

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
HELD 12th SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): June Burns, Carlsen, J. Deegan, R. Deegan, Desmond, Esterson, Hart, McKinley, J. Sayers and Y. Sayers.

ALSO PRESENT – A. McIntyre (Chief Executive) and A Spencer (Operations Manager).

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies received from Cllrs Burns, Byrne, Mullen and Shaw.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - None received.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None notified

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 4th July 2018 were approved as a correct record.

5. **MINUTES TO NOTE:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit & Governance Committee held 25th April 2018 were noted.

6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members were informed that following a tender process for an Independent Examiner, Sefton Council had appointed Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPe) Ltd to examine the Plan. IPe then submitted three candidates to Sefton Council. Following a consultation with Chief Executive Officer and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council (delegated authority from meeting 7th March and Annual Council on 18th May) Patrick Whitehead (DipTP (Nott) MRTPI) was appointed the Independent Examiner of Maghull Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan by Sefton Council.

Sefton Council has undertaken a Regulation 16 consultation which ran for 6 weeks and closed on 30th July 2018. Sefton Council received 15 responses to this consultation and one response which is being treated as an unsolicited submission (as it was received after the consultation closed) by the Examiner.

The Examiner has completed his unaccompanied visit to Maghull and has submitted a list of further questions for both Maghull Town Council and Sefton Council to consider. This included a request to the Council to respond to the Regulation 16 consultation submissions. John Dalton, planning consultant, had produced a draft response for consideration.

Members discussed the process of the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan and the weight given to it as it progressed through the stages. It was noted that planning applications for the site Land East of Maghull continued to be submitted without reference

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to the Council's Neighbourhood Plan and without consultation with the Council. This was a matter of grave concern to the Council as it appeared that their comments were being ignored.

Members discussed contacting Sefton Council for clarification of the Neighbourhood Plan's weight up until adoption by Sefton Council and the timescales before the Plan would be adopted. Information received from Sefton Planning Authority suggested that the referendum would not be held until May 2019 which was unacceptable to the Council.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. Members agreed the responses for submission to the Examiner by 14th September;**
- 2. A letter stating the Council's concerns with the lack of consultation with developers, clarifying the position of the Neighbourhood Plan and the timescales given be sent to the Head of Planning, Sefton Council;**
- 3. That the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan be noted.**

7. PLANNING APPLICATION DC/2018/01458 LAND OFF MAGHULL LANE, MELLING

Members considered the major planning application for DC/2018/01458 and the submission of the comments by Edward Landor, Planning Consultant. Members raised concerns that the Council's Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored when considering this application and that applications were still being submitted despite an agreed and coherent masterplan being available for the site.

The details of the masterplan as submitted to and being considered by Sefton Planning Authority still did not adequately deal with drainage issues on the site nor did it include full environmental assessments. These were particularly important given the current usage of the site and its importance to wildlife.

Members expressed strong concerns that the residents' views, as expressed within the Neighbourhood Plan, were considered of little worth. The application also contradicted the Neighbourhood Plan in that some of the retail element of the site was situated to the north of the site instead of being centrally located.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Town Council recommended REFUSAL of the application as a masterplan has not been consulted upon and approved before the submission of this application;**
- 2. The Town Council wished to express its concerns to Sefton Council in the strongest terms that their emerging Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored in relation to this application;**
- 3. The planning application be noted.**

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8. CIVIC AWARDS

Members were informed that the Civic Awards process was due to start. Nominations would be sought from 13th September until 10th October and the winners would be considered at the Council meeting on 17th October. The Awards evening would take place on 8th November.

Members considered the report and agreed on the following categories;

- Youth
- Environmental
- Education
- Woman of the Year
- Civic award

The Woman of the Year would be a new award which would celebrate the work of the women in the town.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Civic Awards process start as outlined in the report;**
- 2. A new category for Woman of the Year be agreed;**
- 3. That the report be noted.**

9. LAND SOUTH OF RUNNELLS LANE AND EAST OF LYDIATE LANE – MOTION CLLR DUFFY

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

10. WW1 PROJECT

Members received an update on the project from Cllr McKinley. It was anticipated that the statue would be ready for an unveiling ceremony late November/early December. A planning application had been submitted to Sefton for the statue.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11. REPORT ON SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Finance continued to be a struggle for the authority with cuts to budgets continuing to be made.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

12. CHAIR'S REPORT

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The Chair gave an update as to the functions attended on behalf of Maghull Town Council which she had enjoyed very much. A nominee was sought to attend Northway Primary School to talk about civic duty and citizenship. Details would be sent to councillors off line.

RESOLVED that the report be noted



CHAIRMAN
17/10/18