

PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday 17th June 2020

PRESENT: Councillors Davidson, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Hussain, Kelly, Mir, Paolucci, Blundell, Bamford, Taylor and Besford

OFFICERS: V. White (Neighbourhoods Directorate), A. James and N. Suleman (Resources Directorate)

Note: As the Chair, Councillor Mir, was experiencing intermittent technical issues with accessing the Zoom meeting, Councillor Besford chaired the meeting.

(Councillor Besford in the Chair)

APOLOGIES

33 There were no apologies for absence.

MINUTES

34 Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

35 There were no declarations of interest.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

36 There were no urgent items of business.

PENNINES TOWNSHIP DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS 2020-21

37 The Township Committee considered a report of the Director of Resources which asked the Township Committee to confirm its delegated decision making arrangements for the 2020/21 Municipal Year and to appoint Members to agreed roles including the Chairs, Vice Chairs and substitute members; and the appointment to other Township Bodies and outside bodies.

Alternatives considered:

The Township Committee could choose not to appoint to sub-committees and undertake all delegated functions themselves, but that this may have a detrimental impact on the ability to progress Township priorities or deal with urgent items of business.

Resolved:

1. That the Sub-Committee structure of the Pennines Township Committee be confirmed comprising of the Pennines Delegated and Funding Sub-Committee, established in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved;
2. That all Members of the Pennines Township Committee be appointed to the Pennines Township Delegated and Funding Sub-Committee and with the Chair being Councillor Mir and the Vice Chair Councillor Besford;
3. That the Regeneration and Facilities Service Group and Highways and Environmental Management Service Group be retained and all Members of the Township Committee be appointed to each;
4. The relevant Ward Councillors be appointed to the following:-
 - a) Milnrow, Newhey and Firgrove Area Forum;
 - b) Littleborough and Wardle Community Meeting;
5. Councillors Bamford, Davidson, Kelly and Besford be appointed to the Ellenroad Trust Limited;
6. That Councillor Hartley be appointed to the Moorend Trust Management Committee;
7. That Councillors Bamford, Besford, Blundell, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Kelly, Paolucci, be appointed to the Pennines Township Planning Panel;
8. That Councillor Dearnley be appointed as the Pennines Township Older Person's Champion;
9. That Councillor Davidson be appointed as the Pennines Township Highways Champion;

Reasons for the decision:

The recommendations were presented as the Council has established and appointed Township Committees to undertake certain executive and nonexecutive powers, as set out in the Responsibility for Council Functions in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. In addition the Township's Sub-Committee exercises either delegated powers or acts on any matter detailed in the Committee's Terms of Reference on which it is essential to take a decision.

Appointments to the Sub-Committee are made, as far as is possible, in accordance with the Township Committee's political balance. The proper appointment of Sub-Committees is required to permit the undertaking of

delegated functions in accordance with statutory and procedural requirements, and appointments to Working Groups and Other Bodies are required to enable the Township Committee to undertake and to respond to the full range of issues relevant to the Township.

PENNINES TOWNSHIP FUNDS REVIEW

38 The Township Committee considered a report which presented a review of the Township revenue and capital expenditure during 2019/20 and provided options for the allocation of funds for 2020/21.

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

The Committee considered the changes to the carry forward of funds and sought clarification on the arrangements for utilising funding for projects if this was required.

Alternatives Considered:

The Committee could decide whether or not to approve the allocation of funds to funding streams and adopt the terms and conditions.

Resolved:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances for Pennines Township revenue and capital funds at financial year end 2019/20 be noted;
2. That the findings of the review of Township Funds 2019/20 and evaluations received to date for some of the projects funded be noted;
3. That the allocation of Pennines Township Funds to funding streams in 2020/21 be approved;
4. That the terms and conditions for Pennines Township revenue and capital funds for 2020/21, be approved;
5. That the delegation arrangements for Pennines Township Funds 2020/21 as detailed in the report be approved;
6. The Committee agrees that any uncommitted/unspent funds be reallocated to a central revenue or capital funding stream as appropriate before the end of January 2021, to enable members to spend/commit all Pennines Township Funds during the 2020/2021 financial year.

Reasons for the Decisions:

Management of the Pennines Township Fund is delegated to the Pennines Delegated and Funding Sub-Committee. Pennines Township Funds were allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and which realised the Township's priorities.