

## TOWN PARK STEERING GROUP

### NOTE OF A MEETING ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018, WTC CHAMBER

Present: Councillors S Smith, A Hooton, M Gaskill and M Kennedy

Mark Bailey (Town Clerk/Finance Officer)

Jo Comerie (Senior Programme Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council)

#### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Minutes from the meeting of the Steering Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were presented.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the above minutes

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

#### 5. PROPOSALS FOR TOWN PARK RE-DEVELOPMENT

Jo Comerie attended the meeting on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council following an invitation from the Steering Group. The following areas were discussed:

- *Redevelopment of the Town Park* – JC reported that work is proceeding well, although there have been delays due to installing the art structures. Now looking at week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to open the Park formally.

Members asked if the Park could be opened at the weekend – JC said that the week was being looked at for the opening because it could be combined with the opening of the Hub at Wyvern House.

Members wanted children to be involved from local schools.

It was suggested that a brass band could be part of the opening.

It was agreed to hold the opening after the end of the school day (at 3.30pm)

- *Security* – JC confirmed that no budget is available for fencing the Park in although CCTV could be installed.

Members thought that the Park could get vandalised and thought that the security issue needed to be dealt with.

The issue of street lighting was raised – and it appears that there are some possibilities to improve the lighting.

The Clerk confirmed that enquiries have been made into installing CCTV on the Park.

It was agreed to review the situation at the next meeting of the Steering Group

- *Food Provision* – it was reported that some interest had been shown in providing food at the Park. CWAC has no plans to do this, but suggested that the Church could provide refreshments.

Members commented that specific proposals have been put forward and it was agreed to ask for a business plan.

- *Long-Term Maintenance* – it was confirmed that CWAC will continue to maintain the Park until December 2019. The Clerk has spoken to the Town Council’s contractors about maintaining the Park. The contractors will respond in due course with costs. It was confirmed that the provision of play equipment will have to be sourced from somewhere.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was confirmed that the line of sight between the town and the college will be maintained.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Group will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 5pm. It was again requested that a CWAC officer be invited to that meeting and Jo Comerie was thanked for her attendance on this occasion.

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