

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
- HELD 1ST MAY 2012

431. PRESENT – Councillor M. Byrne (In The chair) and Councillors : (Mrs) J. Day, (Mrs) R. Knight, (Mrs) G. Kermode, Mrs. B. Wells (Sefton CVS), Miss E. Skelly (Finance & Projects Officer), Mrs. A. D. Lee (Bookings Co-ordinator), Mrs. P. M. Annal (Minutes/Secretary).

432. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Received from Miss N. Smith (Youth Support)

433. REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR FUNDING RECEIVED - The Chairman Councillor M. Byrne highlighted the requests received to date for funding :

Maghull In Bloom are requesting £5000 for the purchase of various products which include Barrier Baskets, High Level Pole Baskets, Pavement Planters, various Herb and Fruit Trees, Information signs and Irrigation equipment.

The Committee agreed to this request upon ratification by Full Council. This was *PROPOSED* by Councillor (Mrs) J. Day, *SECONDED* by Councillor (Mrs) R. Knight and *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*.

Oasis (Self Help Group) are requesting £742 to set up a support group for Maghull residents with emotional difficulties. A brief discussion ensued in which the Committee agreed in principle to the scheme, but have agreed not to release any payment to the group until the organisation adopts a suitable Policy and a Constitution is in place. This was *PROPOSED* by Councillor (Mrs) G. Kermode, *SECONDED* by Councillor (Mrs) J. Day and *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*.

Maghull Station Volunteers are requesting £300 for the purchase of three additional self watering Hanging Baskets and two wall mounted Trough Planters. The Committee agreed to this request upon ratification by Full Council. This was *PROPOSED* by Councillor M. Byrne, *SECONDED* by Councillor (Mrs) R. Knight and *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*.

Maghull Football Club - The Chairman informed Members that Maghull Football Club had submitted a registration for funding. This was submitted as a result of representatives from Maghull Football Club attending a recent meeting of the Council, in which they gave a presentation on the future of the Football Pavilion. This was *NOTED* by Members.

434. REVIEW OF ROOM USE REQUESTS RECEIVED - Mrs. A. D. Lee (Bookings Co-ordinator) confirmed that several expressions of interests had been received for Community room use. This was *NOTED* by Members.

435. CLARIFICATION OF PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES - The Chairman highlighted the processes and procedures for Community groups wishing to use the Town Hall facilities on a free of charge basis, and also requesting financial assistance from the Council :

- a) In order for any group requesting financial assistance and room use on a free of charge basis, the group must be registered as a Community organisation – clear rules and guidelines have been set up detailing this.
- b) Once registered, Community groups can also apply for long term or short term financial assistance. Long term applications sustainable, year on year, must be agreed by Full Council. Short term grants can be approved by the community group subject to ratification by Finance & General Purposes Committee and subject to the rules already identified, (only once every two years, between a minimum of £50 up to a maximum of £500 etc).

436. UPDATE ON WEB-SITE DEVELOPMENT - Mrs. Lee stated that there is nothing specific to report at the moment, as there has been no response from the Web designer despite several repeated attempts to contact him.

Following a short debate, it was the recommendation of the Committee to formerly review the Website development and to consider the possibility of finding another Website designer. *PROPOSED* by Councillor M. Byrne, *SECONDED* by Councillor (Mrs) G. Kermode – *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*.

437. REVIEW OF ISSUES CREATED FROM THE COMMUNITY FORUM AND ACTION NEEDED - Councillor M. Byrne referred Members to the Summary of Community Ideas emanating from the open Forum meeting which was held in February.

A discussion followed, in which several positive ideas were tabled, including:-

- Improved marketing of community organisations and community events.
- Notice boards/pin boards to be erected in public places i.e. Library, Meadows Leisure Centre and Surgeries.
- Introduction of a Maghull Town Council Apprentice scheme
- Regular meetings of community organisations to allow for mutual support/networking and communication. We propose that the next meeting (invited representatives from all registered organisations) take place mid June 2012. CVS to assist in advising members.
- Creation of a drop in centre/one stop shop to provide information on community activities/CAB/Credit Union/Job Support/Police and Councillors surgery information etc.,

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- The re-introduction of a Maghull Carnival/Town Fair. This could involve all the schools within MADCOS (Maghull & District Cluster of Schools).

438. REPORT ON MEETING WITH MERSEYTRAVEL/FRANK HORNBY SUPPORT - Councillor (Mrs) G. Kermode addressed this issue. She highlighted the idea of involving Merseytravel to introduce a 'Frank Hornby Trail' from Maghull Station, this would give a full explanation of Frank Hornby's life and times within Maghull. She also stated that the Frank Hornby room, which is currently located within the Leisure Centre, could be more interactive i.e. installing a train track within the room which would make it more interesting for younger children visiting the Frank Hornby room. She is also mindful that these ideas would, of course, require additional funding. Members *NOTED* Councillor Kermode's comments.

439. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - There were no further items for discussion. However, Mrs. B. Wells (Sefton CVS) highlighted a meeting of the Maghull Hornby Festival Group which will be taking place on 14th May in St. Andrews' Church Hall.

CHAIRMAN