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EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council's External Committee held via Zoom video conferencing on Thursday 4th June 2020, commencing at 7.15pm

PRESENT

Councillors C Jones (Chairman), S Boyle C Bulman, D Latham, G Orme, V Perez and G Williams

In attendance: N Antoney, Deputy Town Clerk and D Thompson Events Manager

EX2 – 132 Appointment Of Chairman

Resolved:

It was **resolved** that Cllr C Jones was appointed as Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

EX2 – 133 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

Resolved:

It was **resolved** that Cllr G Williams was appointed as Deputy Chairman for the coming year.

EX2 – 134 Apologies for Absence

Resolved:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Hunter (Health).

EX2 – 135 Declarations of Interest

Resolved:

Cllr D Latham declared an interest in all matters relating to F&B Business Support, receiving payment as a F&B supplier and in Planning application 20/2024C on a personal level.

Cllr G Orme declared an interest as his wife works for the Police and Crime Commissioner

Cllr J Parry declared an interest as Chairman of the Folk & Boat Working Group

EX2 – 136 Public Participation

To consider any public questions raised on the night or submitted in advance.

Resolved:

No public questions were raised on the night or submitted in advance.

EX2 – 137 Terms of Reference

Resolved:

It was **resolved** that the Terms of Reference be accepted and adopted with the amendment to the reference of Mayor and Deputy Mayor being amended to include Chair and Deputy Chair.

EX2 – 138 Minutes

Resolved:

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the External Committee held on the 5th March 2020 be approved.

EX2 – 139 Appointment of Members to the Folk and Boat Working Group

It was **resolved** to approve the appointment of the following Councillors J Parry, G Williams, S Boyle, V Perez, C Jones and D Latham to the Working Group for the coming year. Non Council Working Group members to be written to confirm appointment.

EX2 – 140 To consider current Planning Applications

The committee considered and discussed the current planning applications for Middlewich.

It was **resolved** to submit the Committee's planning decisions.

- a) **20/2024C** - Land adjacent to Watermeet, Nantwich Road, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 0LQ
Proposal Outline planning application for the erection of up to 4 no. phased self-build residential dwellings, with primary access defined, ancillary facilities and associated infrastructure

Committee Decision - Objection – Vehicular access during construction and after completion. Area is prone to flooding, which no Flood Risk Assessment has been supplied along with the application even though Part of the area is in a Flood Zone 2.

- b) **20/2064C** - Land at, Pochjin Way, Middlewich
Variation of condition no. 2 (approved plans) on planning approval 18/5833C
Proposed two-way single carriageway road scheme to bypass Middlewich and

referred to as the 'Middlewich Eastern Bypass', together with associated highway and landscaping works.

Committee Decision – No Objection

EX2 – 141 To Consider F&B 30 Report EXT2001

The committee considered and discussed the EXT2001 report.

It was **resolved** to approve the recommendations of the F&B 30 report EXT2001

- Friday Night replacements – the Lottery Winners at a cost of £1000 +VAT and local band Deja Vega
- Saturday Night replacement – The Fizz at a cost of £6000 +VAT
- That F&B sponsorship be reduced by 50% due to current climate
- Agreed to maintain the current position on postponement of the F&B30 up to and including the decision being made at either June or July Full Council Meeting.

EX2 – 142 To Consider the Events Calendar 2020 Report EXT2002

It was **resolved** to move the Calendar of Events report to the next meeting due to it not being available.

EX2 – 143 Parks and Play Areas Update

The committee considered the verbal update of Deputy Clerk regarding parks and play areas within the boundary of Middlewich the concerns raised regarding the Skate Park on Booth Lane.

It was **resolved** to note the update provided by the Deputy Clerk and accept the recommendation of the Committee:

- Write to Cheshire East calling for the immediate closure of the Skate Park on Booth Lane due to the health and safety concerns regarding the unprecedented current situation we find ourselves in.

EX2 – 144 Air Quality Update

The committee considered the verbal update of Cllr G Orme

It was **resolved** to note the update provided by Cllr Orme along with the recommendations below:

- Write to Cheshire East to request to provide information on where and why the tubes were removed and how long before they were replaced
- What the data of the tubes are?
- Call an emergency meeting of the Liaison Group to discuss the Town Council concerns the current situation regarding the odour from the Ansa site on Cledford Lane and the increased vehicle movement at this time.
- To invite a representative of Ansa to join the next Zoom Meeting of the Full Council.
- Request a copy of the report that Ansa sent to the Environmental Agency.

EX2 – 145 Resolution Log

The committee considered the Committee resolution log.

It was **resolved** to note the resolution.

EX2 – 146 Questions to the Clerk

The committee asked for an update on the new Town boundary signs, the Deputy Clerk to pick this up again and update at next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 7.15pm.

The Meeting concluded at 8.29 pm