

## HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor Rush (Chair); Councillors Beswick, Malcolm, McCarthy, O'Rourke, Robinson and Wardle

**OFFICERS:** Mark Robinson (Economy Directorate), Donna Bowler, Stuart Hay and Alan Webster (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Fay Davies (Children's Services Directorate) and Alison James (Resources Directorate)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** 22 members of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Dutton and Councillor Susan Emmott

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

37 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

38 The Committee were informed that there would be an additional item of business in relation to the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War One in 2018.

#### **PRESENTATION - OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH'S SCOUTS**

39 The Township Committee received a presentation from representatives of Our Lady and St Joseph's Scout group about the 2017 Scout Jamboree in Norway for which the Township Committee had provided some funding.

Decision: that the Our Lady and St Joseph's Scout group be thanked for their presentation.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

40 Prior to the commencement of the Open Forum, the Chair, Councillor Rush, presented a donation of £100 from Heywood Fish Bar to Mrs Susan Coates of the Heywood Foodbank. Mrs Coates thanked Heywood Fish Bar and all those who made donations to the Foodbank.

The following matters were raised as part of the Open Forum:-

##### a) Alexandra Street Area – Traffic Issues

Ms J Britland, on behalf of residents of the Alexandra Street/Snowden Street/Grundy Street/ Ashworth Street area presented a 56 signature petition to the Committee about traffic issues in the area which was used as a route to local schools and requested that traffic calming measures be looked at like road humps which had been installed in adjacent areas.

The Committee accepted the petition and requested the Senior Highways Officer to look into the issues raised and respond direct to Ms Britland.

b) Heywood in Bloom

Ms E Wintle-Yates, from the Heywood in Bloom Group updated the Committee on the judges' comments received following the recent "In Bloom" awards following the great success Heywood had achieved at the awards.

The Township Committee congratulated all those involved in Heywood In Bloom for their work throughout the year which had led to the achievements at the "In Bloom" awards.

**MINUTES - HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

41 Decision: That the minutes of the meeting of Heywood Township Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**MINUTES - HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP DELEGATED SUB-COMMITTEE**

42 Decision: That the minutes of the meeting of the Heywood Township Delegated Sub-Committee held on 19th October 2017 be noted.

**OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - ON-STREET PERMIT PARKING PLACES (DISABLED BAY) (24 HOURS) - HEYWOOD**

43 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods advising of objections received to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Permit Parking Places (Disabled Bay) (24 hours) - Heywood; and recommending approval of the Order as advertised.

Alternatives considered: To alter or refuse to make the Order in light of representations received during the consultation period.

In considering the report, the Committee received representations from an objector to the proposed Heywood Hall Road disabled parking bay and also from the applicant for the Heywood Hall Road disabled parking bay.

Decision: That the Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Heywood Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.50) be approved as advertised and permit parking bays for qualifying disabled badge holders being introduced at the following locations:

- Hind Hill Street, Hopwood Hall Ward the east side from a point 87 m south of its junction with Egerton Street for a distance of 5 m in a southerly direction;
- Marlborough Street, Hopwood Hall Ward the north side from a point 53 m west of its junction with Gregge Street for a distance of 5 m in a westerly direction;
- Banff Grove, West Heywood Ward in the westernmost parking bay on the west side from a point 57 m south of its junction with Balmoral Drive for a distance of 5 m in a southerly direction;
- Heywood Hall Road, North Heywood Ward on the south side from a point 50 m east of its junction with Queen's Park Road for a distance of 5 m in an easterly direction.

Reason for decision: Applications and locations have been measured against the Council's approved disabled parking policy and road safety criteria. Using this proposed mechanism for permit bays allows the Council to charge individuals or organisations a fee for administering the process.

Eligible for call in - yes

#### **THE NEED FOR EXTRA PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES 2017- 2020**

44 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services advising on the need to increase capacity at Schools within the Township for Reception and Year 1-6 places up to September 2020.

Alternatives considered: To not increase places available could leave the Council at risk of not meeting statutory responsibilities in education provision.

In considering the report, Members commented that it seemed to be the same schools that agreed to increase their admission numbers and that it was disappointing that other schools didn't agree to increase their admission numbers.

Decision: That the report be noted.

Reason for decision: To enable Townships awareness of school spaces and pupil numbers within their area and aid local decision making.

#### **THE NEED FOR EXTRA YEAR 7 SCHOOL PLACES 2017- 2027**

45 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services advising on the need to increase capacity at Schools within the Township from 2017 to 2027 for secondary places.

Alternatives considered: To not increase places available could leave the Council at risk of not meeting statutory responsibilities in education provision.

Decision: That the Township Committee supports the proposals to:

- a) Provide an additional 30 places at Siddal Moor in existing accommodation from 2018.
- b) Consult on an additional 30 (60 total) places at Siddal Moor by extending school from 2019;
- c) Establish a new 180 place Free school in the Middleton area by 2020.
- d) Provide a further report identifying the need for additional building at existing schools to address the shortfall in extra spaces.

Reason for decision: To enable Townships awareness of school spaces and pupil numbers within their area and aid local decision making.

#### **HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATIONS 2018**

46 The Township and Engagement Officer outlined proposals for how the Township could commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War One,

including poppies being placed on lampposts, WW1 soldier cut outs, poppy stamp cut outs and landscaping schemes.

Alternatives considered:

No alternatives were presented.

Decision:

1. That the Committee would endorse an allocation of up to £800 from Township Funds for the provision of lamppost poppies in Heywood with the final decision delegated to the Township and Engagement Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Township Committee;
2. That landscaping schemes be undertaken in the gateway areas of the Township with the proposal to landscape Duke Street/ A58 Bury New Road declined and that this area be returned to its original state.

Reasons for the decision:

The Township had been requested to consider how it would like to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War One and decisions on some of the schemes were required at this stage so they could commence in January 2018.