

**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**PRESENT** - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Josh Burns, Desmond, Ferguson, T. Hughes, Mullen and Y. Sayers.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies from Cllrs Doherty and Lloyd.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - No requests for public participation were received.
4. **MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

**RESOLVED THAT:** The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were approved as an accurate record.

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

The Community Services Manager provided an update on the work programme and its links to the Council's Business Plan. Key points as follows:

Business Plan Priority	Progress to Date
One – Continue to Develop and Protect our Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial meeting of “Friends of” group; Cllr Sharp involved in a personal capacity as lead on wild flower project</li><li>• Officers have met Knowsley IT to discuss review of Council's web site</li><li>•</li></ul>
Two – Develop our Parks and Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposing a heritage trail linking parks</li><li>• Developing “Friends of” group in each park. Residents have removed graffiti in Moorhey Park</li><li>• Working with Police to develop an Anti-social behaviour strategy</li></ul>
Three – A Value for Money and Enterprising Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-going.</li><li>• All actions will deliver VFM</li></ul>
Four – Develop Leisure and Amenity Activity for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developing a literary festival as part of Borough of Culture 2020</li><li>• Youth sub-committee to meet to visit local youth centres</li></ul>

- Noted no spend to date on youth budget

Five – Develop/Support Community Services and Groups

- Volunteer event held, with Sefton CVS, on 26 September. 10 organisations present. 40 people attended
- Aims of event to make connections/build on networking started at Maghullfest 2019 and attract new volunteers to support organisations

Six – Culture and Heritage

Heritage trail in development

Seven – Health and Well Being

Working with Age Concern and Sefton CVS

Other work:

- Diversionary activities to be developed to support amenities/parks
- Closure of Citizens Advice in Maghull an issue; frequent requests for advice/help with forms and about benefits
- Meeting with London and Cambridge Properties to discuss community HUB at the Square in Maghull on 17 October
- Meeting with St John Ambulance about mapping defibrillators in Maghull to create a database. Amenities Committee considering provision of defibrillators across Maghull

Budget:

- Income of £1,300 raised from Circus and Fair.
- Need to start spending budget for youth provision

Events:

- Traditional Fair at Whinney Brook well attended. Overwhelmed with positive comments. A few complaints and parking. Organisers would like to return in 2020
- Donkeys did not attend after protests at Maghullfest. Council may want to consider a policy about animals at events

Key points from Cllrs

- Invite dyslexia association to literary festival and work with local authors and musicians
- Priorities – works streams One and Seven and tackling ASB
- Visits to be organised to local youth projects for sub committee
- St Andrews Church host a meeting on the first Monday of the month to discuss issues in the area
- Lions may be able to help with work on defibrillators

- Donkey rides been at Maghull events for a number of years. From a reputable firm which care for donkeys.
- Donkeys should not be used for rides.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. **Priorities:**
  - a. **Develop and protect the community**
  - b. **Health and Wellbeing**
  - c. **Tackling ASB**
2. **Sub Committee to visit local youth projects**
3. **The report be noted**

**6. SEFTON BOROUGH OF CULTURE**

Sefton Council had given a presentation to Full Council about plans for Borough of Culture. Community Services Manager attending a meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October to discuss Heritage Lottery Fund bids. Proposal is to bid for funding (approx. £7,000) for a heritage trail (characterised map) linking the parks, canal and blue plaques. Will work with schools and "Friends of" Groups. Schools will have an opportunity to plant beds in their local park.

Draft Calendar. Updates as follows:

Feb: Civic Awards

June: Fair – Sharlands/Silcocks

July: Fair - Sharlands/Silcocks

August: Sports event linked to Olympics

Key points from Cllrs:

- Happy to develop ideas
- Funding for green projects may be available from Sefton
- Events linked to canal – Allonby Canoe Club may be able to help
- Other possible events:
  - Music festival
  - Kite festival
  - Jubilee wood/owl sculpture reunion

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. **Events programme to be reviewed**
2. **The report be noted**

**7. MAGHULLFEST 2019**

The Community Services Manager reported that up to 400 people had attended Maghullfest. Over 11,000 likes on Facebook. The weather had an impact on attendance. Feedback had been positive. However, it had been suggested that the event should be better publicised e.g. in the Champion as well as on social media. Some negative comments about donkey rides.

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15 responses to the survey about the Council and services. Common themes:

- Parks
- Working together with community groups
- ASB
- Clean Eastway subway
- Traffic calming

Consultation required for Heritage Lottery Fund bid. In contact with Edge Hill University about students helping out with community engagement.

Key points from Cllrs:

- Not everyone on social media; look at other options to promote events
- Liverpool and John Moores Universities may be able to help with consultation as community engagement is part of Sociology degree
- Noted that it agreed at last meeting that no Maghullfest in 2020. Could replace with a fair
- Consider a skate/BMX event with graffiti artists
- Consider a kite festival

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. Use a range of media to promote events**
- 2. Hold a fair in 2020 rather than Maghullfest**
- 3. Consider policy on animals at events**
- 4. The report be noted**

## **8. PROJECTED BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020/21**

The Community Services Manager asked Members to consider budget requirements for 2020/21. He reported that Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December would consider budget proposals. He recommended that the next Community Services meeting be moved from 18 December to 20 November to allow consideration of the budget to present to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

It was noted that the youth budget was underspent. St Andrews Parish Hall had offered to host after school beauty/hair activities. This fitted in with the feedback from the youth survey.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. Move Community Services Committee from 18 December to 20 November**
- 2. Take forward proposals for after school beauty/hair activities**
- 3. Policy on animals at events to be developed**
- 4. The report be noted**

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## 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report given.

It was noted that

- Full council on 16<sup>th</sup> October had been cancelled due to lack of business; and
- a statement would be issued that there would be no fireworks display in 2019, as agreed at the last meeting.



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**CHAIRMAN**

