



**MAGHULL
TOWN
COUNCIL**

Maghull Town Hall

Hall Lane, Maghull,
Merseyside L31 7BB

Telephone: 0151 526 3705

Facsimile: 0151 520 0253

E-mail: info@maghull-tc.gov.uk

Web Site: maghull-tc.gov.uk

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING of MAGHULL
TOWN COUNCIL will be held in THE VENUE FUNCTION SUITE
at MAGHULL TOWN HALL on WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015**

The Meeting will commence at 6.30 p.m.

Dated this 12th Day of March 2015

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. General Business and Questions from Electors
4. Neighbourhood Plan

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



MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PARISH OF MAGHULL
WILL BE HELD IN THE VENUE FUNCTION SUITE
OF
MAGHULL TOWN HALL
HALL LANE, MAGHULL
ON
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015
COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M

SUCH PERSONS ONLY AS ARE REGISTERED AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS
FOR THE PARISH WILL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE MEETING

THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THIS MEETING
WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. General Business and Questions from Electors
4. Neighbourhood Plan

Dated this 12th Day of March 2015



Miss A. McIntyre
Town Clerk & Treasurer

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
REPORT ON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
HELD 25TH MARCH 2015

1. PRESENT – Councillor Deegan (Town Mayor and In The Chair) and Councillors : Burns, Byrne, J. Robertson, Sayers

2. ALSO PRESENT – A. McIntyre (Town Clerk & Treasurer), P.M. Annal (Minutes) and resident: Mr. R. Deegan

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors : Blackburn, Hubbard, Moncur, McKinley, A. Robertson

The Town Mayor and Chairman of Maghull Town Council, welcomed colleagues and members of the press and public to the Annual Assembly Meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Councillor Deegan, Town Mayor, presented her Report on the Council's various activities over the last 12 months. She also summarised some of her experiences as Town Mayor.

- Despite a 25% cut in the budget, the Council had saved over £100k for the period 2014/15. These savings had enabled the Town Council's precept to remain at 0% for the fourth year in succession.
- The Council hosted two successful Maghull Festivals which provided an opportunity to bring families and residents together for a day of entertainment, activities and fun. The Council are intending to hold a third festival in July.
- **The Annual Firework** display proved a huge success with the biggest attendance this year compared to previous years'
- A Christmas Luncheon and Hamper scheme had been organised for the second year, which was just as successful as the first year.
- **Maghull Community Enterprise** had been set up with funding from Sefton MBC. This project has enabled not only Maghull Town Councillors, but Sefton MBC Councillors and local businesses to work together to improve the Town. The Town Council have continued with this project and had been successful in securing more funding which had resulted in the Council being able to create two new posts:

Radio Station Manager (Part time post)

Community Development Co-Ordinator (Full time post)

- **The Emporium in Maghull** Central Square which had been trading for the last 12 months, had enabled five small businesses to get off the ground.
- **Maghull Radio Station** had recently celebrated its first birthday. Operated by volunteers from Maghull and surrounding areas, the team have promoted local events and have showcased some of the work local community groups are involved with.
- **Sefton MBC Local Plan.** The Town Council had conducted a survey to ascertain residents' views in response to Sefton Council's Local Plan. 10% of the homes in Maghull had been contacted with the results being published at a public meeting. These results had been used to enable the Town Council to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan.

- **Maghull Community Fair.** This event had been organised to help community groups and volunteers to work together proactively for the Town. The event had been well supported with over 23 community groups attending.

The Mayor's Civic duties included attendances at:

- Two events had been arranged for Woodlands Hospice: Antiques Fair and a Fashion Show. Both events had been well attended and a significant amount of money had been raised for Woodlands Hospice.
- Numerous School visits and Civic Services
- Ormskirk and Maghull Lions Charter evening and children's Christmas party
- Cheque presentation evening arranged by Maghull & Aughton Rotary Club
- Attendance at the British Legion Annual Conference
- Attendance at two events at St. Andrews Primary school on behalf of Woodlands Hospice, and a concert by the school children to commemorate the anniversary of WW1
- Attendances at various Coffee mornings and Art Exhibitions.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - The Town Clerk introduced this item and gave a brief update of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Designated Area Status: Maghull Town Council had applied for and had been granted Designated Area Status for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning by Sefton Council. The report was approved at a recent Cabinet meeting held on 5th February 2015. This followed a six week consultation period in which the new boundary for the area had been publicised. The new boundary would now take in the area surrounding Junction 1 of the M58 which would give Maghull the power to decide policies for a wider area.

The Steering Group: The Steering Group meet every month at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber. The Steering Group decides the way forward with the Plan and follows the process as laid out in the road map provided by Locality and the DCLG.

Maghull and Melling Councils Protocol: Maghull Town Council and Melling Parish Council had both agreed to work together to help produce their Neighbourhood Plans. This had been formalised into a protocol which states the area that both Councils would work within and how the relationship would work. Maghull Town Council have agreed to consult with and work closely with Melling Parish Council in order that both plans had a cohesive feel and that one area does not suffer through the effects of the neighbour's plan. Maghull Town Council and Melling Parish Council will continue to monitor progress of both plans and provide help to each other as appropriate.

Community Engagement: During the summer months Maghull Town Council had carried out several community engagement events to ascertain people's views about Maghull. These events took place in schools and churches and also the Town Hall. The events were well attended and questionnaires had been completed which had been used as a basis for the plan.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS AND QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS - No questions/issues were raised.

7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING - There being no further questions/issues, the Town Mayor thanked all Elected members of Council for attending, and announced the Annual Assembly Meeting for 2015 be closed.