

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
HELD 27th JULY 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT - Councillor Josh Burns (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): June Burns, Carlsen, Desmond, Ferguson, K & T Hughes, Lloyd, McKinley, Mullen, J & Y Sayers and Sharp.

ALSO PRESENT – A. McIntyre (Town Clerk), P. Dillon (Community Services Manager), D. Healey (Finance Officer), S. Lawrence (minutes), Philippa Landor (Landor Planning Consultants), Edward Landor (Landor Planning Consultants), Public viewing via YouTube.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from (Cllrs) Doherty and Mullen.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** due to the Covid 19 pandemic public participation is by submission of comments or questions to the Council prior to the meeting commencing. None received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 22nd June 2020 were approved as a correct record.

5. **LAND EAST OF MAGHULL – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PLANNING APPLICATION DC/2017/01532:**

Members considered the report. MTC would continue to push for Option 6 (haul road). The haul road was a vital component of the development being accepted by the residents of Maghull, given the build time was estimated to be between 10 and 15 years. Members of the public were also able to contact MTC directly regarding their vote and a spreadsheet was produced and all calls were logged. This data would be added to MTC response to the consultation.

Edward Landor informed members that Sefton Council Planning Committee asked the applicants to provide a full CEMP (construction environmental management plan) and to clarify the position regarding the spine road. The applicants have only consulted and clarified the routes from the site, not the spine road. Six options were provided:

- Options 1 and 2 were variation of routes to and from the site via Melling etc. Moderate impact. However, roads would be too narrow and not suitable.

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- Options 3, 4 and 5 were variation of routes through Maghull. Significant impact as most populated with public.
- Option 6 – applicants have stated this would be undeliverable, however this meant a commercial negotiation had not yet been reached.

Members were informed that the main concern was that all routes suggested were in front of a school. Option 6 would be the only option acceptable to residents and the Council. If Option 6 was ruled out for whatever reason it would be beneficial to have another option as a backup.

Cllrs comments:

- Option 6 should be the only option considered.
- Applicants have not completed the CEMP for the whole site therefore the Applicants have not complied with the requirements requested by the Planning Committee.
- The bridge on Poverty Lane could have weight restrictions which would make the heavy use of HGVs a danger to the railway line.
- Major doubts that the Applicants could supply the infrastructure at the right time and place.

Cllrs comments regarding other issues on site:

- Issue with flooding – questioning the data from the contractors as the data was gathering in spring which is not a true reflection of the water table and levels of flooding.
- Would like a second opinion in the data the applicants have supplied.

Members suggested that employing their own drainage expert to assess the flooding issues on the land would inform the planning process and the arguments the Council was putting forward on behalf of residents.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Town Clerk would submit the letter by Landor Planning Consultants to White Peak Planning as the Council's response to the consultation and would include the figures collated from the Council's consultation exercise with the public;**
- 2. The submission letter to be uploaded to the MTC website;**
- 3. A drainage expert to be engaged to conduct water surveys on the land for the Council;**
- 4. The report be noted.**

Philippa Landor and Edward Landor left the meeting.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DC/2020/01172 LAND ADJACENT TO MAGHULL RAILWAY STATION, MELLING LANE, MAGHULL:

Members were informed that the Council had received a petition from the residents who live next to or around the new development next to Maghull railway station. The petition

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stated that the residents who signed did not support the requirement of a raised walkway leading through from Poverty Lane to Melling Lane which was currently a condition of the planning approval. The developer had brought forward this application on behalf of residents, as they felt it is a security issue, anti-social behaviour issue and did not want it. Town Clerk received email forwarded on from Cllr Sharp from a resident requesting the Council recommend refusal of the application as the area would then be kept as an eco park.

Members were informed that there was a pathway through from Poverty Lane to Melling either via Balls Wood or via Molyneux Rd and Summerhill Drive. Members were also informed that the Police did not support the proposed walkway either as it would not prove easy to patrol.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Council recommend approval of the application to remove the requirement for the walkway;**
- 2. The application be noted.**

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND RETURN:

The Finance Officer read out the following questions to Elected Members of the Council as detailed in Section 1 of the **Annual Return**:-

- 1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

- 2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

- 3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

- 4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

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5. *We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

6. *We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

7. *We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audits.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

8. *We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'yes' to this question and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed their agreement.

9. *(For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.*

The Finance Officer confirmed that the Council has answered 'not applicable' to this question as the Council do not have any Trust Funds, and asked if Elected Members agreed. Members confirmed agreement.

RESOLVED that:

1. **Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 be approved and signed by the Town Clerk and Mayor;**
2. **Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 be approved and signed by the Finance Officer;**
3. **The report be noted**

8. **LEASE FOR BOBBY'S WOOD AND OLD HALL PARK:**

Town Clerk informed a summary of the lease was within the report for Old Hall Park and Bobby's Wood and asked members to approve the draft lease.

RESOLVED that:

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1. The draft lease relating to Old Hall Park and Bobby's Wood be agreed;
2. The report be noted.

9. BOROUGH OF CULTURE – POTENTIAL ARTWORK AND COMIC STRIP LOCATIONS:

Town Clerk asked members to consider the best position for 2 pieces of artwork from the locations suggested by Sefton Council.

Cllrs proposed Frank Hornby and Isaac Roberts's artwork to be positioned at side of the Meadows pub, and facing the Great Mogul pub, near train station and Meadows Leisure centre.

RESOLVED that:

1. The artworks should be positioned facing the Great Mogul pub, near Maghull train station and Meadows Leisure centre;
2. The report be noted.

10. CHAIRS CLOSING COMMENTS:

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.


CHAIRMAN

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