



NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st OCTOBER 2021.

Present – Councillors: Peter Groves (Chair), Penny Butterill (Vice Chair), Carole Thomas, John Statham with Sheryl Birtles Deputy Clerk and Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk.

Also present: Councillors Stuart Bostock and David Greaves

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Andrew Martin and Phil Staley

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

20. MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE OF 29th July 2021

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 29th July 2021.

21. CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Clerk highlighted areas of the Corporate Strategic Plan actions that she sought guidance on, particularly relating to devolution of services, adding that where progress has been made or actions have been completed she had recorded this next to the action. Councillor Marren asked if a response had been provided to Cheshire East on their draft Asset Transfer policy. Councillor Statham and Councillor Groves agreed that the actions linked to devolution should be delayed until the Asset Transfer policy is approved.

Councillor Bostock expressed concern in delays due to the issues and funding requirements for the Barony Park. The Clerk suggested that as the Barony Park relied on funding and the Town Council does not have funding availability in either the 2021 budget or the draft 2022 budget then there would be no impact on delaying considering the Town Council's position on the future of any asset transfers. The Clerk suggested that she could bring a paper to a Policy Committee in the new calendar year with a view to setting up a working group to consider the Town Council's position on asset transfer in time for budget setting for 2023.

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the suggestion of the Clerk to form a working group in the new calendar year to consider the Town Council's position on asset transfer.

22. CLIMATE CHANGE

Members considered the previously circulated report relating to the declaration of a Climate Emergency by the Town Council. Whilst all members supported the idea of taking action and developing a plan to reduce and off-set carbon emissions as a council and to help the town, they did not like the phrase "Climate Emergency" and suggested an alternative title could be given to any developed plan. Members also supported the need to involve other key stakeholders.

Resolved: It was resolved to recommend that Full Council approve the development of a plan to reduce and off-set carbon emissions.

23. TOURISM STRATEGY

The Clerk gave members a presentation from the Visit England website providing guidance on developing Destination Management Plans (Tourism Strategies). Following the presentation members were very supportive of agreeing a working group to include

non-member representation from other key stakeholders in the town. Both Councillors Groves and Statham expressed an interest in joining the working group.

Resolved: It was resolved to recommend that Full Council agree a working group including non-member representation to develop a Tourism Strategy.

Councillor David Marren left the meeting at 7.28pm

24. PLANNING CONTROL

Members considered the planning applications and supported the recommendations of the Clerk.

Resolved: It was resolved that the recommendations of the Clerk be reported to Cheshire East.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....