



**Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2020**

**To: The Chair and Members of Community Services Committee, Maghull Town Council, Maghull Town Hall, Hall Lane, Maghull.**

**You are hereby summoned to attend a Remote Meeting of Community Services Committee which will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 6.00pm to transact the business detailed below**

*Note: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

*This meeting will be open to the press and public to view via the following link:  
<https://studio.youtube.com/video/KtPwNaAz4tQ/livestreaming>*

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Public Participation
- 4 **To confirm the Minutes of Community Services Committee:** Members are invited to review minutes of meeting of 11 March 2020 (Pages 1-4)
- 5 **Community Services Work Programme:** A review of planned activities through to end of December 2020: Verbal report
- 6 **Tackling Social isolation :** Members are invited to consider options from Annual Tackling Loneliness Conference) Post-Event summary (Pages 5-8)
- 7 **Community Youth Support Network :** Verbal update
- 8 **Chair's Report:** Verbal update for noting only



Miss A. McIntyre  
Town Clerk





**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

**PRESENT** - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Doherty, Ferguson, Mullen, Y. Sayers and Sharp

**ALSO PRESENT** - P. Dillon (Community Services Manager) and S. Larking (Minutes)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Josh Burns, Desmond and Thomas Hughes

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Notified but withdrawn, Maghull in Bloom had withdrawn as issue about watering at Maghull Square had been resolved. Cllrs McKinley and John Sayers continue to work with Maghull in Bloom and London and Cambridge Properties (LCP).

**4. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**RESOLVED THAT:** The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved as an accurate record:

**5. COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS:**

The Community Services Manager gave an update and review of Community Events:

1. Christmas Light Switch on at Maghull Square: Supported by Maghull Wind Orchestra (played) and Morrisons (free mince pies). Over 100 people attended; event not pushed publicly. Will need to review event if LCP undertake works in the car park. Land ownership is an issue for alternative sites for a Christmas tree. Cllrs asked for an update on a living tree and potential locations if square not an option.
2. Hampers: 50 hampers distributed to vulnerable older people around Maghull. Cotton MTC logo bags a success. Help from Maricourt School and Maghull Radio Station to pack bags. Thank you to all Cllrs who helped to distribute bags. Copies of thank you notes received circulated to Members.
3. Pensioners Lunch 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019: Over 70 people attended. Lots of positive feedback from those attending about meal and entertainment. Volunteers included Cllrs and former Cllrs. Thank you to all who supported the event and helped make it such a success.
4. Town Hall Open Day 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020: 10 people attended. Land of East of Maghull an issue and dog fouling. Feedback from residents that they valued meeting Cllrs

face to face. Plan to hold one or two events during the year at different times to accommodate those who work and unable to attend. Public meeting planned about Land East of Maghull.

5. Civic Awards 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020: 90 people attended. Cllr Thomas Hughes stepped in to present an award. Feedback was positive. Suggestion about providing more information in the programme about nominees and who they were nominated by. Will look to make nomination process more robust so that clear information supports nominations.
6. Go Girl afterschool project: just started at Parish Hall. First session went well.

The Community Services Manager reported there would be a review about communication to ensure all residents aware of events

**RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.**

## **7. COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020**

The Community Services Manager reported that the programme of events had been developed to support Sefton's Borough of Culture. Unfortunately, the event planned for March 2020 (Beer Festival) was cancelled as the Venue was not available and the Red Lion Social Club had closed. Beer Festival on track for September 2020. Other events:

1. Dementia Friendly Cinema Trip for Older Residents on 19<sup>th</sup> March: Trip to Plaza Community Cinema. MTC paying for coach, entrance and popcorn. Post received over 5,000 hits. Event oversubscribed. Working with Sefton CVS to deliver event. If successful will explore a mobile screen in Maghull
2. Mini Soccer League: Active Sport, based in Sefton Lane will run a mini soccer league for 10 weeks, from 20<sup>th</sup> March, in the run up to the Euros. Aim is to create a league for up to 100 young people, on a Friday night. They work with Maghull Schools. May need to postpone due to Covid 19.
3. Green Trail: to be launched in April. Awaiting outcome of bid for funding
4. Fun Day 5<sup>th</sup> July: Active Foundation (not for profit organisation) propose a one day community sports fun day for Maghull families.
5. Family in the Park: Events to be held in July and August in parks (one event a week in 7 parks) including kwik cricket, rounders and archery. Events will run from 12-3 and open to all Maghull residents, not just schools. Active Foundation will provide equipment and coaches. Cllrs supported the project which would encourage families to use the parks
6. Mini Olympics Event: Exploring a mini Olympics event in KGV Park in the Summer
7. Literary Festival: Commitment to hold a literary festival in May or June in partnership with Sefton libraries and the Reader Charity. Maghull Radio have started a poetry evening
8. Liverpool Lantern Company: Cllr Carragher and the Community Services Manager had met the Liverpool Lantern Company to discuss hosting workshops and a lantern parade on KGV park in October. This would be targeted at families. The costs, for

event, ranged from £5,000 to £9,000. This would be for 3 workshops ( up to 20 people at each workshop) during the October half term. The workshops would avoid mischief night. Cllrs considered options for securing funding including from Merseyside Police, Merseytravel and areas funding ( Sefton Ward funding).

9. Fun Fairs: Fairs booked for May on KGV Park and September in Whinney Brook

10. Circus: Circus Montini will be on KGV Park in May

11. Toy/Kite Fair and Sale: Proposed for August . Would link in with the Frank Hornby Heritage Group. May be able to secure funding from Sefton Borough of Culture for this event

The Community Services Manager noted that events for young people responded to a request from Cllrs for more diversionary activities. Cllrs agreed that they wanted to run more community events through the year rather than one off events (eg fireworks). It was agreed that the Community Services Manager should explore options costing up to £9,000 for Lantern workshops and event.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. **Funding agreed for Active Foundation**
2. **Community Services Manager to explore options for Lantern workshops and parade up to £9,000,**
3. **The report be noted**

**8. GREEN TRAIL BID**

The Community Services Manager reported that a bid had been submitted to the English Heritage Lottery Fund for a green trail across Maghull. The trail will be designed by school children. On the advice of the Fund the bid had been increased to £40,000. Schools would be encouraged to adopt a park. Support from MADCOS who have endorsed the bid. Plan is to design gardens to be more accessible and have sensory areas. Animal sculptures will provide receptacles for bottle tops. There will be a Maghull "Big Dig" to plant trees from Mersey Forest. Hope schools will be involved in the annual Spring Clean in April.

**RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.**

**9. COMMUNITY YOUTH SUPPORT NETWORK**

Cllr Mullen gave a report on proposals to support families with a child living with neurodevelopmental conditions including Autism Spectrum Disorder and ADHD. The need for the service had been identified by families and schools in Maghull. She had met ADDvanced Solutions who are keen to branch out and provide support across Sefton. Proposal is to host sessions once a month in Maghull for

- children and families and
- young people over 17

Cost is £285 + VAT per session. Request for funding from the Youth Budget is for £3,762 as well as free room hire. Work to be done to collate and promote information about services and support available eg Vue Cinemas hold relaxed viewings and Morrisons in Maghull hosts a quiet hour on Saturday morning. Also, support for a sensory garden to include a quiet area. Cllrs supported the proposal and agreed funding. Cllr Mullen to contact ADDvanced Solutions to take proposal forward.

The Community Services Manager said that there would be a balance of £1,500 in the youth budget after committed projects (mini league, sports day and Go Girl Project). This could be used to support other projects. Other funding streams could be explored to increase the budget. It was noted that the Friends of Maghull and district may be able to help secure funding.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Funding of £3,762 be approved ADDvanced Solutions
2. The report be noted.

**10. ANCIENT RIGHTS OF WAY**

The Community Services Manager reported that the Ramblers are running a national campaign to get ancient rights of way enshrined in law. There are ancient rights of way on land east of Maghull which need retaining. Officers to continue research and report back.

**RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.**

**11. COMMUNITY GRANTS – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Applications received from:

- Altside Scouts: application for £500 for celebration camp in July. Bid for £1,300 reduced to maximum of £500. Funding agreed.
- Maghull Radio: application for £500 to train volunteers to fundraise as funding ending. Community Services Manager reported he is working with Maghull Radio to help them secure more sustainable funding. Funding agreed.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Grants be approved for Altside Scouts and Maghull Radio
2. The report be noted.

**12. CHAIRS REPORT**

No report given.

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**CHAIRMAN**

# 5TH ANNUAL TACKLING LONELINESS CONFERENCE

## POST-EVENT SUMMARY



### THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

I would like to start this post-event summary with a big thank you to all our wonderful speakers and delegates for making the 5th Annual Tackling Loneliness Conference a huge success. This was the first time that the conference was hosted online, while the irony of attending a conference about loneliness sat in front of a laptop alone was not lost on everyone, there were still lots of messages and links being shared throughout the day.

This post-event summary will outline the key themes of the conference, as well as highlighting the links and advice which was shared in the chat function throughout the day.

The conference resources, including speaker presentations, full delegate list and speaker bios can still be accessed using the password emailed to you after the conference at [www.insidegovernment.co.uk/presentation/loneliness-conference-resources/](http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/presentation/loneliness-conference-resources/).

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please do email me at [lewis.barton@insidegovernment.co.uk](mailto:lewis.barton@insidegovernment.co.uk).

Thank you.

Lewis Barton  
Head of Local Government & Housing Portfolio

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

- Baroness Barran MBE, Parliamentary, Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Civil Society and Loneliness), **The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**
- Dr Fuschia Sirois, Centre for Loneliness Studies, **University of Sheffield (Chair)**
- Olivia Field, Head of Health and Resilience Policy, **British Red Cross**
- Kate Shurety, Executive Director, **Campaign to End Loneliness**
- Catherine Anderson, CEO, **The Jo Cox Foundation**
- Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities, **East Suffolk Council and NHS Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG**
- Sue Irving, Director of Housing Services, **Loreburn, Housing Association**
- Alexandra Hoskyn, Founder, **The Chatty Café Scheme**
- John English, Charity and Community Manager, **Costa Coffee**
- Elizabeth Parker, Principal: Learning and Practice, **Think NPC**
- Vinal Karania, Research Manager, Policy & Research Team, **Age UK**



# SHARING IS CARING

## RESOURCES SHARED DURING THE CONFERENCE

During Baroness Barran's address, the Minister outlined information about the Let's Talk Loneliness Project, Catalyst and CAST.

Let's Talk Loneliness  
[www.letstalkloneliness.co.uk](http://www.letstalkloneliness.co.uk)

Catalyst  
[www.thecatalyst.org.uk](http://www.thecatalyst.org.uk)

CAST  
[www.wearecast.org.uk](http://www.wearecast.org.uk)

Olivia was asked how the British Red Cross measure loneliness. They use the UCLA measure, which is now the officially recommended measurement by the government.

Learn more here:  
[www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/methodologies/measuringlonelinessguidanceforuseofthenationalindicatorsonsurveys](http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/methodologies/measuringlonelinessguidanceforuseofthenationalindicatorsonsurveys)

For more information and research about tackling loneliness after the Covid-19 lockdown, check out the British Red Cross's *Life after lockdown: Tackling Loneliness Report*

View the full report here:  
[www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/we-speak-up-for-change/life-after-lockdown-tackling-loneliness](http://www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/we-speak-up-for-change/life-after-lockdown-tackling-loneliness)



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**OFTEN PEOPLE THINK THAT OFFERING AN ACTIVITY CAN "FIX" LONELINESS. WHEREAS, HELPING PEOPLE UNDERSTAND AND COPE WITH THEIR FEELINGS CAN BE VERY POWERFUL.**  
- GILLIAN

Kate discussed the psychology behind loneliness and why it is important to understand. The Campaign to End Loneliness have released their new report *The Psychology of Loneliness* in July 2020.

Read the full report here:

[The Psychology of Loneliness: Why it matters and what we can do](#)

Kate also outlined how Ageing Better Camden implemented a warm welcome approach to help overcome that first hurdle of introduction when new people visited.

For more on Ageing Better Camden's Warm Welcome:

[www.ageingbetterincamden.org.uk/warm-welcome-approach](http://www.ageingbetterincamden.org.uk/warm-welcome-approach)

Catherine introduced the Jo Cox Foundation's Connection Coalition, an open membership organisation from all sectors which looks to tackle loneliness during enforced social isolation.

More information on the Connection Coalition and how to join here:

[www.connectioncoalition.org.uk](http://www.connectioncoalition.org.uk)

Nicole shared how East Suffolk had successfully used a range of data, including the IMD, survey data and Experian Social Isolation Mapping, to map local hotspots of social isolation. As well as using Granpads to help support residents during covid-19.

If you wish to contact Nicole for more information, email her at - [nicole.rickard@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:nicole.rickard@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)





# INTRODUCING THE INSIDE GOVERNMENT CENTRAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT HUB

The 5th Annual Tackling Loneliness Conference was brought to you by Inside Government's Central & Local Government Hub.

The Central & Local Government Hub is a dedicated community for central and local government professionals providing helpful content pieces and free resources alongside information regarding our upcoming events, national conferences and interactive CPD training courses. Inside Government also has a dedicated Housing Hub and Voluntary Sector Hub.

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## Loneliness Blogs Available to Read at Inside Government's Central & Local Government and Housing Hub



### Connecting People & Communities: Why Transport is a Critical Link in Tackling Loneliness

by Jools Townsend, Chief Executive  
Community Rail Network

### Tackling Loneliness & Isolation in Older Persons' Social Housing

by Antony Dixon, Head of Supported Housing  
Nottingham City Homes



### Loneliness and Covid-19: Social Distancing Versus Social Isolation

by Peter A. Bath, University of Sheffield



### Tackling Loneliness in Vulnerable Groups During COVID-19

by Antony Dixon, Head of Supported Housing  
Nottingham City Homes



# FURTHER RESOURCES

## RESOURCES SHARED DURING THE CONFERENCE

Later in the afternoon, Alex from the Chatty Cafe Scheme and John from Costa Coffee examined how they had worked together to embed the Chatty Cafe Scheme in Costa branches and online during lockdown.

If you are interested in volunteer or ambassador opportunities with the Chatty Cafe Scheme, please contact Abigail Murray Volunteer Project Manager at:

[abi@thechattycafescheme.co.uk](mailto:abi@thechattycafescheme.co.uk)

If you would like to get in contact with John from Costa Coffee and learn more about their collaboration work or community interest projects, please contact him at:

[john.english@costacoffee.com](mailto:john.english@costacoffee.com)

Elizabeth from Think NPC outlined measuring loneliness and evaluating service provisions. As well as signposting the NPC labs page, where you can access emerging findings from the Building Connections Fund developmental evaluation.

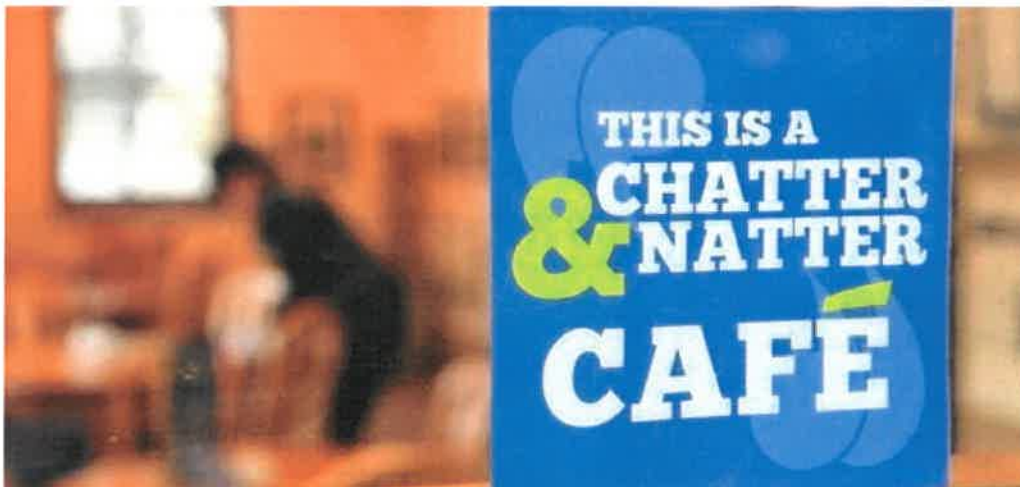
The Lab space includes tips to help your remote project document. You can access the Labs page here:

[www.labs.thinknpc.org/category/building-connections-fund](http://www.labs.thinknpc.org/category/building-connections-fund)

Elizabeth also mentioned The Covid-19 Safer Spaces project, who are developing free and easy-to-use design guides, to support public places, such as churches and village halls, to enable their safe reopening during Covid-19.

For more information:

[www.covid19saferespaces.org](http://www.covid19saferespaces.org)



**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ON THE  
CHATTY CAFE SCHEME,  
CLICK [HERE](#) TO VISIT  
THEIR WEBSITE**

## POEM ABOUT FEELING LONELY

During the conference a delegate shared part of a poem which was written by someone attending a session with Eden Communities and we would like to share it again.

So, in isolation I am back to my crisis situation  
Cut off from community  
I have lived this for many years now  
So how much more difficult could it be?

I hope the seeds that I have sown will slowly continue to  
grow  
Even though, outside my home, I currently have nowhere to go  
I have dipped my toe and pushed myself – of that I should be  
proud  
I will have to wait and see, like everyone around me, what  
the future will bestow

And isolation, now not just my own crisis situation  
It is being experienced by others than me  
With preparation, learning, hope and in trepidation  
The future may be brighter, we will see