**Crewe Town Council**

**Operations and Improvements Committee**

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2019**

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| ***Present*** | Councillors; Messent, Cosby, Faddes, Morrissey, Hogben, Walton Toth, Minshall | |
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|  | In attendance:  Councillor Brian Roberts\* Lindsay Lewis (Town Centre Project Officer). | |
| ***19/02/01*** | | **To Receive Apologies for absence** | |
|  | | Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G. Palin, Councillor P. Howes and Councillor D. Flude. | |
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| ***19/02/02*** | | **To note declarations of Members’ interests.** | |
|  | | No declarations were received. | |
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| ***19/02/03*** | | **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 2019** | |
|  | | The minutes were agreed and signed. | |
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| ***19/02/04*** | | **Public Participation** | |
|  | | A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.  It was agreed to suspend standing order for members of the bus users group to comment on item 12. | |
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| ***19/02/06*** | | **To receive and consider a report from a representative of Crewe and Nantwich Gymnastics Club.\***  Mr Stuart Deeley D provided an update on the progress since the last meeting with Crewe Town Council and asked members if they supported the club remaining in Crewe.  Members ***resolved*** to support the maintenance Crewe and Nantwich Gymnastics and Community Activities Centre in Crewe, and delegated responsibility to the Town Centre Projects Officer and Chair to assist the club with their enquiries, and to facilitate meetings to explore options with other parties. | |
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| ***19/02/07*** | | \***Councillor B.Roberts joined the meeting at the beginning of item 6.**  **To consider Matters related to Town Centre lighting enhancements.**  **The Town Centre Projects Officer reported on the meeting held to discuss the future lighting schemes for the Christmas lights and permanent lighting enhancements.** | |
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|  | | Members noted the report and ***resolved*** to support the purchase of LED lights and the installation of a temporary sound and lighting scheme for Christ Church over the Lumen period and to delegate responsibility to the Project Officer to approve expenditure within the Range of £3000. They agreed consider the Market Square lighting scheme when a quotation was available. | |
| ***19/02/08*** | | **To receive an update on the Parks and Open Spaces Masterplan and Valley Park Project.** | |
|  | | The Town Centre Project Officer briefed members on the progress in ordering items of equipment for Valley Park and plans for community involvement in planting bulbs, as well as support given to the Valley Park Festival. Also reported was the intention to hold a meeting at Queens Park on the 28th October for all residents wishing to be involved in the Master Plan and support for local parks.  **Members noted the update.** | |
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| ***19/02/09*** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **To receive an update on the work of the Street Scene Improvement Officers.** | | |  | | | |
|  | | Members ***noted*** the update and gave a vote of thanks for their work and attention to detail. They asked for a detailed discussion of waste matters at a future meeting. | |
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| ***19/02/10*** | | **To consider matters relating to Market Hall Improvements.** | |
|  | | Item removed from the Agenda, to be discussed at the next meeting. | |
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| ***19/02/11*** | | **To Receive an update on the work of the Crewe Rangers.** | |
|  | | The Town Centre Projects Officer delivered a briefing on the current work of the Rangers.  Members***noted*** the update and passed their thanks to the Rangers for their hard work.  **Standing orders were suspended to continue the meeting beyond 9pm and to allow members of the public to address the committee**. | |
| ***19/02/12*** | | ***To consider matters related to environmental improvements to Crewe Bus Station.*** | |
|  | | Members of Crewe Bus Users Group addressed the Committee and raised their concerns regarding the safety of the bus station. It was acknowledged that such issues were beyond the control of Crewe Town Council and should be raised with Arriva. The Town Centre Projects Officer then reported on the discussions had with Arriva and Cheshire East Council to improve the appearance of the bus station (as requested at the meeting on the 13th August). | |
|  | | Members ***resolved*** to support environmental improvements by purchasing planters and decorative information boards with a contribution of £1000 to be matched by Arriva and Cheshire East Council. This contribution to be held until confirmation of a start date for work on the new bus station is confirmed so that the information could be shared on the boards. | |
| ***19/02/13*** | | **To consider the response to Cheshire East Council’s Economic Strategy Consultation.**  The Town Centre Projects Officer presented the proposed response to the consultation. | |
|  | | *Members* **resolved** *to support the response to be sent to CEC and requested that additional points were made:* **Objective 2** – that they would like to see more detail from Cheshire East council on how they propose to deal with the issues raised with regard to the specific housing problems in Crewe.  **Objective 6** – that more emphasis would be welcomed on engagement with and support for people with disabilities to access and stay in work. | |
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| ***19/02/14*** | | **To consider a proposal to make the Operations and Improvements Committee paper- free.**  **The Town Centre Projects Officer and Chair of the Committee reported to members on the requirements to enable paper – free meetings and the quotation obtained by the Town Clerk to achieve this.**  Members ***resolved*** to conduct paper- free meetings in the future, with exceptions to be made where members were unable to access or use information electronically. They requested a detailed report with options for the equipment needed to facilitate this for the next meeting. | |
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| ***19/02/15*** | | **To consider a proposal to hold a planning workshop ahead of the next committee meeting.** | |
|  | | Members ***resolved*** to hold a planning meeting and asked the Town Centre Projects officer to circulate the suggested dates:  28th,29th, or 30th October  20th or 21st November | |

***19/02/16*** **To agree the date of the next meeting.**



Members ***resolved*** to hold the next Operations and Improvement meetings on the

Monday 9th December

Tuesday 20th January 2020

Tuesday 24th March 2020

**The meeting closed at 10.07pm**