

**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**HELD 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Josh Burns, Desmond, Esterson (substitute) and John Sayers (substitute)

**ALSO PRESENT**

A Spencer (Contracts, Operations & Business Development Manager)

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Cllr Carragher was unamioulsy elected as Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Byrne, Carlsen and Shaw.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No requests to for public participation were received.

**5. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

RESOLVED THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved as an correct record.

**6. SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Contracts, Operations & Business Development Manager provided an update of remaining work areas within the 2018/19 work programme.

***Maghull Press:***

Councillors accepted that the current staffing complement made it difficult to progress this work area, particularly in light of many events taking place towards the back end of the year.

Given the demographic of Maghull, councillors felt that a newsletter was required and that reliance could not be placed solely Maghull Town Council and/or social media platforms.

There was agreement that this area of work should be incorporated into the 2019/20 work programme, and that the proposed post of Community Services Manager (as proposed through the recently completed staffing review) should progress this area of work.

### ***Fireworks Display 2018:***

There was unanimous agreement that the 2018 fireworks display was successful, and councillors expressed thanks to members of the Bonfire Working Group who had met throughout the course of the year to make the ensure that the staging of the event was safe and successful.

The Contracts, Operations and Business Development Manager did report that some minor issues arose during the event – namely residents affected by the road closure on Hall Lane expressed dissatisfaction regarding the duration of the closure, and some attendees experienced verbal abuse from stall holders not formally invited to attend. These issues would be reviewed should a 2019 fireworks display go ahead.

### ***Christmas Hampers 2018***

Councillors expressed thanks to officers for resolving issues around GDPR, and believed that Christmas Hampers are a vital workstream for the committee.

In order to ensure that issues around GDPR did not repeat in 2019, councillors were keen to progress the “Better Maghull Working Group” in order to have more regular and focussed events during the course of the year, whilst helping to identify those who are most vulnerable within our community.

Councillors were keen to incorporate a “Better Maghull” workstream within its 2019/20 Work Programme.

### ***Older Persons Christmas Lunch 2018***

Councillors expressed thanks to officers for progressing the Christmas lunch work stream so quickly. Councillors were keen to have a Christmas lunch in 2019, but welcomed work around “Better Maghull” to have more regular and focussed events.

Councillors expressed special thanks to Siobhan Larking and Kevin Spofforth for their work in the identifying attendees for the lunch, and for all supporting logistics.

### ***Merry, Merry Maghull***

Councillors were disappointed that Maghull would not be having a Christmas event in 2018, but accepted that the current staffing complement made organising an event difficult.

Councillors expressed a desire for a Christmas event to be incorporated into the 2019/20 work programme, and, given the ethos of “Better Maghull” suggested more joined up working between partners including London & Cambridge Properties and Sefton Council, to ensure that a Christmas event in 2019 was staged.

RESOLVED THAT:

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1. The report be noted.

**7. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair did not have any update within Chair's Report.



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**CHAIRMAN**

