

HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Monday, 10 June 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Rush (Chair); Councillors Beswick, Dutton, Susan Emmott, Malcolm, McCarthy, O'Rourke, Robinson and Wardle

OFFICERS: Andrew Storey (Highways Directorate) Stuart Hay and John Addison (Resources Directorate).

1 **APOLOGIES**

There were no Apologies for absence.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

4 **OPEN FORUM**

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

a) Speeding on Rochdale Road

A Member of the public raised a concern about speeding on Rochdale Road, which was excessive in a built up area, the use of high performance vehicles, revving engines and driving in an unsafe manor.

The Committee shared the residents concern and endorsed the request for a speed camera on that road as a starter to deter speeding. The Committee further asked what powers/options did it have at its disposal and requested the Council's Highways department report back to a future meeting of the Township with a range of options.

The Chair invited the Council's Portfolio Holder responsible for Highways to speak as he was in attendance. Councillor Neil Emmott acknowledged the concerns that had been raised and that he had raised this issue recently at Full Council. He stressed that more education was needed, as well as a way to log and prosecute drivers acting/driving dangerously.

A Police representative to the Township, stated that the Police did take action when possible and there was an issue with stolen vehicles.

b) Allotments

Mr Darwin, a resident returned to the Township to thank Officers for attending a walk around potential allotment sites with local residents. It was noted that a report was due back to a future meeting of the Township.

RESOLVED

That the Council's Highways department report back to a future meeting of the Township with options to control excessive speeding on Rochdale Road and other roads with known speeding problems.

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Township Committee held on 11th March 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

6 HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP FUNDS REVIEW

The Township Committee considered a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods which presented a review of the Township revenue and capital expenditure during 2018/19 and provided options for the allocation of funds for 2019/20.

Members were also requested to consider the Heywood Township Funds terms and conditions and to agree delegation arrangements concerning funding decisions.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the expenditure, commitments and balances for Heywood Township revenue and capital funds at financial year end 2018/19 be noted;
- 2) That the findings of the review of Township Funds 2018/19) and evaluations received to date for some of the projects funded be noted;
- 3) That the allocation of Heywood Township Funds to funding streams in 2019/20 be approved;
- 4) That the terms and conditions for Heywood Township revenue and capital funds for 2019/20 be approved;
- 5) That the delegation arrangements for Heywood Township Funds 2018/19 as detailed in the report be approved.

7 HEYWOOD TOWNSHIP DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS 2019/20

The Township Committee considered the report of the Director of Resources which informed the Committee that at the start of each municipal year, the Committee was required to confirm its delegated decision making arrangements for the year and to make appointments to Township Sub-Committees, (including the Chair and Vice Chair) and other bodies as detailed within Appendix 2 of the report.

In considering the submitted report, it was noted that Councillor McCarthy had replaced Councillor Dutton during 2019/2020 on the East Lancashire Railway Trust.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Heywood Township Delegated Sub-Committee be retained on the terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report;
- 2) That all Members of the Heywood Township Committee be appointed to the Heywood Township Delegated Sub-Committee with Councillors Rush and Dutton being appointed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively;
- 3) That appointments be made to the other bodies as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report as follows:-

East Lancashire Railway Trust

- a) Mr B Davies
- b) Councillor McCarthy - for 1 year

Heywood Magic Market Board

- a) Councillor Dutton
- b) Councillor Susan Emmott
- c) Councillor Malcom
- d) Councillor Rush

Township Older Persons Champion

- a) Councillor Robinson

Township Highways Champion

- b) Councillor Rush

8 PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON BURY OLD ROAD

The Head of Capital Projects & Highways was welcomed to the meeting to provide Members with an update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Bury Old Road.

It was noted that the Council had received a request from the local Grammar School for a school crossing patrol officer as there had not been one on Bury Old Road for the past 12 months.

The Head of Capital Projects & Highways was please to inform the Township that an officer of the Council was willing to fill the post from September in time for the beginning of the new academic year when her current contract ended.

Members welcomed the news and enquired if the Officer could start sooner if it was possible, as there were still a number of weeks before the end of term. The Officer agreed to take this back and inform the Chair of the outcome.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted and the Chair be informed if the school patrol officer could start earlier.

9 TOILET PROVISION IN HEYWOOD TOWN CENTRE

It was agreed by all present that this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Township.

RESOLVED

That the item be deferred.