

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD 11th MARCH 2020

PRESENT - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Doherty, Ferguson, Mullen, Y. Sayers and Sharp

ALSO PRESENT - P. Dillon (Community Services Manager) and S. Larking (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Josh Burns, Desmond and Thomas Hughes

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Notified but withdrawn, Maghull in Bloom had withdrawn as issue about watering at Maghull Square had been resolved. Cllrs McKinley and John Sayers continue to work with Maghull in Bloom and London and Cambridge Properties (LCP).

4. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 26th NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2019 were approved as an accurate record.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS:

The Community Services Manager gave an update and review of Community Events:

1. Christmas Light Switch on at Maghull Square: Supported by Maghull Wind Orchestra (played) and Morrisons (free mince pies). Over 100 people attended; event not pushed publicly. Will need to review event if LCP undertake works in the car park. Land ownership is an issue for alternative sites for a Christmas tree. Cllrs asked for an update on a living tree and potential locations if square not an option.
2. Hampers: 50 hampers distributed to vulnerable older people around Maghull. Cotton MTC logo bags a success. Help from Maricourt School and Maghull Radio Station to pack bags. Thank you to all Cllrs who helped to distribute bags. Copies of thank you notes received circulated to Members.
3. Pensioners Lunch 17th December 2019: Over 70 people attended. Lots of positive feedback from those attending about meal and entertainment. Volunteers included Cllrs and former Cllrs. Thank you to all who supported the event and helped make it such a success.
4. Town Hall Open Day 5th February 2020: 10 people attended. Land of East of Maghull an issue and dog fouling. Feedback from residents that they valued meeting Cllrs

CC

face to face. Plan to hold one or two events during the year at different times to accommodate those who work and unable to attend. Public meeting planned about Land East of Maghull.

5. Civic Awards 19th February 2020: 90 people attended. Cllr Thomas Hughes stepped in to present an award. Feedback was positive. Suggestion about providing more information in the programme about nominees and who they were nominated by. Will look to make nomination process more robust so that clear information supports nominations.
6. Go Girl afterschool project: just started at Parish Hall. First session went well.

The Community Services Manager reported there would be a review about communication to ensure all residents aware of events

RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020

The Community Services Manager reported that the programme of events had been developed to support Sefton's Borough of Culture. Unfortunately, the event planned for March 2020 (Beer Festival) was cancelled as the Venue was not available and the Red Lion Social Club had closed. Beer Festival on track for September 2020. Other events:

1. Dementia Friendly Cinema Trip for Older Residents on 19th March: Trip to Plaza Community Cinema. MTC paying for coach, entrance and popcorn. Post received over 5,000 hits. Event oversubscribed. Working with Sefton CVS to deliver event. If successful will explore a mobile screen in Maghull
2. Mini Soccer League: Active Sport, based in Sefton Lane will run a mini soccer league for 10 weeks, from 20th March, in the run up to the Euros. Aim is to create a league for up to 100 young people, on a Friday night. They work with Maghull Schools. May need to postpone due to Covid 19.
3. Green Trail: to be launched in April. Awaiting outcome of bid for funding
4. Fun Day 5th July: Active Foundation (not for profit organisation) propose a one day community sports fun day for Maghull families.
5. Family in the Park: Events to be held in July and August in parks (one event a week in 7 parks) including kwik cricket, rounders and archery. Events will run from 12-3 and open to all Maghull residents, not just schools. Active Foundation will provide equipment and coaches. Cllrs supported the project which would encourage families to use the parks
6. Mini Olympics Event: Exploring a mini Olympics event in KGV Park in the Summer
7. Literary Festival: Commitment to hold a literary festival in May or June in partnership with Sefton libraries and the Reader Charity. Maghull Radio have started a poetry evening
8. Liverpool Lantern Company: Cllr Carragher and the Community Services Manager had met the Liverpool Lantern Company to discuss hosting workshops and a lantern parade on KGV park in October. This would be targeted at families. The costs, for

CC

event, ranged from £5,000 to £9,000. This would be for 3 workshops (up to 20 people at each workshop) during the October half term. The workshops would avoid mischief night. Cllrs considered options for securing funding including from Merseyside Police, Merseytravel and areas funding (Sefton Ward funding).

9. Fun Fairs: Fairs booked for May on KGV Park and September in Whinney Brook

10. Circus: Circus Montini will be on KGV Park in May

11. Toy/Kite Fair and Sale: Proposed for August . Would link in with the Frank Hornby Heritage Group. May be able to secure funding from Sefton Borough of Culture for this event

The Community Services Manager noted that events for young people responded to a request from Cllrs for more diversionary activities. Cllrs agreed that they wanted to run more community events through the year rather than one off events (eg fireworks). It was agreed that the Community Services Manager should explore options costing up to £9,000 for Lantern workshops and event.

RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Funding agreed for Active Foundation**
2. **Community Services Manager to explore options for Lantern workshops and parade up to £9,000,**
3. **The report be noted**

8. GREEN TRAIL BID

The Community Services Manager reported that a bid had been submitted to the English Heritage Lottery Fund for a green trail across Maghull. The trail will be designed by school children. On the advice of the Fund the bid had been increased to £40,000. Schools would be encouraged to adopt a park. Support from MADCOS who have endorsed the bid. Plan is to design gardens to be more accessible and have sensory areas. Animal sculptures will provide receptacles for bottle tops. There will be a Maghull "Big Dig" to plant trees from Mersey Forest. Hope schools will be involved in the annual Spring Clean in April.

RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.

9. COMMUNITY YOUTH SUPPORT NETWORK

Cllr Mullen gave a report on proposals to support families with a child living with neurodevelopmental conditions including Autism Spectrum Disorder and ADHD. The need for the service had been identified by families and schools in Maghull. She had met ADDvanced Solutions who are keen to branch out and provide support across Sefton. Proposal is to host sessions once a month in Maghull for

- children and families and
- young people over 17

CC

Cost is £285 + VAT per session. Request for funding from the Youth Budget is for £3,762 as well as free room hire. Work to be done to collate and promote information about services and support available eg Vue Cinemas hold relaxed viewings and Morrisons in Maghull hosts a quiet hour on Saturday morning. Also, support for a sensory garden to include a quiet area. Cllrs supported the proposal and agreed funding. Cllr Mullen to contact ADDvanced Solutions to take proposal forward.

The Community Services Manager said that there would be a balance of £1,500 in the youth budget after committed projects (mini league, sports day and Go Girl Project). This could be used to support other projects. Other funding streams could be explored to increase the budget. It was noted that the Friends of Maghull and district may be able to help secure funding.

RESOLVED THAT:

1. Funding of £3,762 be approved ADDvanced Solutions
2. The report be noted.

10. ANCIENT RIGHTS OF WAY

The Community Services Manager reported that the Ramblers are running a national campaign to get ancient rights of way enshrined in law. There are ancient rights of way on land east of Maghull which need retaining. Officers to continue research and report back.

RESOLVED THAT: The report be noted.

11. COMMUNITY GRANTS – GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications received from:

- Altside Scouts: application for £500 for celebration camp in July. Bid for £1,300 reduced to maximum of £500. Funding agreed.
- Maghull Radio: application for £500 to train volunteers to fundraise as funding ending. Community Services Manager reported he is working with Maghull Radio to help them secure more sustainable funding. Funding agreed.

RESOLVED THAT:

1. Grants be approved for Altside Scouts and Maghull Radio
2. The report be noted.

12. CHAIRS REPORT

No report given.



CHAIRMAN