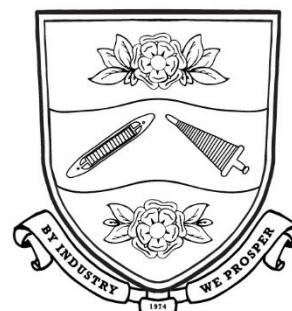


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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Held remotely on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7:30pm

Councillors present: - Cllrs D Skelton (Chair) S Martin (Vice-Chair) Mayor (ex officio) R Coleman- Taylor M Carrigan, P Ripley, M Holmstedt, M Taylor, A H Greenwood, A Hollis P Taylor, L Needham (substitute for M Doyle) T Roberts, K White

Councillors absent: - K White, T Roberts

Officers: Colin Hill Town Clerk and RFO (minute taker)

Members of the Public: Jon Crossley Groundwork – Wheelspark Technical Consultant

2020(RC)058	<p>ITEM 1b. Apologies for Absence To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting noting substitutions at late notice will be allowed</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr A Hollis and Seconded by Cllr M Taylor Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That the apologies of Cllr K White be accepted on medical grounds.</i></p>
2020(RC)059	<p>ITEM 2. Declarations of Interest To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p><i>None received</i></p>
2020(RC)060	<p>ITEM 3. Public Participation To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p><i>No public present</i></p>
2020(RC)061	<p>ITEM 4. Exclusion of Press and Public – Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 To consider and confirm any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr M Holmstedt and seconded by Cllr A Hollis Unanimous</i> <i>That any public or press who may attend be allowed to stay for the whole of the meeting</i></p>

ITEM 5. Wheelspark – selection of contractor

To receive a report on the outcomes of a technical assessment and tender presentations by interested bidders for this project to the User Group, and to consider which prospective bidder to recommend to Town Council for acceptance.

Members discussed the two options before them and the proposal to allocate £5,000 from Earmarked Reserves to lever in an additional £15,000 of Accelerator funding.

The Chair Cllr D Skelton updated members on the delay from Environment Agency and the potential impact this may have on funding given its deadline of 31st March 2021. This is being progressed, but will need to be formally clarified/ EA permit provided, before in a position to formally contract.

Whilst we will not know the outcome of this for at least two months, possibly longer, other parts of the project can still be progressed, noting that an element of the £5,000 release of Earmarked Reserve may need to be allocated towards some further technical work in response to the Environment Agency further information request.

Proposed by Cllr. M Holmstedt and Seconded by Cllr A Greenwood Unanimous

RESOLVED: - *That an additional provision of £5000 to the revenue budget be made from the Skate Park Earmarked Reserve on the basis that this will lever in another £15000 Accelerator Grant funding. That Members delegate the Town Clerk to seek agreement from the preferred contractor to enter into a separate design stage and or commit to additional works relating to the obtaining of the Environment Agency Permit, both aspects up to a total value of £5000.*

Members then discussed the options before them

Cllr R Coleman- Taylor acknowledged the expertise of the User Group involved in this process and that their opinions should be respected.

Cllr M Holmstedt confirmed that at the User Group discussion parents and children had a preferred choice of Freestyle and that this was also a more attractive option in terms of appearance.

Cllr M Taylor picked up on one of the comments that Freestyle would be almost perfect if some additional options could be included to enhance use.

Cllr D Skelton reinforced the views also of the user group.

The Clerk advised that of the five formal scoring responses and comments received four were strongly in favour of the Freestyle, whilst the fifth in slightly favouring Bendcrete because of skateboard bias, nevertheless commented that the Freestyle proposal still provided acceptable skateboard provision.

Proposed by Cllr. D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr R Coleman-Taylor Unanimous

RESOLVED: *That the Resources Committee recommend to Town Council that Freestyle be appointed as contractor for the Wheelspark project.*

	<p><i>Proposed by Cllr. S Martin and Seconded by Cllr M Taylor Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: - <i>That delegated powers be given to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of Resources, to agree contract terms and operation aspects of delivery including design variance/additions within overall budget, and for the Town Clerk to enter the contract to build on behalf of the Town Council.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr D Skelton expressed his thanks to the Town Clerk, Groundwork and the parents and children and other members of the user group that have helped so far on this project.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Holmstedt wished to propose this as a formal vote of thanks.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr. D Skelton and Seconded by Cllr M Holmstedt Unanimous</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: <i>That thanks be extended to the Town Clerk, Groundwork and the parents and children and other members of the user group that have helped so far on this project.</i></p>
2020(RC)063	<p>ITEM 20 Date of the next Committee meeting</p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.30pm by virtual meeting.</p>