

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2011

29. PRESENT – Councillor (Ms) S. Williams (In The Chair) and Councillors : S. Kermode, M. Byrne, P. Mckinley, A. Blackburn, A. Robertson, I. Moncur, C. Traynor M. Jones, C. Esterson. Mr. John Farrell (Interim Town Clerk), Miss E. Skelly (Finance & Projects Officer), Mrs. P. M. Annal (Minutes)

30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - *RECEIVED* from Councillors : (Mrs) J. Day, P. Dowd, R. Knight, A. Lewis, K. Brown, P. Tweed

32. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (MEMBERS AND OFFICERS) – None indicated

33. MINUTES – *RESOLVED* that the Minutes of :-

Ordinary Meeting of Council, held 4th May 2011 – copies of which have been printed and circulated – be taken as read and signed by the Chairman. This was *PROPOSED* by Councillor A. Robertson, *SECONDED* by Councillor A. Blackburn – *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*

Annual General Meeting of Council, held 19th May 2011 – copies of which have been printed and circulated – be taken as read and signed by the Chairman. This was *PROPOSED* by Councillor S. Kermode, *SECONDED* by Councillor M. Jones – *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*

34. QUESTIONS – No questions raised

35. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES –

Report on Annual Assembly Meeting, held 4th May 2011 – *PROPOSED* acceptance by Councillor A. Robertson, *SECONDED* by Councillor A. Blackburn – *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held 25th May 2011 – *PROPOSED* acceptance by Councillor S. Kermode, *SECONDED* by Councillor M. Jones – *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*

36. OPPOSED ITEMS – No items opposed

37. QUESTIONS – The following issues were raised :-

Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 4th May 2011 – The Chairman, Councillor (Ms) S. Williams requested a copy of the Clerk's Report.

Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 4th May 2011 - (Min. No. 406) refers (Speeding, Liverpool Road South – Vehicle Activated Signs). Cllr. A. Robertson informed Members that the issue of funding will need to be resolved. A detailed report from Sefton Traffic Engineers will be submitted to the next meeting of Sefton East Parishes Area Committee (SEPAC).

Report on Annual Assembly Meeting held on 4th May 2011 – Swing Bridge, Hall Lane, Maghull – Councillors M. Byrne and P. McKinley stated that there are still problems with the swing bridge, and heavy goods vehicles are missing the sign which details maximum weight restrictions. It was confirmed that a small consultation with residents living in the immediate vicinity of this swing bridge will be carried out, and reported back to Sefton Council Traffic Services.

Report on Annual Assembly Meeting held on 4th May 2011 - Primary Care Trust (Deficit) – The Chairman, Councillor (Ms) S. Williams asked for clarification of this deficit. She enquired if it would be possible to write to the Chairman of the PCT. Councillor I. Moncur confirmed that this issue does need to be taken forward, and requested the Town Council contact the PCT for further information regarding this issue. The Interim Town Clerk confirmed that clarification will be sought, and brought back to a future meeting of Council.

Annual General Meeting of Council held on 19th May 2011 - (Min. No. 11) refers, Appointment of representatives on External Organisations – Sefton rights of Way Liaison Group – Councillor M. Byrne informed Members that he had contacted Councillor D. Russell (Lydiate Parish Council) – to ascertain if he would be willing to continue as the Town Council's representative on this external organisation.

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25th May 2011 – (Min. No. 24) refers – Reformation of Sub-Committees - The Chairman, Councillor (Ms) S. Williams enquired if the 'Business Review' and 'Publicity' Sub-Committees will be reformed. Councillor M. Byrne stated that this issue will remain *DEFERRED* and the Sub-Committees reformed, if required, at a later date.

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25th May 2011 – (Min. No. 26) refers – Report on Sefton Metropolitan Council Matters - Councillor M. Jones referred to the 'Academy Schools Status' and confirmed that Deyes High School are now balloting parents *and* teachers regarding this issue.

Councillor I. Moncur highlighted that the Secretary of State had confirmed that seven schools within Sefton have been granted Academy status. He also stated that a briefing document relative to Academy Schools will soon be circulated to all Members of Sefton Council. Councillor Moncur confirmed that a copy of this document will also be circulated to Maghull Town Council members for their consideration and information.

Councillor A. Robertson stated that it would be useful to see the 'form of words' regarding Academy status, which was circulated to parents of pupils attending Deyes High and Maghull High schools. He asked that the Town Council write to both schools to enquire if they would be willing to provide a copy of the documentation for Elected Members' information.

38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – No Planning Applications have been referred for Members' consideration at this time.

39. REPORT ON SEFTON AREA PARTNERSHIP OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Councillor M. Byrne stated that due to the installation of the new administration of Maghull Town Council following the recent local Elections, the Town Council was not represented at the last meeting of this organisation.

40. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nothing to report at this time. However the Chairman stated that a written report will be presented at future meetings.

41. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Chairman informed Members that for future meetings, she would like to receive prior notice of any items of 'AOB'.

Councillor M. Byrne – highlighted a recent meeting he attending relative to the development of Maghull Town Council's Website. He asked Members for suggestions that could be incorporated in the website.

Councillor A. Robertson stated it would be useful to have a link to the Maghull and District Youth Council.

Councillor M. Byrne – asked for feed-back regarding the possibility of changing the Council Meeting nights from Wednesday to Thursday, and enquired if this would have an impact on any other meetings. In response Councillor A. Blackburn stated that this would create problems with Sefton Council meetings and Sefton East Parishes Area Committee meetings as these are held on Thursday evenings. Members will consider this and report back.

Councillor P. McKinley – referred to the heritage of residents of Maghull, past and present. In response, Councillor A. Robertson stated that Dr. Rowlands, a local historian has produced quite a lot of history regarding Maghull and Lydiate. He also highlighted the Historical Blue Plaques that have been erected at various sites around the community. The Hornby Exhibition room located within the Meadows Leisure Centre also provides history appertaining to Frank Hornby.

Councillor P. McKinley – highlighted that Maghull Football Club had won a Trophy. It was suggested that Club be invited to the Town Hall in order that the Mayor of Maghull may present the trophy to them, with a certificate and possibly press coverage. It is hoped that this would raise the profile of the club within the community. Councillor McKinley will arrange a suitable date and time for this to take place.

Councillor C. Esterson – felt it appropriate that the new administration acknowledge the previous Liberal Democrat administration, for their dedication and unstinting commitment to the community of Maghull. Councillor A. Robertson responded that he would speak to his group members regarding this issue.

CHAIRMAN

