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**Crewe Town Council**

**Operations and Improvements Committee**

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019**

The Chair of the Committee called for a minute’s silence in memory of Councillor Dorothy Flude who sadly passed away last week.  Members expressed their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Dorothy’s family, colleagues and friends at this sad time. The Chair acknowledged everything she had done for Crewe and for the Town Council.

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| ***Present*** | Councillors; Jamie Messent, Joe Cosby, Phoenix Morrisey, Lena Hogben, Hazel Faddes, Nanette Walton. | |
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|  | In attendance:  Lindsay Lewis (Town Centre Project Officer). | |
| ***19/03/01*** | | **To Receive apologies for absence** | |
|  | | Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr Gary Palin, Benn Minshall, Paul Howes. | |
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| ***19/03/02*** | | **To note declarations of Members’ interests.** | |
|  | | No declarations were received. | |
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| ***19/03/03*** | | **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2019** | |
|  | | The minutes were agreed and signed. | |
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| ***19/03/04*** | | **Public Participation** | |
|  | | A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.  No members of the public attended. | |
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| ***19/03/05*** | | To note the year to date financial position for the Operations and Improvements Committee.  Members **noted** the financial position of the committee. | |
| ***19/03/06***  ***19/03/07*** | | To consider matters relating to the budget for 2020/21.  Councillor Cosby declared an interest in the budget item for parks and allotments.  Members **resolved** to support the proposed budget with the following comments:  The Town Centre Projects Officer was asked to make enquiries to clarify the criteria for the allocation of allotments funds.  With regard to lighting schemes, it was requested that Vernon Way be added to the next agenda.  With regard to heritage, it was requested that a discussion be held at the next meeting to consider a tribute to Councillor Flude.  The addition of a budget of £2000 for Transport Consultancy to inform a response to the pending Cheshire East Council Crewe Parking Strategy.  Members also **resolved** to support the proposal from CAT radio to carry out 8 events in the town centre over 2020/21 including one in the build up to Christmas, @ £550 per event.  To consider matters relating to delivery of the Heritage Strategy and redevelopment of Christ Church.  Members ***noted*** the update and ***resolved*** to support the employment of a full- time Heritage Officer for three years, if the application to the Architectural Heritage Fund was successful. They also delegated responsibility to the Town Centre Projects Officer to bring forward a press release, in the event of the funds being awarded. | |
| ***19/03/08*** | | To receive an update on the work of the Rangers and Street Scene Improvement Officers. The Town Centre Projects Officer gave a verbal update.  Members **noted** the update and passed their thanks to the Rangers and SSIOs for their hard work and additional support given to recent town centre events. | |
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| ***19/03/09*** | | To consider matters related to the delivery of a suspended art display for Crewe Town Centre**.** | |
|  | | Members **resolved** to support the project as previously requested by the Town Development Committee to the value of £15,000, and delegated powers for the selection of the supplier following an open tender process to a panel made from the Cultural Forum, with final ratification by Crewe Town Council. | |
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***19/03/10*** **To note the date of the next meeting.**



Members **noted** the date of the next Operations and Improvement meetings on the

Monday 20th January 2020.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**