MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL BUISNESS, TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

509. PRESENT – Councillors P. Keeling (Chair), G. Bentley (Vice Chair), Ms M. Wells, Ms L. Wood-Williams and P. Routledge

510. APOLOGIES – Councillors M. Haines, Miss Z. Routledge and Mrs H. Birch

511. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

512. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS – None

RESOLVED ITEMS

513. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2024

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

514. CONSULTATION ON THE CHEADLE MARKET

The Chair, Cllr P. Keeling, provided an update to the Committee in respect of this matter.

Esther from the 'Place Partnership' organisation contacted Cllr Keeling on the week commencing the 10th of February 2025, asking to arrange a meeting. Cllr Keeling responded on Tuesday, the 17th of February 2025, and was informed of the first site meeting at the market had been arranged for Wednesday the 18th of February 2025 at 9am between SMDC and Place Partnership.

Cllr Keeling attended the meeting, which was within BTEC's terms of reference, and was able to offer local knowledge to attendee's.

The meeting was an initial general meeting, and the following items/ideas were discussed:-

- The history of the market and our town.
- Discussions with some of the existing market stall holders about their requirements (the indoor market is very cold during the winter months. A new insulated roof might need to be built).
- Discussions with potential new market stall holders (create suitable space for start-up businesses).
- Discussions with some of the customers who shop at the market/use the Market Café (in the 80s/90's, the indoor market and the market square were full of stall holders).
- Structural condition of the indoor market building (structural surveys might be required on the walls and the roof).
- Ideas for new indoor market layouts (multi-use for existing indoor market businesses, plus creating facilities for the evening economy -restaurant, micro pub).
- Market Square – facilitate/improve the use of the square for stall holders, and community events.
- Create a glass frontage at the entrance of the indoor market to make it more appealing to enter the indoor market.
- Create a mezzanine floor for an additional eating area inside the indoor market.

Esther (Place Partnership), on behalf of SMDC, will create a business plan to guide the redevelopment of our indoor market/square. To achieve this, Esther will meet with as many different stakeholders as possible. Cllr Keeling finished by confirming that SMDC officers are now free to look at the Cheadle Market following the re-opening of Leek Market.

515. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED SIGNAGE FOR TAPE STREET CAR PARK

Cllr Keeling provided an update in respect of the town centre signage and confirmed that Cheadle Town Council Finance & Resources Committee had agreed the initial funding for the signage, with SMDC reimbursing once installed. Cllr Keeling stated that the money that SMDC have allocated through the UKSPF funding covered the cost of the town centre signage, and that the surplus amount left over from the award had been sufficient to secure a new bench for in Glebe Road which had been identified as a BTEC project from the outset. It was clarified that the Leek Building Society would be fully funding the new noticeboard for the car park and Cllr Keeling confirmed that the Cheadle Discovery Group had been notified in terms of the signage and approved with the proposals.

ITEMS CONSIDERED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

None

ACTION PLAN – ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND PROGRESSION

None

516. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Given the shortened timescale allowed for this meeting, in order to allow the following Extraordinary meeting, it was agreed that the Committee should meet in March.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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