

**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FULL COUNCIL**  
**HELD 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT** - Councillor Josh Burns (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): June Burns, Carr, Carlsen, Desmond, Ferguson, K & T Hughes, McKinley and Sharp.

**ALSO PRESENT** – A. McIntyre (Town Clerk), A. Spencer (Amenities Manager), S. Lawrence (minutes) & two members of public.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllrs Lloyd, Mullen, J & Y Sayers.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**: None.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**: None.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**:

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of Full Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were approved as a correct record.

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6. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN MAGHULL**:

Inspector Swan sends apologies – Town Clerk provided brief explanation of the report and some statistics:

Key Points made by Town Clerk:

- 27% decrease in ASB in the past 3 years.
- Police are trying to extend PSPO to rely less on dispersal zones.
- Survey was created and completed by Police and they had 635 responses for KGV Park.
- 70% residents affected by gangs of youths, 61% inconsiderate behaviour and 45% received threats of violence.
- General feedback from residents is this is causing anxiety and they do not feel safe to go out at certain times.
- Going forward suggestion for extra lighting for KGV Park – this is the responsibility of Meadows Leisure Centre – MTC will be contacting.
- Overgrown bushes and shrubs have been cut back to open up space within the park.
- Cricket Club/football lighting is now working.
- MTC opportunity to update our strategy.

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Cllr Josh Burns provided an update regarding the accompanied visit he and Cllr Carragher attended with police on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (mischief night). He explained the issues the police were having with the large number of teenagers present in groups in the town. They received abuse from the youths. Police provided gangs with a warning notice, if they are caught in group of 3 or more by police within the next 48 hours, they would be arrested.

Key Points made by Cllrs:

- Morrisons Supermarket in Maghull was the target of vandalism on mischief night and several arrests have been made;
- Suggestion to stop large groups leaving the Maghull train stations;
- Suggestion for results of arrests/cautions etc. to be provided to public for reassurance;
- Build connection between schools and MTC to progress to a Youth Council.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1. An evening meeting with external Partners be arranged;**
- 2. Invitations to be sent asking for representatives to the 3 local high schools;**
- 3. A ASB Strategy paper to be produced for Council approval;**
- 4. The report be noted**

#### **7. LAND EAST OF MAGHULL – PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Town Clerk provided a brief explanation of the current position. Cllrs were asked to refer to page 5 of Edward Landor Letter for an up to date summary. Next Planning Committee would be 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This would be MTC opportunity to speak, Cllr McKinley ward Cllr would have 5 minutes to speak at that meeting; Developers get 5 minutes to respond. MTC will create petition of 25+ residents (as needed).

Key Points made by Cllrs:

- Concerns expressed about the spine road for this development, when will this be completed?
- Insufficient traffic assessment for the wider roads of Maghull
- Flooding issues with the land the developers are building on
- Air Quality – No way to control the impact of negative air quality.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Cllr Carr and Cllr McKinley as Ward Cllrs to speak on MTC behalf;**
- 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker to be arranged by the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council;**
- 3. Letter to be sent in response from E Landor (planning consultant) to local Planning Authority;**
- 4. The report be noted.**

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## 8. BOROUGH OF CULTURE – MAGHULL'S CONTRIBUTION:

Key Points made by Cllrs:

- Cllr June Burns reminded colleagues that the Sefton Mayors Ball would take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- Cllr K Hughes offered workshops on Saturday for stone carving, 2 sessions' morning and afternoon.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. **All dates be approved;**
2. **The report be noted.**

## 9. LEGAL SERVICES SLA

Town Clerk provided brief explanation of report. The Council currently utilised the SLA with Sefton Legal Services and this was due for review. The SLA was currently working well and was the cheapest option available.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. **The SLA with Sefton Legal Services be approved for the year April 2020 to March 2021;**
2. **The report be noted.**

## 10. MAGHULL CRICKET CLUB – ELECTRICITY USAGE

Cllr Carlsen provided a verbal update on the current situation:

- Loan was provided to MCC for £2700 to clear electricity debt.
- Working group had 4 meetings since 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 including meetings with Cricket Club representatives;
- Several offers were made to MCC to switch tariff and arranged by Cllr Carlsen. Unfortunately this was not completed by MCC.
- Lights in car park now working and set to timer.
- Electricity Meters for the street lights and Cricket Club are now split.
- Under the terms of the lease the Cricket Club were responsible for their utility bills.
- Final offer of £300 to cover any costs incurred by the car park lights had been made to the Cricket Club.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. **Council approved a final offer of £300 to cover any additional electrical charges to be offered to the Cricket Club;**
2. **No further work on the issue of the electricity usage by the Cricket Club to be undertaken by MTC staff;**
3. **The report be noted.**

## 11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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**RESOLVED** that the minutes of Finance and General Purposes on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Amenities Committee 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Community Services Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and Community Services Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 be noted.

12. REPORT ON SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

No report given.

13. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report given.

It was noted that Chairs Sub Group Meeting will take place Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.



**CHAIRMAN**