. | |

***19/01/16*** **To agree the date of the next meeting.**



Members ***resolved*** to hold the next Operations and Improvement meeting on the **8th October** and noted future dates for discussion at the next meeting:

9th December, 20th January 2020, 24th March 2020

Members discussed holding meetings without the use of paper for the future and requested that this be added to the next Agenda.[[5]](#footnote-5)

1. Arrived at 7.10pm [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Arrived at 7.10pm [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. On request of members and to respond to presentations from the public, this item was discussed immediately after item 8 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. On request of members and to respond to presentations from the public, this item was discussed immediately after item 5 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Meeting finished at 20.25 hours [↑](#footnote-ref-5)