

Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 03 March 2021 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Deputy Mayor : Cllr J Sayers

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr C Carlsen, Cllr A Carr, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr F Sharp

In attendance : Ms P Landor, Mr E Landor

Officers : P Dillon, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre, A Spencer

1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Doherty, Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Mullen.

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

3 Public Participation.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic public participation is by submission of comments or questions to the Council prior to the meeting commencing. None received.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 27th January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

5 Planning Applications.

LAND EAST OF MAGHULL – PLANNING INSPECTORATE HEARING UPDATE:

Members received an update regarding the decision of the Appeal for the southern site on the Land East of Maghull. The Legal Team had focused on traffic routes through Maghull and flood relief channel and their impacts on residents for the length of the build time and effect on the town. The appeal was granted. Construction traffic would not be allowed to access the site from the west of Maghull. MTC would monitor the works to ensure the developers were adhering to the conditions.

Edward Landor informed there is no start date for the build, as the applicant will need to discharge a number of precommencement conditions which would take time to prepare and would then take eight weeks for a decision by the LPA. Members were informed that the Town Clerk had already written to the Case Officer to ask that the same conditions be imposed for all the site's applications.

It was suggested that it would be advantageous to open a dialogue with the developers on a regular basis, to ensure they are building communities not just housing estates. It was requested that any meeting with the developers would be as late as possible (preferably evening) to allow as many cllrs to attend as possible.

DC/2021/00015 LAND TO THE SOUTH OF DEYES LANE MAGHULL

Members were informed that Landor Planning Consultants had examined the planning application. Phillipa Landor has produced a letter of response to Sefton LPA on behalf of MTC to object to the planning application, informing that this application was in conflict with the recently updated local Plan It was also noted there wasn't either a planning statement or a viability assessment. Members to agree to send the response which requested the missing documents as well as set out the reasons for recommending refusal.

Cllrs Comments:

- * Residents have already been in contact with complaints of potential traffic chaos.
- * Accessibility would be a major issue for potential site.
- * Residents are worried about the trees - Plans look like the trees are protected.

* Residents can call Cllrs regarding this application, but no meetings are taking place due to COVID. Landor report to be uploaded to the MTC Website.

DC/2020/00418 SITE OF FORMER ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 326 LIVERPOOL ROAD SOUTH
MAGHULL L31 7DJ

Members were informed that comments had already been submitted by the Town Council following a discussion on the application last year. However, the application was deferred by the Planning Committee as there were concerns about the design of the building which was not in keeping with the local area and contravened MAG 4 of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan. The design would be improved by reducing the overall height of the building and by changing the outlook of the balconies to give local residents more privacy. It was noted that the design of the McCarthy Stone building in Ormskirk was of a better design than the one proposed for Maghull. It was proposed that MTC support the residents to approach the developers and insist on a better design.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 MTC to invite developers (Land East of Maghull) for an evening meeting;**
- 2 The letter produced by Landor Planning Consultants for Land to the south of Deyes Lane to be sent to Sefton LPA as the Council's response to the consultation;**
- 3 The developers be written to regarding the design of the building at the RBL site with a copy sent to the Case Officer;**
- 4 The report be noted.**

Edward & Philippa Landor left the meeting.

6 Road Map to Reopening

On 22nd February 2021, the Prime Minister made a statement to parliament on a roadmap for easing covid-19 lockdown restrictions in England. Members were informed of the proposed plan to re open the Town Hall to the public. Matters were complicated by the need to rewire the building and the fact that South Sefton CCG were using the Town Hall as a vaccine centre. The CCG had requested that the Licence to Occupy the accommodation be extended to 30th September 2021.

Cllrs comments:

- * Agree to extend licence to occupy to CCG for the COVID Vaccines.
- * Increase rent to CCG from 1st May 2021 to include Venue space.
- * The Meadows also has office space which could be considered for use in the future.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 Agreed for the reopening of Maghull Town Council in line with the UK Government's "Roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions in England";**
- 2 That the licence to occupy by the CCG be extended to 30th September 2021;**
- 3 That the rent requested of the CCG be increased to £2000 per month from 1st May 2021 due to the increase in accommodation used;**
- 4 The report be noted.**

7 Consultation Gambling Act 2005

Members were informed that this policy was reviewed every three years and this was the Council's opportunity to respond to the consultation. Members discussed the issues around Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) and the damage they could do to those suffering from gambling addictions. Members felt that the regulations around FOBTs needed to be strengthened.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 Town Clerk to send a response to the Licensing Section at Sefton MBC regarding the regulations concerning fixed odd betting terminals;**
- 2 The report be noted.**

8 Consultation - Merseyside Association of Local Councils

Members were informed of the letter sent to the Council regarding the continuance of the Merseyside Association of Local Councils (MALC). Members discussed the issues but felt that they were unsure of the value of the association to them as individual councillors.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 The Chair of MALC be invited to the next Council meeting to talk to cllrs about the association;**
- 2 The report be noted.**

9 Minutes for Noting

RESOLVED that the minutes of Amenities Committee held 18th November 2020, Community Services Committee held 4th November 2020 and Finance & General Purposes Committee held 9th September 2020 be noted.

10 Chairman's Closing Comments

Chair thanked all members for attending.

11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded due to confidential nature of the item under discussion. Live streaming ended.

12 Town Hall Rewire

Members were informed of the urgent need to complete the rewiring and lighting project within the Town Hall. Members were shown photographs of the current state of the wiring which was poor. Members discussed the need for the rewiring to be completed before the Town Hall re-opened to the public. The rewire specification had an estimated timescale of six weeks to complete the works. However, due to the CCG being in the Town Hall it was anticipated that the rewiring would be undertaken in two phases.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 Members agreed the funding for the rewiring and lighting project for the Town Hall;**
- 2 Members agreed to appoint Beech Jackson as the Project Managers for the project;**
- 3 The Town Hall would remain closed to the public until the project was completed;**
- 4 The report be noted.**

Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 14th April 2021
Agenda Item Number 6
Subject: Municipal Calendar
Report of: Town Clerk
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

Maghull Town Council needs to agree its meeting dates for the forthcoming municipal year. However, complications regarding the Coronavirus have meant a significant change to the meetings format.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. Development and Protect the Community	No
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	No
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	No
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	No
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	No
6. Support Culture and Heritage	No
7. Health and wellbeing Programme	No
8. Statutory Requirement	Yes

Recommendation(s)

Members are requested to:

1. **Agree the dates of the meetings as detailed in the report and attached appendix;**
2. **Note the report.**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

MTC needs to agree its calendar of meetings and publish them on its website as part of its openness and transparency policy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

A return to face to face meetings will result in a saving of £14.00 per month on the cost of Zoom software. However, it may be worth keeping this facility in case of further lockdowns etc.

(B) Capital

None

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	See above
Resource Implications	Reduction in staff needed to manage meetings and therefore a reduction in TOIL accumulated
Legal Implications	LGA 1972
Equality & Diversity Implications	None

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

Appendices

Draft Municipal Calendar

Background Papers

None

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1. Background

Every year the Council agrees its timetable of meetings, usually before the municipal year commences. To fit in with legislation the Council must hold an Annual Council meeting before 1st June each year (except in an election year). The government introduced The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on 4th April 2020 which allowed Town Councils to hold meetings remotely either by telephone or video link. This legislation has an end date of 7th May 2021. The government has said that it will not extend the time for virtual meetings as this would require primary legislation and the timetable is already full for passing new legislation. This viewpoint is currently being challenged through the courts for a definitive legal opinion.

2. Current Position

The Council must hold an Annual Council meeting by 1st June 2021 but cannot meet face to face until at least 21st June 2021. The last date for virtual meetings is 7th May 2021. Therefore, it is proposed to hold a virtual Annual Council on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 6.30 pm. No further meetings will be held until Wednesday 23rd June 2021 which will be held face to face either in the Council Chamber if social distancing is no longer in place. Or in the Venue if it is.

Recommendation(s):-

- 1. Agree the dates of the meetings as detailed in the report and attached appendix;**
- 2. Note the report.**

Date	Meeting	Date	Meeting
2021		2022	
5 th May	Full Council (Annual Council)		
		22 nd December – 5 th January	Christmas Holidays
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term		
23 rd June	Full Council	19 th January	Personnel Sub Committee
30 th June	Community Services	26 th January	Full Council (Budget Council)
		9 th February	Amenities
7 th July	Finance & General Purposes		
14 th July	Amenities		
21 st July	Personnel Sub Committee	14 th – 18 th February	Half Term
		23 rd February	Community Services
21 st July – 31 st August	Summer Holidays		
1 st September	Full Council	16 th March	Finance & General Purposes
8 th September	Finance & General Purposes	1 st April – 19 th April	Easter Holidays
22 nd September	Community Services		
		20 th April	Town Assembly/Full Council
6 th October	Amenities		
25 th Oct – 29 th Oct	Half Term		
		18 th May	Full Council (Annual Council)
3 rd November	Full Council		
17 th November	Community Services		
24 th November	Amenities		
8 th December	Finance & General Purposes (Budget)		

Please note: All meetings will take place on a Wednesday and start at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber at Maghull Town Hall. All meetings of the Council will take place virtually until further notice. Members of the public can watch all meetings (except for Personnel Sub Committee) via live streaming on the Council's YouTube channel.

Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 14th April 2021
Agenda Item Number 7
Subject: Public Art – Maghull Town Council
Report of: Town Clerk
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

Maghull Town Council commissioned a public work of art “Compassion in Conflict” in 2018. This project was completed and the statue is currently housed by Maghull North train station on Merseyrail land although the statue is a Maghull Town Council asset. The next part of the project was to place decorative panels next to the statue and then landscape the area. Merseyrail have now stated that they do not wish to place the panels instead of the fence at the station but rather place them next to the fence which will ruin the impression and effect. Therefore, a new home now needs to be found for them and the statue.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. Development and Protect the Community	No
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	No
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	No
6. Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
7. Health and wellbeing Programme	No
8. Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

- 1. Members agree to move the statue “Compassion in Conflict” to KGV Playing Fields;**
- 2. Members agree the site on KGV for the decorative panels;**
- 3. Members agree the landscaping for the public art (in principle)**
- 4. To note the report.**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The statue and the panels were designed to be viewed together as part of the commemoration of Moss Side Hospital. It is not appropriate for the two pieces to be separate and therefore, if the panels cannot be housed by the train station in their original form then the statue also needs to move.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

A new home is found for the panels and the statue remains where it is. This would diminish the effect of the public art which was designed to be viewed together.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

Initial costs for the removal of the statue to a new home is in the region of £750 which would be met from revenue budgets. The panels have been allocated funding from the S106 funds. The landscaping together with the information boards required would be the subject of an external heritage funding bid.

(B) Capital

Match funding may be required. Council will be notified if this is required.

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	As above
Resource Implications	Officer time as part of the Moss Side Memorial project.
Legal Implications	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923; LGA 1972
Equality & Diversity Implications	None

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following the council meeting.

Appendices

Background Papers

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1. Background

In 2018 the Town council commissioned a piece of public art to commemorate Moss Side Hospital and the inspiring work in the treatment of shell shock that the hospital pioneered. The intention was to have the project in 3 parts; the statue "Compassion in Conflict", an explanation of the history of the site by information panels and artwork and a peace garden. Part 1 of the project was completed in 2018 and the statue unveiled. The second part of the information boards was also completed in 2018 with the boards being placed on the station itself together with artwork commissioned in 2019 which was the decorative panels. Permission was sought from Merseyrail together with Network Rail to place the panels instead of the fence next to the statue. Network Rail sought assurances that the weight of the panels

would not cause problems to the embankment above the platform. This was confirmed and the procurement of the panels commenced.

2. Current Position

Following the difficulties with the Corona virus which severely impacted a lot of the projects of the Council, this matter was again picked up with Merseyrail as no further work had been done since early 2020. Merseyrail has confirmed that they do not want to place the decorative panels instead of the fence by the station but rather have the panels placed next to the fence. The panels are designed to be viewed from both sides. If they cannot be viewed from both sides then a great deal of the impact is lost.

This means that the proposed project would not be able to be completed in its original, planned home on the site of Moss Side Hospital. The statue would still be at the train station but all other ancillary art and information would need to be housed elsewhere. This was not the original intention of the project and the artwork has been designed to be viewed together rather than spread apart.

Therefore, there is a proposal to move the statue to a new home on KGV Playing Fields. Its final position would be on the grassy mound by the Edible Garden maintained by Maghull in Bloom. This would allow the decorative panels to be placed next to the statue and for sympathetic planting to be put around it, creating a calm space for contemplation. There is an opportunity to focus on a sensory garden which would be evocative and a fitting centrepiece for the park. The raised elevation would also be a fitting place for the statue and panels given that they would face into the West with all the connotations that brings. This is an opportunity to bring artwork to Maghull which would capture the imagination of the young residents and visitors and spark memories in the older generation.

There is little S106 money left for this project, so it is planned to create the garden via external funding. This would allow for a considered approach to be taken and for the plan to be given its appropriate scope. It is anticipated that the Community Services Manager would be the lead officer for the funding bid but overall project management would be by the Town Clerk.

Recommendation(s):-

- 1. Members agree to move the statue “Compassion in Conflict” to KGV Playing Fields;**
- 2. Members agree the site on KGV for the decorative panels;**
- 3. Members agree the landscaping for the public art (in principle)**
- 4. To note the report.**

Report to:	Full Council
Date of Meeting:	14 th April 2021
Agenda Item Number	8
Subject:	Asset Improvement Plan 2021-22
Report of:	Amenities Manager
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No

Summary

To seek member approval for the utilisation of £100,000.00 of council reserves to fund improved playground equipment across several sites managed by Maghull Town Council.

To seek member approval of planned asset maintenance for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. Development and Protect the Community	Yes
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
7. Health and wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	Yes

Recommendation(s)

- 1. Consider options A and B for how £100,000.00 of council reserves can be utilised to improve the playground equipment offer across several sites managed by Maghull Town Council and for Members to indicate their preferred option.**
- 2. Approve proposed planned asset maintenance works for 2021/22 and 2022/23**
- 3. Note the contents of this report**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

At a meeting of Full Council on 27th January 2021, Members resolved to make £100,000.00 of council reserves available for asset improvements during 2021/22 and tasked officers with producing a detailed plan of where improvements could be made – with a particular emphasis on playground improvements.

In addition, having previously presented reports regarding asset maintenance, officers have put forward proposals for planned asset maintenance during 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

Officers propose to utilise £25,938.00 to fund works under planned asset maintenance (as detailed below) during 2021/22. This sum **is not** part of the £100,000.00 of council reserves made available to officers; but has instead been budgeted for within Department 4 of council's budget monitoring.

Officers proposed to utilise £12,000.00 for unplanned asset maintenance – typically covering day-to-day maintenance of council assets including Maghull Town Hall, sports pavilions and other sports facilities. Again, this sum **is not** part of the £100,000.00 of council reserves made available to officers but has instead been budgeted for within Department 2 of council's budget monitoring.

(B) Capital

Officers propose to utilise £100,000.00 of council reserves to fund town-wide playground improvements.

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	£25,938.00 to fund planned asset maintenance (As monitored under Department 4) £12,000.00 to fund unplanned asset maintenance (As monitored under Department 2) £100,000.00 of council reserves to fund town-wide playground improvements. It will be necessary to utilise the Procurement Service Level Agreement with Knowsley Council regarding the procurement of town-wide playground improvements. Should this agreement not be utilised, as per Maghull Town Council's Financial Regulations, a full tender exercise from playground suppliers will be required.
Resource Implications	Officer time in the development of procurement specification(s) and evaluation.
Legal Implications	Public Health Act 1895, Open Spaces Act 1906, LGA 1972
Equality & Diversity Implications	Equalities Act 2010

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately, following the conclusion of Full Council.

Appendices

1. Current play equipment offer at selected play areas
2. Supply and Installation Costs for Replacement Play Equipment for that removed under ROSPA 2020/21
3. Option A Supply and Installation Costs of Playground Equipment at each site
4. Proposed Planned Maintenance Works 2021-22 to 2022-23

Background Papers

1. Full Council Papers – 27th January 2021

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1. Background

At a meeting of Full Council on 27th January 2021, Members resolved to make £100,000.00 of council reserves available for asset improvements during 2021/22 and tasked officers with producing a detailed plan of where improvements could be made – with a particular emphasis on playground improvements.

In addition to producing this plan, having previously presented Asset Maintenance Plan reports to a number of committees, officers have proposed works for planned asset maintenance during 2021/22 and 2022/23. These works **will not** be funded from the £100,000.00 of council reserves made available to officers but will instead be funded from funds already budgeted for under Department 4 of council's budget monitoring.

2. Utilisation of £100,000,00 for Playground Improvements

Officers have assessed where playgrounds improvements are required and have put forward two options for Members' consideration.

At this stage, these options are based on the supply and installation costs of a single supplier and are being used to illustrate the level of investment required at each playground.

Should Members favour an option below and resolve that it be taken forward, officers will be required to either produce a procurement specification to be delivered by Knowsley Council as per our Procurement Service Level Agreement or complete a full tender exercise.

Option	Summary of Option	Equipment at site	Option Cost
A	Do not replace four pieces play equipment removed as per 2020/21 ROSPA report ¹ , but install 20 pieces of play equipment across 6 sites. Upgrades do not include picnic benches and/or benches at each site.	3 at Moss Park 2 at Mersey Park 1 at Lathom Gardens 5 at Ballswood 4 at Old Hall Park 5 at Moorhey Park	£98,039.60
B	Replace four pieces of play equipment removed as per 2020/21 ROSPA report and install 8 pieces of play equipment across 5 sites. Upgrades do not include picnic benches and/or benches at each site.	1 at Moss Park 1 at Mersey Park 0 at Lathom Gardens 1 at Ballswood 2 at Old Hall Park 3 at Moorhey Park	£100,532.20

¹ As per Maghull Town Council's 2020/21 ROSPA report, 4 pieces of play equipment were removed at Ballswood, Glenn Park, Hall Lane Park and Moorhey Park. The Council has received a quotation of £40,737.00 to supply and install replacement pieces of equipment.

Based on Option A above, Appendix Three provides a breakdown of supply and installation costs for playground equipment at each site.

3. Unplanned Asset Maintenance – Department 2 - £12,000.00

As part of its budget setting meeting on 27th January 2021, Members approved £12,000.00 for unplanned asset maintenance.

This sum will be monitored by the Amenities Manager and Responsible Finance Officer during 2021/22 under Department 2 of council's budget monitoring.

Officers plan to use this budget allocation for day-to-day maintenance of Maghull Town Hall, sports pavilions and facilities.

4. Planned Asset Maintenance – Department 4 - £25,938.00

As part of its budget setting meeting on 27th January 2021, Members approved £25,938.00 for planned asset maintenance.

This sum will be monitored by the Amenities Manager and Responsible Finance Officer during 2021/22 under Department 4 of council's budget monitoring.

Officers proposed to utilise £23,450.00 of this budget to fund the following works:

Planned Asset Maintenance Works 2021/22		
Works	Estimated Cost (£)	Status
Replace air conditioning units in The Venue & Council Chamber and install in Radio Station	13,450.00	Works to be funded and completed in 2021/22 to coincide with electrical rewire of Maghull Town Hall.
Demolition of changing pavilion at Whinneybrook Playing Field.	7,000.00	Works to be funded and completed in 2021/22 given dangerous condition of building.
Install new electricity meter at Whinneybrook Playing Field	3,000.00	Works to be funded and completed in 2021/22 to coincide with demolition of changing pavilion.
TOTAL	23,450.00	

Appendix Four provides proposed planned maintenance works between 2021-22 to 2022-23.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. Consider options A and B for how £100,000.00 of council reserves can be utilised to improve the playground equipment offer across several sites managed by Maghull Town Council, and for Members to indicate their preferred option.**
- 2. Approve proposed planned asset maintenance works for 2021/22 and 2022/23**
- 3. Note the contents of this report**

Moss Park

- 1 x Roundabout
- 2 x Multi-play units
- 2 x Cradle swings
- 1 x Rocking horse
- 2 x Flat junior swing
- swing
- 1 x Basketball net



Mersey Avenue Park

- 2 x Cradle Swings
- 2 x Flat Junior Swings
- 1 x Rocker
- 1 x Seesaw
- 1 x Multi-Play Unit
- 1 x Climbing Frame
- 1 x Basketball Court



Lathom Gardens

- 1 x Multi-play unit
- 2 x Cradle Swing
- 2 x Flat Junior Swings
- 1 x 4 Seater Swirl
- 1 x Swirler



**Glenn Park
(Refurbished)**

- 1 x Multi-play unit
- 1 x Seesaw
- 2 x Cradle Swings
- 1 x Flat Junior Swing
- 1 x Disabled Swing
- 1 x Roundabout
- 1 x Adventure Trail
- 1 x Rocking Horse



Ballswood

- 3 x Climbing Frame
- 2 x Cradle Swing
- 2 x Junior Flat Swings
- 1 x Zip Line



Hall Lane Park

- 2 x Cradle Swing
- 2 x Junior Flat Swing
- 1 x Toddler Slide
- 1 x Toddler Climbing Frame
- 1 x Timber Adventure Trail



**Moorhey
Park**

2 x Cradle Swing

2 x Junior Flat
Swing

1 x Multi-Play Unit

1 x Climbing
Frame



Name of Park	Play Equipment	Total Cost Supplied and Fitted
Glenn Park	25m Cableway	9,269.00
Ballswood	Pendulum Swing	11,904.00
Moorhey Park	Multi play unit Type A	9,653.00
Old Hall Park	Multi play unit Type B	15,635.50
		46,461,50
TOTAL COST		
46,461.50	Sub-Total	
-6969.23	Discount	
1245.55	Carriage	
40,737.82		

Name of Park	Play Equipment to be installed	Total Cost Supplied and Fitted
Moss Park	Basket swing	3,787.20
	Twister	1,088.00
	Seesaw	2,041.60
Moss Park Sub-Total		6,916.80
Mersey Avenue Park	Roundabout	7,900.80
	Twister	1,088.00
Mersey Avenue Park Sub-Total		8,988.80
Lathom Gardens	Bouncer	4,073.20
Lathom Gardens Sub-Total		4,073.20
Ballswood	Medium Height Slide	4,211.20
	Roundabout	7,900.80
	Multi-Play Unit	9,256.00
	Twister	1,088.00
	Rider Swing	2,182.40
Ballswood Sub-Total		24,638.40
Old Hall Park	Swing	7,875.20
	Roundabout	7,900.80
	Twister	1,088.00
	Bounding Board	2,393.60
Old Hall Park Sub-Total		19,257.60
Moorhey Park	Swing	7,875.20
	Roundabout	7,900.80
	Spinning Bowl	2,368.00
	Bounding Board	2,393.60
	Multi-Play Unit	13,627.20
Moorhey Park Sub-Total		34,164.80

Call on Funds		
Total Investment Required	98,039.60	

Planned Maintenance Works Between 2021/22 and 2022/23**Planned Asset Maintenance Works 2021-22**

Works	Estimated Cost (£)	Status
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Demolition of changing pavilion at Whinneybrook Playing Field.	7,000.00	Works to be funded and completed in 2021/22 given dangerous condition of building.
Install new electricity meter at Whinneybrook Playing Field	3,000.00	Works to be funded and completed in 2021/22 to coincide with demolition of changing pavilion.
TOTAL	23,450.00	

Planned Asset Maintenance Works 2022-23

Works	Estimated Cost (£)	Status
Reflooring Town Hall	5,000.00	Works moved from 2021/22 into 2022/23. However, potential to be delivered in 2021/22 through utilisation of Asset Maintenance Budget under Department 2.
More CCTV around Town Hall and overflow car park etc	1,600.00	Works moved from 2021/22 into 2022/23.
CCTV at Glenn Park	4,000.00	Works moved from 2021/22 into 2022/23.
Separate Electricity supply to outside buildings	5,000.00	Works moved from 2021/22 into 2022/23.
Repaint indoors at Town Hall to improve appearance	7,000.00	Works moved from 2021/22 into 2022/23.
Shutters to Town Hall Main entrance	7,000.00	Works moved from 2021/22 into 2022/23.
TOTAL	29,600.00	

Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 14th April 2021
Agenda Item Number 9
Subject: Creating a multi-functional Community Room
Report of: Community Services Manager
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. Development and Protect the Community	Yes
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	No
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
7. Health and wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That council agrees to an “in principle” investigation to alterations to improve the Activity Room**
- 2. That Graham Powell of Keith Davidson Partnership is engaged to lead initial project management**
- 3. That the report be noted.**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

Following the use of the Town Hall’s Activity Room as a vaccination centre there will be an opportunity to alter the configuration of the room to provide a broader range of uses for the community, improve accessibility and provide a much needed resource. This could be achieved by attracting external funding with initial attention focussed on the Veolia Environmental Trust as Maghull Town Council meets the application criteria.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue
None

(B) Capital

Funding to be sourced from external funders with a potential contribution of 10% to be made by MTC if the Veolia Environmental Trust grant bid is successful.

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	Bid to external funders initially Veolia Land Trust
Resource Implications	Officer time in preparing bids and liaising with project managers
Legal Implications	LGA 1972 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995
Equality & Diversity Implications	A new room will improve accessibility to resources for local people and allow the delivery of diverse services working with an increased number of partners

Implementation Date for Decision

Following Council meeting

Appendices

Extract of community survey

Background Papers

None

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1. Background

Further to the use of the Activity Room by the NHS as a vaccination centre an opportunity will arise for consideration to be made to changing the layout and functionality of the room to improve access and to encourage wider use by the community for a broader spectrum of services.

At present the Activity Room is used to host a small number of regular community group activities: -

- Tai chi
- Zumba
- St John's Ambulance
- Indoor bowls (seasonal)

Zumba and Indoor bowls raise approximately £3,200 and £1,500 respectively each year but there has been no income received since the start of the pandemic. There is uncertainty as to whether if the Zumba class will return when conditions allow.

These are accompanied by occasional use for training, exhibitions and small scale meetings which can raise £100 per day.

The survey conducted by the Community Services team (appendix 1) regarding the use of the Activity Room shows that 85% of respondents were unaware of activities going on in the activity room. This despite the majority of respondents knowing of the Activity Room as a resource within the Town Hall.

The room in its current form is restricted as to its uses and as an open plan area it can only be used for one activity at a time. There is an issue with access to the stillage area with the need to access the cellar door via the Activity Room, which is not always appropriate for activities taking place.

The community survey has asked people what uses the room could be put to and the full list of responses are contained on page 3 of appendix 1 :-

Top 3 responses for possible uses of a community room: -

1. Local community groups
2. Well being classes
3. Training and education

An in-principle agreement to investigate the potential uses of the room would allow officers to look at options based on the outcomes of the community survey and have discussions with potential partners who may wish to use the room if it can be upgraded to meet their requirements. There appears to be a favourable response to continuing to enable community groups use and develop training facilities that could be utilised by a variety of organisations such as Sefton CVS, the NHS, school homework clubs, Citizens Advice and the Parkhaven Trust. Links to the leisure centre to initiatives such as holiday clubs with the library for reading groups could also be developed.

An option to convert the room into three rooms, with one being capable of being opened up using ceiling to floor partitions, would provide flexibility and allow the room to accommodate the broadest range of functions. Improvements to sound insulation would improve acoustics and control sound transmission between the Activity Room and the Venue which has proved problematic in the past. This would encourage training, wellbeing class and consultation providers to consider using it with confidence.

The creation of a corridor the length of the current room from the Town Hall foyer area to the far fire exit would allow much improved access for people with mobility problems, contain access to the stillage area via discrete door access from the corridor, without having to disrupt activities and improve the layout of the ground floor whilst retaining the kitchen and storage facilities.

Use of the main room would be able to accommodate all existing groups with the exception of the indoor bowling clubs. New groups and partner agencies would be advised of the new facility and encouraged to make use of it for the full range of activities identified by the community. survey and by council officers. Facilities within the room would need to reflect the intended usage and based on research into potential uptake by different organisations.

The potential third room created at the far end of the room could be used to house the council's grounds maintenance team, who are currently without a permanent space. This could include kitchen facilities, wash space and make use of the IT links that will be needed to host training in the main room.

The objective would be to establish the feasibility of creating a facility that in effect becomes a one stop shop for Maghull. It would enable and encourage greater use by the community with improved accessibility, a vast step forward in functionality and appeal to the wide demographic of the Maghull community.

Recommendation(s):-

- 1. That council agrees to an “in principle” investigation to alterations to improve the Activity Room**
- 2. That Graham Powell of Keith Davidson Partnership is engaged to lead initial project management**
- 3. That the report be noted.**