

PENNINES TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Mir (Chair); Councillors Davidson, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Kelly, Paolucci, Blundell, Taylor and Besford

OFFICERS: Chris Woods, Stanley Mitchell, Tracey Knight, (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Michael Garraway (Resources Directorate)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Hussain and Councillor Bamford

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor Besford be appointed as Vice Chair of the Pennines Township Committee for 2021/22.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Blundell and Davidson declared personal interests in considerations of Wardle Cricket Club as members of the club.

Councillors Dearnley and Emsley declared pecuniary interests in applications from Wardle Anderson Brass Band in so far as being in positions of influence within the organisation.

3 MINUTES

In relation to minute 52 from the meeting of the Pennines Township Committee held on 11 November 2020 it was noted that matters relating to Rochdale Boroughwide Housing had been picked up through other channels with no further update required at this time.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Pennines Township Committee held on 11 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

4 OPEN FORUM

There were no items for the open forum.

5 PENNINES TOWNSHIP DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS 2021/2022

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate / Director of Resources which asked the Township Committee to confirm its delegated decision making arrangements for the 2021/22 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; with Councillor Emsley appointed as the Chair of each group.
4. Councillors Bamford, Davidson, Kelly and Besford be appointed to the Ellenroad Trust Limited;
5. That Councillor Hartley be appointed to the Moorend Trust Management Committee;
6. That Councillors Bamford, Besford, Blundell, Dearnley, Emsley, Hartley, Kelly, Paolucci, be appointed to the Pennines Township Planning Panel; with Councillor Emsley appointed as Chair.
7. That Councillor Dearnley be appointed as the Pennines Township Older Person's Champion;
8. That Councillor Davidson be appointed at the Pennines Township Highways Champion;
9. That Councillors Davidson, Emsley and Taylor be appointed to the Road Safety Group

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.

6 PENNINES TOWNSHIP FUNDS REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Communities & Co-operation / Director of Neighbourhoods reviewing the revenue and capital expenditure during 2020/21 and providing options for the allocation of funds in 2021/22.

A Member sought approval to create a specific fund for a Highway safety education programme within the Township. In discussion it was noted that previous Boroughwide provisions had phased out although speeding on roads remained a specific issue within the Pennines Township.

Alternatives considered

Members were able to determine alternative arrangements within agreed delegated budgets.

RESOLVED

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances for Pennines Township revenue and capital funds at financial year end 2020/21 (Appendix 1 and 2) be noted.
2. That the findings of the review of Township Funds 2020/21 (Appendix 3) and evaluations received to date for funded projects (Appendix 4) be noted.
3. That approval be given to the allocation of Pennines Township Funds to funding streams in 2021/22 (Appendix 5).
4. That approval be given to the terms and conditions for Pennines Township revenue and capital funds for 2021/22 (Appendix 6).
5. That approval be given to the delegation arrangements for Pennines Township Funds 2021/22 as detailed at 4.6 of this report.
6. That any uncommitted/unspent funds be reallocated to a central revenue or capital funding stream as appropriate before the end of January 2022 to enable Members to spend/commit all Pennines Township Funds during 2021/22 financial year.
7. That the Road Safety Group Members approach the other Townships Road Safety Group Members to ascertain if they are willing to match fund a percentage of their project funds to support an Education Programme for Children throughout the Borough.

Reason for resolution

Pennines Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.

7 PENNINES TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Co-operation / Director of Neighbourhoods updating on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Pennines Township Funds 2021/22 and enable the allocation of funds to proposed projects.

Alternatives considered

Members were able to approve or not the allocation of funds to projects as appropriate.

RESOLVED

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances for Pennines Township revenue and capital funds in Appendix 1 and 2, be noted.
2. That the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3.
3. That the Townships & Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, to be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects.
4. That the applications from Township Revenue Funds 2020/21 be dealt with as outlined in the below
 - a. That an application Ramsden Road, Wardle - Speed survey be deferred pending further information on traffic calming options.
 - b. That the Ferrand Road, Littleborough – Introduction of No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions be approved
 - c. That the application from Milnrow Brass Band, for Restoration / replacement of instruments be approved for a total of £5k
 - d. That the Wardle Memorial and Tennis Courts Disabled Access application be approved
 - e. That the application for the Beechfield Road, Milnrow - No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions be declined.
 - f. That the application from Milnrow Cricket Club for the Going Green project for £10k be approved, pending confirmation of the total amount of fund raising achieved by the Club.
 - g. That the application from Wardle Anderson Brass Band be approved for a maximum of £5k.
 - h. That the applications for improvements to Clough Street play area be approved
 - i. That the Traffic Regulation Order for No/Limited Waiting on Ogden Lane be approved
 - j. That the fencing for Hare Hill Crown Green Bowling Club be approved
5. That the Chief Finance Officer be requested to review Township Funding.
6. That costs projects submitted by the Council be provided with a summary of the charges.

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