

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD 7TH DECEMBER 2011

242. PRESENT – Councillor (Ms) S. Williams (In The Chair) and Councillors : S. Kermode, (Mrs) R. Knight, M. Jones, M. Byrne, P. Dowd, P. Tweed, A. Blackburn, A. Robertson, I. Moncur. Mr. M. Julius (Town Clerk & Treasurer), Miss E. Skelly (Finance & Projects Officer), Mrs. P. M. Annal (Minutes Secretary).

243. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN – The Chairman Councillor (Ms) S. Williams welcomed colleagues and members of the public to the meeting.

244. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The meeting was addressed by Mr. L. French, Chairman of the Altside Business Village Partnership and Frank Hornby Trust. Mr. French presented a brief history about the Frank Hornby Trust, which is currently housed within the Meadows Leisure Centre, and is open to the public.

He also stated that a new 7 metre long show case had recently been installed within the Hornby room. Funding is currently being pursued from the Heritage Lottery and several items have already been donated by local residents. Mr. French stated that the Trust are looking for any memorabilia pre WWII relating to the life of Frank Hornby, but confirmed that any items produced at the Frank Hornby Factory would also be welcome.

At this point, Councillor A. Robertson declared an interest in this issue as he is a member of the Frank Hornby Trust. The Chairman thanked Mr. French for his presentation and stated that Maghull Town Council would offer support to this project.

245. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – *RECEIVED* from Councillors : (Mrs) J. Day, P. McKinley, (Mrs) C. Esterson, (Miss) C. Traynor, A. Lewis

246. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (MEMBERS AND OFFICERS) – Councillor A. Robertson declared an interest in discussions relative to Frank Hornby.

247. MINUTES – *RESOLVED* that the Minutes of an **Ordinary Meeting of Council, held 9th November 2011** – copies of which have been printed and circulated – be taken as read and signed by the Chairman – *PROPOSED* by Councillor P. Dowd, *SECONDED* by Councillor M. Byrne – *AGREED UNANIMOUSLY*.

248. MATTERS ARISING – No issues raised.

249. CAROLS IN THE PARK – The Chairman commented that this event, held on Tuesday 6th December was well attended in spite of the cold weather. She thanked all involved in the preparation of this event, with a special thank you to Mr. Peter Taylor (Facilities Manager) and his staff.

250. COFFEE SHOP DECISION – ADVERTISE OR COMMUNITY USE – The question arose as to what the Council want to do with this franchise. It was suggested that the two/three proposals that have been received, be circulated at the next Full Council meeting for members' consideration.

251. DATE FOR COMMUNITY OPEN DAY – The Town Clerk confirmed that the Open Day will take place on **Wednesday 25th January between 6pm and 9pm**, in the Function Room at Maghull Town Hall. He confirmed that charities can register their interest in the use of the room on this date.

252. LATEST INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 22ND NOVEMBER 2011 - The Chairman addressed this item and highlighted only one concern : '**Change of passwords on Computer**'. The Finance Officer confirmed that this is in hand. The Chairman confirmed there were no other areas of concern highlighted in the Report.

253. VACANCY ON MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL – The Town Clerk addressed this issue and referred to the resignation of an Elected Member of Maghull Town Council, which has resulted in a vacancy on the Council. He further stated that he had taken advice and guidance from Sefton Council's Electoral Services Department regarding the course of action to be taken by the Council on filling the seat.

He confirmed that if the public call for the position to be filled in the form of a by-election, then the cost to the Council would be £5000. Legal notices have been posted for the statutory period and to date no requests from the public for a by-election have been made. This means that the Council may now legally co-opt a member of the public on to the Council as a full Councillor.

A brief discussion followed in which it was suggested that the Town Clerk seek further information from Sefton Council Electoral Services regarding co-option, as it is understood that Melling Parish Council have recently been in a similar situation, and the correct procedures must be followed if Maghull Town Council decide to co-opt a member of the public onto the Council.

254. YOUTH COFFEE BAR – Councillor Byrne addressed this item and informed Members that three young people have been excluded from the Youth Club and the whole of the Town Hall Complex. The exclusion is for Anti Social Behaviour and will last for a period of 12 months. Written exclusion letters have been issued by the Council to parents and also the youths. These were delivered by the Police.

He confirmed that a meeting had taken place on Monday 5th December between representatives from the Youth Council and Sefton Youth workers. He further stated that the local Police had confirmed that any calls to them on Youth Nights would be treated as a priority.

Councillor Byrne confirmed meetings have been arranged with the Youth Workers to ensure the situation is monitored constantly and not just when problems occur. He asked that the Town Clerk and the Youth Worker continue to monitor the behaviour of the users of the Youth Coffee bar and keep members apprised of problems that arise.

255. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – No Planning Applications referred at this time.

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council, held 7th December 2011.

256. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES –

Personnel Committee Meeting, held 16th November 2011 – PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE by Councillor M. Byrne, **SECONDED** by Councillor S. Kermode – **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Amenities & Town Hall Committee Meeting, held 23rd November 2011 – PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE by Councillor S. Kermode, **SECONDED** by Councillor A. Robertson – **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held 23rd November 2011 – PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE by Councillor I. Moncur, **SECONDED** by Councillor S. Kermode – **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

257. MATTERS ARISING –

a) **Personnel Committee Meeting, held 16th November 2011** – No issues raised

b) **Amenities & Town Hall Committee Meeting, held 23rd November 2011** – No issues raised

c) **Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, held 23rd November 2011** – the following issues were raised

(Min. No. 223) refers : Point (a) – Councillor A. Robertson enquired if this issue had been resolved. Councillor M. Byrne responded that he had apologised on behalf of Maghull Town Council, to Councillor C. Mainey for the misunderstanding.

(Min. No. 230) refers : Councillor M. Byrne commented on the positive outcome of the initial meeting of the Community sub-Committee which was held on 21st November 2011.

(Min. No. 239) refers : (ii) Closure of Children's Centres – Councillor I. Moncur confirmed that a review of Children's Centres had been carried out, and it is proposed that all children's centres will remain open but will not necessarily offer the same amount of services as previously.

258. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Chairman highlighted the following :-

a) **Maghull & Lydiate in Bloom** – congratulations on attaining five awards for their efforts in various projects within the community of Maghull. Councillor A. Robertson also congratulated Maghull Station volunteers for their efforts in enhancing the appearance of Maghull Railway Station.

b) Town Mayor, Councillor (Mrs) S. Williams highlighted her two chosen charities for her Civic Year ; Woodlands Hospice and Zoe's Place. In order to raise funds for these two well deserving charities, the Mayor intends to hold a 'plant sale' at the end of May 2012, this will be held on Whinneybrook playing field (date and time to be confirmed). The Mayor would like all local organisations to participate.

CHAIRMAN