

**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

**PRESENT** - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Desmond, Doherty, Fergusson, Lloyd, Mullen and Y. Sayers.

**ALSO PRESENT** - A. McIntyre (Town Clerk), P. Dillon (Community Services Manager) and S. Larking (Minutes).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Cllr Josh Burns.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Lloyd declared a non pecuniary interest, as vice chair of Maghull Cricket Club, for any discussion under Agenda Item 5 on the fireworks display.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No requests to for public participation were received.

**4. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

RESOLVED THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved as an accurate record.

**5. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

The Community Services Manager reported that he had reviewed the work programme and budget agreed at Community Support and Engagement Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Cllrs considered the work programme:

**1. Christmas Activities:**

- Hampers
- Lunch
- Christmas tree at the Square. Note that discussions on-going with Sefton about a living tree.

The Committee agreed a virement of £3,500 from events to Christmas activities

**2. Fireworks:**

Officers reported that at Budget Council on 23 January 2019 it was agreed that the Fireworks Display would not be held in 2019 unless resources (approx. £9,000) could be found. Costs include £6,000 for a basic display as well as stewards/Police, road closures

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and entertainment for a soft start to reduce crowd congestion. Budget pressures as precept not increased for 2019/20. If fireworks event held there would be no funding for other events including Maghull Fest and Civic Awards.

Key points made by Cllrs:

- More people attend fireworks display than Maghullfest
- Event generates income to help offset costs
- Increase charge for fireworks from £2 per person
- Use reserves to pay for event.
- Have stalls but no entertainment
- Host fireworks every other year
- Host fireworks in 2020 to support Sefton as borough of culture
- Recognise budget constraints. Precept not increased as mindful of increases to Council tax bills from Sefton, Metro Mayor and PCC

In conclusion it was proposed that Maghull Fest is held in 2019 and Fireworks in 2020. A vote was taken – 6 voted in favour and 1 against.

### 3. Community Grants:

£2,000 (out of £5,000) had been allocated to Maghull In Bloom. Grants to be promoted to encourage uptake. It was noted that the wild flower meadow in Stafford Moreton Way was supported but not funded by the Town Council.

### 4. Community Events:

2 proposed events: Maghullfest 2019 and Civic Awards.

- **Maghullfest:** Date agreed with Chair and Vice Chair for Friday 23 August. Community Services Manager met The Reader, local Churches and Canal and River Trust (CRT) about the event and future partnership working. CRT offered events on/around canal including canoeing.
- **Civic Awards:** to move from Autumn to February/March 2020

Key points raised by Cllrs:

- Event usually held over the weekend. Look at other dates in August
- Consider Old Hall Field. Noted that cricket coaching on Friday evenings and Charity Event at Old Hall Field on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

It was agreed that Maghullfest 2019 would be held at KGV Park on Saturday 31 August.

### 5. Youth Provision

Budget of £8,000. Youth Survey in June 2018 identified 3 favoured outcomes for Maghull residents. Work not progressed due of staff vacancies .

## Key points raised by Cllrs:

- Important to provide what young people want
- Need a base, a variation on a youth club
- Supervision needed
- Work with school youth councils
- Clubs in Maghull working with young people – cricket club, football club and ATC. Over 100 children attend cricket training on Friday evenings
- Need to consider a range of activities for young people with other interests than sport
- Sign post to activities
- Visit local youth clubs to see what they offer. Ideas to Community Services Manager
- Sub- committee to be set up to consider projects

It was agreed that a sub-committee (Cllrs Carragher, Mullen, Desmond, Doherty and Fergusson) to be set up.

### 6. Christmas Event

It was noted that the Community Services Manager will work with London and Cambridge Properties to deliver a Christmas event at Maghull Square

### 7. Better Maghull

Noted that Better Maghull will be linked into the refreshed Anti Social Behaviour Strategy (ASB). Cllrs raised concerns about Policing levels in Maghull and opening hours of community police station. Ongoing issues about reporting crime/ASB in Maghull.

### 8. Communication Strategy:

The Community Services Manager reported that all forms of communication are under review including Maghull Radio. Noted that young people using Instagram and WhatsApp. Officers will be working with local media to generate more content about Maghull. Information available about how many devices connected to Maghull Radio but not listeners. Maghull App did not meet accessibility guidelines so was no longer working. This would be reviewed when resources available. It was noted that MTC email accounts for Cllrs being progressed.

### 9. Grants

The Community Services Manager reported that he will be working to secure grants to support the community.

### 10. Heritage Trail

The Community Services Manager reported that work is progressing to develop an heritage trail including the canal. Cllrs noted the trail should be about culture (Viking, Irish, Polish and other communities connections to Maghull) not just history.

### 11. Business Engagement

It was noted that engagement with the business community was in development.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Virement of £3,500 from events to Christmas activities
2. Sub Committee to be established up to take forward the Youth Projects Review; members Cllrs Carragher, Mullen, Desmond, Doherty and Fergusson)
3. Visits to local youth clubs to be arranged for Sub Committee
4. The report be noted

**6. PINDERS CIRCUS**

Members noted that the return of Pinders Circus was agreed at Community Support and Engagement Committee in October 2018. Residents who had raised concerns in 2018 had been contacted. They had indicated they were content as long as Pinders Circus comply with the terms of the license. Noted that a bond to be paid to cover any damage to the park

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Land Licence agreed
2. Land charges agreed
3. The report be noted

**7. FREE ROOM HIRE- IMAGINE INDEPENDENCE**

Members considered the additional information provided by Imagine Independence to support their application for free room hire (one afternoon a week). The project which supports people with mental health issues to find or retain a job. Sefton CCG pay staff salaries but there are no funds for room hire.

Room hire agreed, to be reviewed in 6 months.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Free room hire agreed, to be reviewed in 6 months.
2. The report be noted

**8. CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report was provided by the Chair.



**CHAIRMAN**