

**Dated this 14th Day of September 2017**

**To: The Mayor and Members of Maghull Town Council, Maghull Town Hall, Hall Lane, Maghull.**

**You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Maghull Town Hall.**

***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.***

**A G E N D A**

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Public Participation
- 4 To confirm the Minutes of Full Council held 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (Pages 1 - 5)
- 5 **Neighbourhood Plan** - Members are invited to consider this report (Page 6)
- 6 **External Auditor's Report** - Members are invited to consider this report – to follow
- 7 **Report on Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Matters** – Verbal report for noting only
- 8 **Report on Sefton Area Partnership of Local Councils** – Verbal report for noting only
- 9 **Chair's Report** – Verbal report for noting only

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- 10 **Exclusion of the Press and Public** - That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.
- 11 **Civic Awards** - Members are invited to consider the report (Pages 7 to 16)
- 12 **Maghull Cricket Club** - Members are invited to consider the verbal update.



Miss A. McIntyre  
**Town Clerk & Treasurer**

**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

**PRESENT** - Councillor June Burns (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): Byrne, Carragher, Carlsen, J. Deegan, R. Deegan, Desmond, Esterson, Hart, McKinley, Mullen, Roughley, J. Sayers, Y. Sayers and Shaw.

**ALSO PRESENT** – A. McIntyre (Town Clerk & Treasurer), D. Healey (Finance Officer), S. Larking (Minutes) and 12 members of the public.

1. The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting including those attending as observers.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies received from Cllr Josh Burns.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Declarations received from Cllrs Desmond and Roughley for agenda item 14, Maghull Cricket Club due to employment issues.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None received.
5. **MINUTE OF TOWN ASSEMBLY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 AND ANNUAL COUNCIL 24 MAY<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May were approved as a correct record.**

6. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES – MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February were noted.**

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported that budgets are showing underspends which is expected at this point in the financial year.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

8. **BUDGET 2017/18**

The Town Clerk reported that views were sought on improving facilities and upgrading machinery. Some of this spend would be from s106 funding. Proposals as follows:

1. Changing Facilities at Pimbley playing fields. Current provision is not fit for purpose and complaints have been received from the football clubs that they are not up to league standard.
2. Glen Park. Plan is to upgrade the pavilion to bring it back into use for the community. Sefton CVS keen to hold outreach in Maghull but no facility. Work would include a ramp, accessible toilet, internet access and CCTV to reduce ASB in the park
3. Fire Alarm needs to be upgraded and linked to the Meadows alarm system.

4. Mobile CCTV – this is to reduce ASB. It will move to hot spots, e.g. Balls Wood, but will be static when in position. CCTV will be managed by Sefton Arc. Signs will be put up to give notice that CCTV is in operation to act as a deterrent.

Note: one of the residents asked about seeking views from residents about hot spots. The Chair noted that as notice was not given for public participation this matter could not be dealt with in the meeting. She asked the resident to write in with ideas and proposals.

#### Key points from discussion

- Council should move to maintenance free facilities with clubs responsible for cleaning
- Glen Park in need of refurbishment. Could be used to hold CAB surgeries.
- Need to review s106 projects
- Request for rugby posts in Whinney Brook for the start of the season

#### RESOLVED that:

1. Costings as detailed in the work programme were agreed;
2. S106 projects to be reviewed by the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council;
3. The report to be noted.

#### 9. REPORT ON SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Updates from Cllrs as follows:

Cllr John Sayers:

1. Waste Water Charges in schools: Sefton and Halton to continue to press for Defra and Ofwat to make changes to water charging policy for schools so there is consistency across the Country. Under current policy schools in the South East pay less.
2. Leasehold charges for new build properties: Sefton Cllrs are working with the local MP on tackling leasehold charges for new properties. Reports of charges of £108 to apply for permission for new windows.
3. Section 189, National Planning Policy Framework: Sefton Cllrs have asked for legal advice from Officers as developers aren't consulting residents or Cllrs.

Cllr Carragher:

4. Food Banks: Pressure on foodbanks over the school holidays. Donations welcome. Certain schools are opening as family centres to provide meals for children
5. Bluecoat outreach: In discussion with the Artistic Director at the Bluecoat about outreach in Sefton including sculpture in Maghull. Will update Community Support and Engagement Committee
6. Making Sefton Breastfeeding Friendly: Working to get support in shops/parks and leisure centres for space for breastfeeding

#### Key points made in discussion:

- Include a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan that leases transfer with the buyer
- Concerns that developers not engaging with Cllrs. Need to challenge the view that they don't need to engage. Advice being sought from Sefton
- Congratulations to Cllr John Sayers Skills and Jonathan Williams and Ian Weller (Sefton Officers) for their work to reduce water charges in schools. This has made a difference to schools in Maghull including retention of Teaching Assistants at one school. The contribution of Officers was noted and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to thank the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for this work
- Issues with visibility of Food Bank collection points in some supermarkets in Maghull. Cllrs encouraged to raise this with supermarkets

#### In response the Town Clerk noted:

- The Neighbourhood Plan is a planning matter, leasehold charges aren't. The Neighbourhood Plan could include a policy that development is supported if its freehold or if rent and charges are reasonable
- Developers will need to have regard to the emerging draft plan
- On land to the east of Maghull it was agreed that a masterplan would be developed for the site before applications are submitted

#### RESOLVED that

1. **Letter to be sent to the chair of Sefton's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) to congratulate the committee and Sefton Officers for their work to reduce water bills in North West Schools;**
2. **The report be noted**

#### 10. OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE/MAGHULLFEST

The Town Clerk reported that Maghullfest is on Saturday 29 July on KGV field. Planning permission has been granted for the installation of an outdoor performance structure. A decision was taken to widen out consultation about the outdoor performance area. As a result the installation is on hold, not cancelled. No money has been paid in cancellation charges and if the decision is taken not to proceed there are plans to offset any charges.

The Town Clerk set out the background to the outdoor performance space as the request of the Leader of the Council. She explained that the proposal arose during the 2015 election when Members considered the use of s106 funding. The band stand is a Manifesto commitment. The aim was to deliver the project for May Day 2017. Due to other priorities it had taken a while to deliver.

It was explained that s106 funding is from development in Sudell ward via Sefton Council. The money was allocated following a review by Sefton Council Planning Committee of Maghull Town Council's plans. The money came from development on land at Ashworth Hospital (Poppy Fields). It's a legal requirement that developers pay to offset the impact of the development. The money has to be used for the purpose for which it was applied and is for one off costs, and it has to be for a project for the benefit of the community not just a group within the community. In Maghull s106 funding has previously been used to buy new play equipment in the 13 parks. This included a

piece of play equipment in Dodds Park suitable for a wheel chair. The ongoing costs of the maintenance of the new play equipment has been met by Maghull Town Council.

If the outcome of public consultation is overwhelmingly against the proposals the money could be used for another project within the same criteria. The money has to be used by 2021. If it's not used it has to be paid back with interest as it is not public money

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**11. PROPOSED CHANGING FACILITIES AT WHINNEY BROOK AND PIMBLEY PLAYING FIELDS**

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**12. REPORT ON SEFTON AREA PARTNERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Note Cllr Carragher left the room at 7.15 and returned at 7.18.

Cllr Desmond reported that a working group has been set up to review the Parish Charter. Ten Parishes had requested each parish/town council provides 3 representatives. Maghull has 2 representatives – Cllr Desmond and Cllr Byrne. All Cllrs are welcome to attend. Cllr Desmond confirmed he would represent Maghull on the Working Group. It was agreed Maghull would continue to provide 2 representatives.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**13. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Cllr June Burns reported she had met a lot of local groups in recent weeks and had attended Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner in June. She will be attending the Open Golf at Birkdale on the final day and would be hosting a tombola at Maghullfest. Contributions for the tombola very welcome. Another Motown Night is planned for September.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**14. GRANT APPLICATION FROM RUNNING HORSES FC**

Application deferred as no accounts or quotes submitted with application.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The grant application be deferred for more information;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

**15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded.**

Notes: Break from 19:25 – 19:35 and Cllr Esterson left the meeting.

## 16. MAGHULL CRICKET CLUB

The Town Clerk reported that a revised offer had been put to MCC. The Club would also be responsible for internal and external repairs and contents and sports insurance. The Town Council would pay for insurance of the building and had offered to cut the outfield. As part of the market value review the sports facility would be advertised for 2 weeks from 24 July. MCC's latest accounts had been shared with MTC. MCC's Management Committee would be meeting on 24 July to consider the offer. If other bids received it would be for Cllrs to consider the criteria for assessing bids.

### **RESOLVED that**

- 1. Sports Facility at Hall Lane to be advertised to comply with the requirement to ensure best consideration;**
- 2. The rent proposed in the Heads of Terms sent to the Club would not be reduced any further;**
- 3. Cllrs to be notified of MCC decision as to whether to sign the lease during the recess;**
- 4. The report be noted**

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**CHAIRMAN**

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

To the Chair and Members  
*Meeting held 20 September 2017*

### **5. Neighbourhood Plan**

Members will be aware that the Council and the Neighbourhood Steering Group have produced a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. All Members have received an electronic version of the Plan together with a draft Local Character Assessment and a copy of the Parish Profile. The Plan is now out for consultation with the public, business owners and statutory consultees as well as local and district Councils. Once the public consultation is complete and any amendments necessary made, the Plan will be submitted to Sefton Council for examination. Hard copies of the documents will be made available on the night should Members wish it.

#### **Recommendation:**

- 1. That the report be noted.**