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Dated this 1st Day of March 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the FINANCE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at MAGHULL TOWN HALL on WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH 2018

The meeting will commence at 7pm (or at rise of Full Council, whichever is the later)

Note: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Chief Executive and Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Public Participation
- 4 To confirm the Minutes of Finance and Amenities Committee held 13th December 2017 (Pages 1 4)

Finance

5 **Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as at 31 January 2018** – Members are asked to note the report (Pages 5 – 13)

<u>Amenities</u>

- 6 Maghull Town Council Facilities Service Report Members are asked to consider the report (Pages 14 20)
- 7 Scout Hut, Moorhey Park Members are asked to consider the verbal report
- 8 **Grant Application: Altside Scouts -** Members are asked to consider the grant application (Pages 21 -28)
- 9 Chair's Report Verbal report for noting only.

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MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13th DECEMBER 2017

<u>PRESENT</u> - Councillor McKinley (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): Byrne, Desmond, Hart, J. Sayers and Y. Sayers.

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u> – A. McIntyre (Chief Executive and Town Clerk). A. Spencer (Business Development and Contracts Manager), D. Healey (Finance Officer), S. Larking (minutes) and A. Hill and J. Harrison (Maghull in Bloom).

The meeting started with Cllr McKinley leading Council in a minutes silence in memory of former Maghull Town Councillor Merrick Stott who had passed away recently.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Cllrs June Burns, Carlsen, and Esterson.
- 2. <u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> All Clirs present as the proposals include an increase in the Precept.
- 3. <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> Representatives from Maghull in Bloom (MIB) spoke in support of their grant application for funding. Key points:
 - Another successful year working with Maghull Town Council (MTC)
 - MIB dependent upon the support of MTC in respect of watering planters around Maghuli Square as no irrigation system is in place.
 - Display costs £6,000 per year
 - Generate sponsorship from local businesses and apply for annual Lottery funding
 - 20 volunteers which is equivalent to £20,000 in staff time; Team of 5 litter pick along the
 - Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) provide hoops and litter pickers; volunteers work to CRT's Health and Safety requirements
 - Bring in money to Maghull. Sefton CVS advise that for every £1 spent £5 is generated
 - Have built up reserves for up to a year in case do not receive funding
 - Bid includes
 - Grant towards plants
 - Continued use free of charge, of meeting room for monthly volunteer meetings
 - o Continued share of workload for watering displays in Maghull Central Square
 - Sponsors made aware of MTC's contribution. MTC's logo is being added as signs are replaced
 - Finance discussed at monthly meetings
 - Sefton CVS looking for groups of volunteers to film over 12 months. Maghull in Bloom to discuss with Sefton CVS and Volunteers

In response Cllrs made the following points:

- Welcomed the breakdown of income and expenditure
- Thanks for all the hard, particularly along the canal and at the railway station
- MTC's contribution to be promoted and MTC logo to be included on sponsors signs, as previously requested
- Maghull in Bloom to explore if Sefton CVS continue to offer awards for every 100 hours volunteered.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2017 were approved as a correct record.

FINANCE

5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31st OCTOBER

Cllrs asked for future reports to include projected annual spend to help identify under/over spends to inform future budget setting.

The Chief Executive noted that the budget would balance overall and that any underspends e.g. on Utilities would be used to offset overspends. Reserves would be used to meet some of the costs of new equipment for the Facilities Team.

RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as at 31st October 2017 be noted.

6. BUDGET 2018/19

The Town Clerk set the context:

- Town Council required to set a budget including the Precept and inform Sefton Council; deadline to provide information to Sefton is early February

 Reductions in funding from Sefton (Council Tax rebate and changes to the Council Tax
- base) have impacted on revenue
- Precept increased in 17/18
- MTC is one of the most proactive councils, and has considerable operations when compared to other parish and lown councils.
- Increase in precept when new developments at Poppy Fields and Park Haven are delivered
- Two main forms of income:
 - o Grounds Maintenance Contracts: work continues to expand. Will present further projections at January meeting
 - Rent:
 - Youth Coffee bar Merseyside Police paying rent since August 2017:
 - Scout Hut in Moorhey Park Tenant has given notice. May be some costs for Council eg roof need works. Demolition option will be considered as part of Landlord review
 - Venue: Tenant paying 2016/17 as current contract has expired. Current rent is approximately £33,000 which includes rent, additional services (cleaning and security) and administration charge for bookings. Budget includes indicative rent of £20,000 as tenant is looking for a reduction. Additional security charges for early access for christenings met by MTC
- Proposed changes to charging Schedule
 - o Reduction in charge for hire of Council Chamber from £85.64 for half a day to £50.00
 - o Notional costs for use of Radio Room (£15.00) by Community Groups
 - o Venue charges set by Licensee
 - o Bowling: Methodology for bowling charges revised. In 2017/18 season charge per member at £1.50 x 26 weeks = £39.00. For the 2018/19 season the charge will be against the club. Annual bowling green maintenance costs are circa £7,500, 364 bowling sessions are available over the course of the season, equating to charge of £20.60 per session. The annual charge for the season therefore calculates to

£535.6 per club. Revised methodology has been welcomed by bowling clubs. Clubs have acknowledged that this methodology benefits clubs with larger membership numbers. MTC remains committed to bowling greens.

- Two bowling clubs have confirmed that they are returning for 2018/19 season, and it has been acknowledged that communication with clubs has improved.
- Works to improve appearance around greens include reducing hedges, removing ivy and installing planting raised beds
- o Charges for indoor bowling will follow the same methodology
- Staffing: 2 new permanent staff for the Facilities Team; 2 Apprentices to finish in 2018.
 This is later than planned due to maternity leave and sick leave. Budget includes a 1% pay increase. Employers offered 2%
- Projects:
 - o Tree Survey: Taking longer than anticipated to get 3 quotes
 - o Event: Budget is £20,000. Most events (e.g. Christmas Lunch) are free; charges for some e.g. (fireworks)
 - o Youth Offer: no provision in budget. Would need to drop something
 - o Maghull Hub: Meeting London and Cambridge Properties (LCP) to consider suitability of refurbished toilets to host Hub. May need someone to take bookings for use of the space. This could be taken on by MTC.
 - o S106: could be used to meet parks projects including new changing rooms at Pimbley and Whinney Brook and rugby posts in Pimbley.
 - Reserves: £486,000 in reserves. Not building reserves. Current reserves provide running costs for 6/7 months. Potential costs including work on roof.
 Reserves kept in general bank account rather than a savings account.
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 Proposed to set up a savings account which offers better interest than the current bank
 - o Loans: Outstanding loans amount to £440,000 over 20 years. Early redemption of loans incurs charges.
 - o Equipment: Option to buy Ransomes rather than lease. When proposals originally submitted to Councillors the costs and benefits of leasing and purchasing where set out –it was very close, only 3 points difference. Benefits of lease include agreement to repair/replace equipment if issues with machine. No cover if operator causes damage. If Ransomes were purchased, MTC would seek a Service Level Agreement with Sharrocks to parts and labour at a reduced rate.
- Radio Station: Funding from Sefton and volunteers make contributions (£25 or £15).
- General: Precept raised in 2017/18 by 10p per week; Parking bays in Town Hall car park been relined to make clearer; fire alarm being replaced; new larger bins ordered for parks; lighting in top car park will be replaced in January. Issue with Sefton about getting other lights replaced. CCTV in Town Hall to be upgraded by Sefton Arc
- Room Hire: Costs of free room hire by Community Groups cannot be recovered
- Reserves: further advice will be presented to Clirs in January
- Grant Requests:
 - Maghull in Bloom are not charged for meetings attended by Cllrs. Watering at Maghull Square, biggest cost to MTC, now consumed within day to day operations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Rotas are tight with park and commercial work and will get tighter in 2018/19
 - o MTC allocate £2,000 for grants.
 - No funding from LCP towards costs of floral displays at Maghull Square
- Recommendations: There is a shortfall in the budget. 3 options for Clirs to consider
 - Option 1: Increase Precept by £2.61 or 5p per week. This covers the shortfall only; reserves need for any unbudgeted expenditure
 - o Option 2: No increase in Precept. Ransomes purchased from reserves. This would give a small budget surplus.

- Option 3 Recommended option: Increase precept by 10p per week to £98.29. This
 would leave a small surplus of £15,512 to meet the youth offer and an additional
 events or services.
- A fourth Option to be developed increase precept (no adverse publicity following 2017/18 increase) and buy Ransomes from reserves. This would give a surplus to allow funding for a youth offer which is much needed
- Agreed that a proportion of reserves should be moved into a savings account. Preference for an account without penalties for withdrawals.

RESOLVED that

1. A saving account with Cambridge and Counties Bank be opened;

2. A fourth option to increase the precept by 10p per week, resulting in an annual charge of £98.29 per household be taken forward to Full Council.

3. Of the £643,347 2018/19 precept raised, £8,000.00 be ringfenced to provide a youth offer in Maghull.

4. The report be noted.

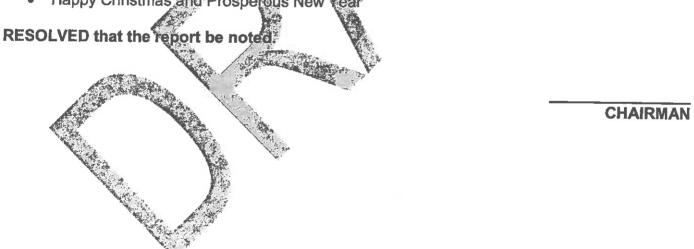
7. CHAIR'S REPORT

- New Vicar at St Andrews
- Sefton recruiting into the Youth Justice Service.
- Trying to arrange a meeting with CCG about the Neighbourhood Plan

Discussions about National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and mitigations to prevent flooding from new developments

 Meeting on 15 December about Moss Side memorial, peace Garden, and permanent exhibition of records from Moss Side. Cliss welcome to attend. Noted that should collaborate with other initiatives across Sefton on 100 year anniversary of WW1

Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year





To the Chair and Members of the Finance & Amenities Committee *Meeting held 7 March 2018*

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as at 31 January 2018

As we have just 1 month left in this financial year there is a projected overspend of £124,146.

In 17/18 the projected income reduction of £12,956, including the following:-

- Youth Coffee bar estimated the police would take up the premises earlier, therefore less rent received than budgeted for of £2,990.
- Activities room budget over estimated and the art club no longer use the facility. There is mainly one sole user. Shortfall of around £7,015. Budgeted amended in 18/19.
- Cricket Club £2,000 due to invoice awaiting lease to be signed.

Bowling Outdoors budget was £7,254 income received £3,113 therefore less income than budgeted for.

Tennis Club ongoing issues regarding not paying their invoices.

Facilities Income projected less income than anticipated, will be pursuing any outstanding invoices that need to be raised and paid.

Festival Events income budget for £7,500 but we received less, showing a reduction in income of £4,121, however the fireworks display received more than anticipated.

Admin charge for the Venue a reduction of £5,056 this is due to less events being held at the venue and therefore a reduction in income for us.

Venue lease - this is ongoing and will be resolved in the near future.

In 17/18 the projected expenditure overspend is £124,146. The outsourced services is generally within budget, however this financial year essential health and safety work had to be done on the lift to make it safe for the men who go into the pit of the lift. Air conditioning units are so old that they do not manufacture some of the parts anymore. Air conditioning units were replaced in the office and town clerk's/chief executive office. However the council chamber and the venue will eventually require new air conditioning equipment.

Facilities budget is projecting an overspend of £86,112 this is due to the leases for the ransomes. Purchase of a tractor, painting & decorating the building, painting lines within the car park. Bins for our parks. Football pitches, bowling greens.

To the Chair and Members of the Finance & Amenities Committee *Meeting held 7 March 2018*

Insurance projecting an overspend of £3,339 extra insurance had to be taken out for the ransomes and the new tractor.

Administration budget projecting an overspend of £14,482 this is mainly due to a large IT invoice from Knowsley which should have come from last year's budget. We have upgraded all the IT infrastructure. There has also been an increase in licences costs as we are doing more events that require road closures and notices.

Subscriptions overspent by £1,001.

Community activities projecting an overspend of £785 however the income received cancels out the overspend.

Although a large overspend is projected the council has had to invest in new equipment for the parks and the Town Hall.

Recommendation:

1. That the report be noted.

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Chart of Accounts:

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL (TH)

Balance Sheet

From:

Month 1, April 2017

To: Month 11, February 2018

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	Period		Year to Date	
FIXED ASSETS				
Land	0.00		851,111.80	
Buildings	0.00		1,472,695.22	
Equipment Estates	0.00		37,138.74	
Equipment Play Areas	0.00		306,520.00	
Vehicles	0.00		9,000.00	
		0.00		2,676,465.76
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors control Account	9,154.48		14,575.56	
Bank Account (Current)	28,610.18		60,489.58	
Bank Account (Deposit)	(146,756.46)		674,713.95	
Cash on Hand	0.00		113.28	
VAT Liability/Reclaimed	14,889.58		28,194.77	
		(94,102.22)		778,087.14
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors Control Account	(22,180.08)		(0.50)	
General Creditors	0.00		(5,000.00)	
		(22,180.08)		(5,000.50)
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		(71,922.14)		783,087.64
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		(71,922.14)		3,459,553.40
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
Loans PWLB	0.00		412,669.43	
		0.00		412,669.43
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		(71,922.14)		3,046,883.97
CAPITAL & RESERVES				
Fixed Asset RestatementReserve	0.00		1,396,074.60	
Capital Financing Reserve	0.00		878,225.83	
Specific Reserves	(9,221.92)		221,105.55	
Precept/Revenue Reserves	0.00		591,142.94	
retained funds	(3,937.39)		25,247.12	
P & L Account	(58,762.83)		(58,762.83)	
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*		(71,922.14)		3,046,883.97

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MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL (TH)

Profit and Loss

From: To: Month 1, April 2017 Month 11, February 2018

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	Period		Year to Date	
Firework Display	5,637.41		5,637.41	
Christmas Actvivities	2,359.26		2,359.26	
	•	165,593.43		165,593.43
DIRECT EXPENSES		•		·
Water Rates/Consumption	1,621.64		1,621.64	
Transport	35.00		35.00	
Protective Clothing/Uniforms	23.00		23.00	
Play Equip/Safety Surf.Repairs	17.98		17.98	
ADT Alarms Security/Alarm	(136.01)		(136.01)	
Waste Disposal Charges/Refuse Bags	2,434.44		2,434.44	
PPG Machinery	21.65		21.65	
PPG Materials	86.95		86.95	
Security/Park Ranger	(4,463.01)		(4,463.01)	
Building Maintenance	83.50		83.50	
Cleaning Services	2,131.58		2,131.58	
	•	1,856.72		1,856.72
Gross Profit/(Loss):		547,378.48		547,378.48
OVERHEADS		•		•
Telephones	5,901.34		5,901.34	
Administration Costs	19,121.10		19,121.10	
Salaries	364,664.83		364,664.83	
Insurance Premiums	20,865.80		20,865.80	
Professional Fees	675.00		675.00	
Audit Fees	1,313.00		1,313.00	
Website Deveolpment	1,306.50		1,306.50	
Training	1,517.84		1,517.84	
Subscriptions	2,901.47		2,901.47	
General Rates	23,310.25		23,310.25	
Electricity	11,282.47		11,282.47	
Gas	3,934.99		3,934.99	
Water Meter & Wastewater	10,290.86		10,290.86	
Fleet Repairs	2,593.65		2,593.65	
Vehicle Tax	860.00		860.00	
Diesel	5,367.58		5,367.58	
Red Diesel	3,059.77		3,059.77	
Leases	20,041.55		20,041.55	
Civic Hospitality	200.69		200.69	
Mayoral Expenses	2,054.55		2,054.55	
Conferences/Travel/Subs	250.93		250.93	
Licences	1,117.40		1,117.40	
Advertising	320.00		320.00	
Photographs	325.00		325.00	

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Profit and Loss

From: To:

Month 1, April 2017 Month 11, February 2018

Chart of Accounts:

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	Period	Year	o Date
INCOME			
Precept	605,656.00	605	,656.00
Bank Interest	1,131.04		,131.04
Room Hire	11,285.17	11	,285.17
Maghull Community Radio	6,458.00		,458.00
Function Suite	29,311.59	29	311.59
Playing Fields	2,151.37	2	,151.37
Bowls	4,480.30	4	480.30
Tennis	535.09		535.09
Rent	3,000.03	3	.000.03
Facilities	22,150.23	22	150.23
Events	7,031.28	7	031.28
Misc Town Hall	6,911.22	6,	911.22
Solar Panel	3,721.71	3,	721.71
Misc Facilities	11,005.60	11,	005.60
	•	714,828.63	714,828.63
SUPPLIERS		•	
Security	52,053.84	52,	053.84
CCTV	799.50		799.50
Alarm	354.00		354.00
Fire	1,856.71	1,	856.71
Air-Con	3,170.00	3,	170.00
Lift	6,621.51	6,	621.51
Cleaning Services	23,108.92	23,	108.92
Hygiene	2,128.00	2,	128.00
Pest Control	371.52		371.52
Kitchen Cleansing	1,308.29	1,	308.29
Waste Disposal Charges	9,891.28	9,	391.28
Water Quality	1,111.05	1,	111.05
Health & Safety General	890.00	1	390.00
Playground Inspections	598.50	!	598.50
Cleaning Supplies	315.08	;	315.08
Engineering Equipment	18,425.85	18,4	125.85
Engineering Repairs	1,903.70	1,9	903.70
Engineering Consumables	1,679.87	1,6	579.87
Play Equipment Repairs	381.72	L.	881.72
Parks Management	11,680.02	11,6	580.02
Football Pitches	2,077.31	2,0	77.31
Bowling Greens	2,484.20	2,4	84.20
Grounds Maintenance Consumables	464.00		64.00
Neighbourhood Actvivties	7,048.35	·	148.35
Events	6,873.54	6,8	73.54

Date: 28/02/2018 MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL (TH)

Time: 16:39:35 Profit and Loss

From: Month 1, April 2017
To: Month 11, February 2018

Chart of Accounts: Copy (1) of Layout 1

	<u>Period</u>	Year to Date
Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,687.70	1,687.70
Asset Maintenance	40,504.06	40,504.06
Loan Principal Repayments	47,461.78	47,461.78
Loan Interest Repayments	14,193.61	14,193.61
Projects	(982.41)	(982.41)

 Net Profit/(Loss):
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	-722	3,722	2,750	3,000	4396	ADMIN CHADOT FOR FORE
	-5,911	6,911	917	1,000	4395	SOLAD DANIEL INCOME
1,906	-1,497	4,497	2,750	3,000	4392	TIREWORK CIGHTAY
	4,966	2,534	6,875	7,500	4391	PIDEMODE DISTINCOME
	2,850	22,150	22,917	25,000	4354	FERTIVAL EVENTS INCOME
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Year End	Budget Remaining Year End	Actual	Profile To Date	BUDGET	CODE	INCOME 17/18

Please note projections are based on current income received and this is a variable target Those marked in red are projecting less income than budgeted at year end

Please note projections are based on current spend and this is a variable target Those marked in red are projecting an overspend at year end

Reserve drawdown of £27,887.50 for tractor & bins allocated to facilities Draw down from Reserves £26,761 for Fire Alarm

Draw down from Reserves £4,600 for White & Yellow Lines in Car Park

MONTHLY CASH BALANCES 2017/2018

TOTAL	TH CURRENT INVESTMENT	
1,056,111	313,626 742,485	April 30/04/2017
1,056,111 1,080,765 1,092,559	338,280 742,485	May 31/05/2017 £
1,092,559	350,07 4 742,485	June 30/06/2017 £
1,083,342	340,858 742,485	July 31/07/2016 £
1,087,280	344,795 742,485	August 31/08/2017 £
1,063,052	320,567 742,485	September 30/09/2017 £
991,662	249,060 742,601	October 31/10/2017 £
933,899	191,297 742,601	November 30/11/2017 £
887,130	172,416 714,714	December 3/1/2/2017 £
812,912	98,198 714,714	January 31/01/2018 £
734,149	59,435 674,714	February 28/02/2018
0		March 3/03/2018

NB. THE ABOVE ARE CASH BALANCES HELD IN THE COUNCIL'S BANK ACCOUNTS BUT DO NOT REPRESENT THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

SEE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH SHOW THE FINANCIAL POSITION

THESE BALANCES ARE NOT UNALLOCATED MONIES EXCEPT FOR THE MAIN CONTINGENCY RESERVES. IN ADDITION I WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL'S INCOME IS RECEIVED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

The above 90 day account includes section 106 of £221,105

To the Chair and Members of the Finance & Amenities Committee *Meeting held 7 March 2018*

6. Maghull Town Council Facilities Service Report

Members will be aware that Maghull Town Council employs a number of Grounds Maintenance and Engineering Officers; all of whom form the Facilities Service of the Council.

In November 2017, Full Council received a report detailing the work of the Facilities Service in the short, medium and long term. Full Council resolved to receive further reports at future meetings.

This is the second occasion on which the operations of the Facilities Service has been reported.

Work Areas

Staff

The Facilities Service is currently comprised of 10 officers, and is structured as follows:

Job Title

- 1 x Operations, Contracts and Business Development Manager
- 1 x Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
- 5 x Grounds Maintenance Operatives
- 2 x Horticultural Apprentices
- 1 x Maintenance Engineer

Since reporting last to Full Council, an officer within the engineering team has left the organisation - having secured employment within the private sector.

The Facilities Service is currently operating with 1 x Maintenance Engineer who is responsible for servicing all vehicles/machinery and maintaining all fixed assets. Given the nature and volume of engineering work, it is clear that the current vacancy will need to be filled; although a replacement will not be appointed before the commencement of the 2018/19 financial year.

2018/19 Ground Maintenance Operations

The Facilities Service will commence its spring/summer maintenance programme week commencing Monday 19th March 2018.

Maintenance schedules for the town's 13 parks and 18 open spaces are in the process of being finalised, and, in light of current staff levels, will *prima facie* result in grassed areas being cut weekly; and play areas and/or surroundings cut fortnightly.

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Unlike previous years, whilst attending parks during 2018/19 operations, Grounds Maintenance Operatives will maintain hedges and borders more effectively. This is to ensure that they are maintained throughout the course of the year as opposed to undertaking specific work during spring/summer and autumn/winter months. All work undertaken will be in adherence to the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Hedgerow Regulations and DEFRA Guidelines.

As reported to Full Council in November 2017, all park and open spaces work will be completed by a core team of 3 x Grounds Maintenance Operatives, supported by 1 x Horticultural Apprentice.

Having successfully secured an additional grounds maintenance contract to take effect from 1st April 2018, council now has a portfolio of five clients for 2018/19; generating income of circa £30,000.00 per annum.

Negotiations between Maghull Town Council and Sefton Council are at an advanced stage regarding the leasehold transfer (at a peppercorn rent) of Bobby's Wood and Old Hall Park. Should these areas be transferred to the town council, grounds maintenance operatives will maintain to the same standard as all Maghull parks. If successfully transferred, income of circa £10,000 would be generated.

Grounds maintenance contracts work will be completed by a core team of 2 \times Grounds Maintenance Operatives, supported by a further 1 \times Operative and/or 1 \times Horticultural Apprentice.

Replacement Litter Bins and Dog Foul Bins

As reported in November 2017, officers received many complaints both from Members and residents regarding the poor condition of litter bins and dog fouling bins sited within parks across Maghull. Engineering officers undertook an inspection of all bins, and drafted a list of those requiring replacement.

Since this meeting, council has taken delivery of $30 \times 10^{-5} \times 10^{-5}$ x Double Derby bins. These bins are multi-use and can accept both litter and dog foul.

Installation of bins will commence shortly, albeit within the constraints of operating with a 1 \times Maintenance Engineer. As new multi-use bins are installed, damaged litter bins and all dog fouling bins will be removed from site.

Installation progress will be posted via the Maghull Town Council website and social media channels; in addition to raising public awareness that new multi-use bins can accept both litter and dog waste.

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2017/18 Hedge Cutting Operations

Significant progress has been made with regards to hedge cutting operations; all work undertaken being in compliance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Hedgerow Regulations and DEFRA Guidelines.

The table below shows progress to date for each park and/or open space.

Name of Park	Visited	Work Completed	Mork Outstanding
Glenn Park	Yes		Work Outstanding
Gleilli Faik	162	Lowering of hedge on	
		Eastway side of park	hedges
		Lowering of hedge on Haymans Green side of	Lowering of hedges
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		park Removal of hedge near	Lane, Flatfield Way and Broadoak Road
		Eastway side of park	1
		running towards former	
		bowling pavilion	
Whinneybrook	Yes	Lowering of hedge on	Lowering of hedges near
Field	100	Eastway side of park	to Penfold and Longfold.
		Lastway side of park	to i chioka and congloke.
KGV Playing	Yes	Lowering hedges	Lowering and removal of
Field		bordering A59	internal hedges
		Removal of vegetation	_
		from former rose garden.	
Ballswood	Yes	Lowering hedges on	Lowering of hedges on
		Station Road side of park	Poverty Lane side of park.
	! !		Lowering of internal
			hedges
Round Meade	Yes	Lowering of hedges within	Clearance of vegetation
Park		park	on land between 76 and
		Removal of vegetation	78 Round Meade
South Meade	Yes	within park.	None
Park	162	Lowering of hedges within park	None
I dirk		Removal of vegetation	
		within park.	
Manor House		Lowering of hedges and	None
Close		vegetation	
Pimbley Playing			
Field			
Dodds Park	No		
Mersey Avenue	No		
Park			
Moss Park	No		
Kenyons Lane	No		

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Name of Park	Visited	Work Completed	Work Outstanding
Park			
Moorhey Park	No		
Old Hall Field	No		

The table demonstrates that significant progress has been made during the autumn/winter months, although a considerable amount of work remains. As previously reported to Council, the 2017/18 hedge cutting schedule was ambitious in light of many hedges being inadequately maintained over a number a years; and with hindsight (having completed hedge work this season), the allocation of one week per park was insufficient to complete work to the required standard. By way of reference - Grounds Maintenance Operatives attending Glenn Park were on site for three works when lowering hedges along Eastway and Haymans Green such were the height/thickness of hedges, and amount of green waste generated.

Those hedges which have been lowered can now be maintained at a manageable height. Where work is outstanding, our intention is to address whilst progressing our spring/summer maintenance programme; albeit that grounds maintenance operatives must act in accordance with provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Hedgerow Regulations and guidelines set out by DEFRA.

Hedge cutting operations have been supported by Sefton Council colleagues, who have not only facilitated the hiring of an appropriate vehicle to remove green waste from site, but have accepted all green waste once transported. In total, to date, officers have completed almost 160 trips to the greens waste processing site in Formby, transporting in the region of 0.5 tonne per trip.

Focussing upon hedgework operations in autumn/winter 2018/19, two options (in support of operations) will need to be considered. Firstly, whether the Facilities Service will commit to an agreement with Sefton Council whereby a vehicle is hired at a reduced rate, and green waste is accepted by a processing site. Alternatively, whether a wood chipper is purchased or hired, with all green waste being chipped and reused in our parks and open spaces. Officers will review both options during spring/summer 2018/19.

Tree Survey

The Facilities Service is acutely aware of complaints received from Members and residents regarding large trees in parks. Large trees can overhang residential properties, reduce light and/or cause TV reception interference.

Although the Facilities Service employs Grounds Maintenance Operatives, no officer within the service is qualified to deal with trees of such a height or diameter.

Historically, when a problematic tree was identified, an arboculturist was instructed to prune back or fell a problematic tree. Though this approach may have addressed a single tree, a comprehensive programme of tree identification and maintenance has

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not been implemented. To instruct on a case-by-case basis is not good practice, and can be costly.

The historic approach is changing.

Officers have met with a number of environmental consultancy groups to scope out a comprehensive tree survey for all parks, and to obtain quotes for works. Two quotes have been submitted to date, and officers are in the process of determining which group should be appointed to carry out the survey.

Following completion of the survey, an arbocultusit will be appointed to undertake works within all parks.

Bowling Green Operations

Grounds maintenance operatives continue to maintain both bowling greens ahead of the bowling season commencing in April 2018.

The table below shows the status of work for each green:

Top Green		Bottom Green	
Work Completed	Work to B Completed	e Work Completed	Work to Be Completed
Hollowing coring, top dressing, seeding and fertilising green	Painting of benches	f Hollowing coring, top dressing, seeding and fertilising green	_
Removal of Ivy on palisade fencing	Construction of flower planter near pavilion	f Lowering of hedges	Power supply to be installed
Removal of bushes and soiling of area near to palisade fence on car park side	flower planter		Hanging baskets to be hung onto pavilion
	Painting of back boards		Painting of back boards
	New electronic shutters on pavilior	1 1	Servicing of roller shutters on pavilion

At the time of writing, officers have met with one of the returning two bowling teams for 2018/19. In their view, the greens are looking in excellent condition and they are looking forward to having much improved greens and facilities for the 2018/19

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season. A meeting with our second returning bowling team has been arranged week commencing Monday 5th March 2018.

Football Pitch Operations

Maghull Town Council currently provides three football pitches at two sites:-

1 x Junior Football Pitch at Ballswood 2 x Adult Football Pitches at Pimbley Playing Field

Since reporting to Full Council in November, officers have taken the decision to close all pitches with effect from 9th February 2018 on the grounds of health and safety; in light of pitches being severely rutted through a combination of poor weather and normal play.

This decision was communicated to all football teams hiring pitches on 9th February 2018; and as a gesture of good will and appreciation of inconvenience caused, football clubs were charged 50% of the annual hiring fee. As a consequence of this decision, £1,500.00 has been lost in terms of income generation. However, given the poor condition of pitches and dangers to football players, officials and spectators, no other options were available to officers.

Operationally, the maintenance of football pitches needs to improve in 2018/19. Both Ballswood and Pimbley Playing Field suffer significant water retention as a result of poor site drainage; which would cost in the region of £30,000.00 per pitch to rectify.

To improve maintenance, officers have already undertaken a demonstration of a tractor mounted spiker; which although would not solve issue of poor site drainage, would aid the dispersal of standing and under-soil water. Officers will continue to trial equipment during 2018/19 and gather indicative costs in consideration of purchase.

Members will remember that previous reports recommended the demolition of existing changing facilities at Pimbley Playing Field; with modular changing facilities sited as a replacement. In light of officers being required to close down football pitches midway through this footballing season, officers recommend that work around replacement changing facilities it postponed until comprehensive maintenance schedules are developed; and equipment suitable for required maintenance levels is identified, trialled and purchased/hired. Unless proper maintenance schedules are in place, supported by investment in appropriate equipment, a repeat of officers' decision to close down pitches is likely in 2018/19.

Tennis Court Operations

Officers are acutely aware of issues regarding the maintenance of two tennis courts hired by Maghull Tennis Club, and are in the process of developing schedules to

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more adequately maintain the playing surface of all courts within the site of Maghull Town Hall.

To date, officers have applied two specialised treatments on courts near to the tennis pavilion in order to remove accumulated moss and other detritus. The effectiveness of these treatments has been affected by poor weather and overhanging trees bordering tennis courts/car park.

Officers will continue to discuss tennis courts maintenance and outstanding payments with representatives of Maghull Tennis Club.

Recommendation:

- 1. That work on changing facilities at Pimbley Playing Field be postponed until drainage issues are assessed;
- 2. That the report be noted.

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8. Grant Application- Altside Scouts

Altside Scouting District (Young Leaders Unit) has submitted a grant request for £450 to provide training for Young Leaders. The Young Leaders Unit are Explorers who give up their times to help Adult Leaders run Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The aim is that Young Leaders will go on to become Adult Leaders.

The budget for grants for 2018/19 is £5,000. An application from Maghull in Bloom for £2,000 was approved at Full Council on 24 January 2018.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Members consider this request
- 2. That the report be noted

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL

Grant Application



Any grant received from the Town Council MUST be used solely for the purposes specified in the application. If this is not the case then the applicant will be liable for full repayment of the grant immediately. (For Grant Awarding Policy please see page 2)

Date	12 th Februa	ry 2018					
Name of Group/Body	Altside Sco	Altside Scouting District (Young Leaders Unit)					
Purpose for which required	The Young Leaders Unit are Explorers who give up their time to help Adult Leaders run Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. They are supported by a small district team led by an Explorer Scout Leader. The main aim is to ensure they receive all the training they need to work in the above sections. Any donation will go towards doing sleepover training weekends where they will receive all the training needed					are out ining II go	
Description of project	To train all the Young Leaders (please find attached the training programme for the next sleepover training weekend.) These Young Leaders are the future of Scouting so with the right training and encouragement they will go on to become Adult Leaders.						
Amount applied for	£450 (which will finance our next 3 course's)						
Latest accounts attached	Yes These accounts Quotations See attached: a whole spreadsheet						
Additional information including level of subs or payments made by members etc	The course we ran in November last year was part paid for by bag packing and part from District funds.					by	
Has application been made to another body?. Please give details	To the Lord Mayor of Sefton						
Please provide information on the	Social Economic Environmenta		tal				
social, economic, & environmental outcomes of your Organisation's activity	Scouting allows Young People to socialise not only with young people in Maghuli but in different parts of Merseyside at County camps, and while at camps in other parts of the Country and at International Jamborees.		Conomic On average groups charge subs at £125 per year which covers Group & National fees and the young person's insurance while doing scouting activities, this averages out at appox £3 an evening where the young person learns many new skills while doing badges.		wit suc Gai	ot of these badge th environment is th as Conservation rdener, Naturalist rester to name bu	sues on,



	COUNC
Person responsible Contact details	Patrick Brennan
Signature	
Signature	

The Town Clerk must receive an application more than 7 days before the next Town Council Meeting for it to be listed for consideration.

Young Leaders' Scheme

The Young Leaders' Scheme is just one of the exciting programme elements in the Explorer Scout section. All leaders in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Section who are between the ages of 14 and 18 must be members of an Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Unit. They are Explorer Scouts who choose to devote a large proportion of their time in Scouting to service in another section.



The Young Leaders' Scheme helps Explorer Scouts to develop and grow as individuals. It allows them to make a valuable contribution to their community and give service to others. The scheme also helps them fulfil the service elements of their awards.

Recognition

A Young Leaders' Badge and woggle should be awarded after completing Module A. This badge signifies that a Young Leader has completed their basic training.

A mission strip should be presented after completing each mission, these are placed around the module A badge.

A Young Leader belt buckle should be awarded on completion of the entire scheme (completion of ALL training modules and missions).

The Young Leader Service Award can be worn on the adult

uniform to recognise a person's completion of the Young Leaders' Scheme. The Young Leader certificate should be presented when the Young Leader either turns 18 or completes the whole scheme. The back of the certificate can be used to record which modules and missions the Young Leader has completed.

District Young Leaders November 2017 Training Course Accounts

Income			
District		£ 150.00	
	Total	£ 150.00	

Expenditure		
Go Outdoors		£ 8.50
Asda		£ 6.00
Lidí		£ 85.81
St Andrews Scout Shop		£ 8.00
Donation to 1st Maghull		£ 40.00
One Stop stores		£ 1.00
	Total	£ 149.31

Scouting has been going for over 100 years and will go on for many years to come if we give these Young People the chance to train as Young Leaders who will then go on to become Adult Leaders who will then give the Young People of the future the opportunity to experience scouting at its best.

	Balance		
	B/F	Income	Expense
E			
Events		11,142.33	10,609.84
St Georges Activity Day District Jamboree Fundraising	- 1,120.00	5,843.00	5,260.26
Centenary Cub Camp	2,462.00	210.00	4 610 40
St Georges Activity Day (2017 Deposits)	1,010.90	631.20	1,642.10
District Scout Camp (2017 Deposit)			630.40
and the seast retails fear, achieved,			60.00
foung Leaders Account			1,7
Membership fees 17/18		35,679.12	30,028,12
Wembership fees 16/17		450.00	,
District Equipment (Badges/Neckers)		123,50	490.97
AGM			126.92
County Residential			320.00
fourth Engagement			200.00
(outh Shape (This is actually from 2017/2018 budget)			392.30
Growth Support			104.00
General Admin			7.98
\dult Training		480.00	565.64
ADC Cubs			14.30
letwork			73.50
\DC Scouts			181.51
)C/DDC/Chair/Secretary/Treas			47.95
st Litherland Setup	359.44		
rotal		54,559.15	50,755.79
		54,555.15	30,/33./3
rofit/(Loss)		3,803.36	
Balances			
SBC Community Account & Cash Held			
pening Balance HSBC as of 01 April 2016		16,132.62	
us Income upto 31 March 2017		54,559.15	
ss Expenditure upto 31 March 2017 pening Balance Cash as of 01 April 2016		- 50,755.79	
osing Balances of HSBC & Cash held as of 31 March 2017		44.33	
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osing Balances made up as follows			
iBC Balance as of 31 March 2017		19,887.62	
ish held upto 31 March 2017		92.69	
rtal		19,980.31	
ottish Widows Savings Account			
iening Balance as of 01 April 2016		7,731.09	
ærest Earned		28.68	
Ising Balance as of 31 March 2017		7,759.77	
ents Balances			
Georges Day 2016	537.26	Loss	
aver Skills Day	748.03	Profit	
outs Emergency Aid Day	94.00	Profit	
ruts Orienteering Day	24.58	Profit	
iuts Velocity	130.50	Profit	
os Chester Zoo	35.00	Loss	,
ivers Panto	190.75	Loss	20/1
uts Community Day	82.19	Loss	- ///
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Altside District Young Leader

Saturday		
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10.00	Arrive	
10.45	Welcome	Ricky
10.15		Micky
	Daily briefing for the purpose of Young Leaders. Emphasise that	
	the focus will	
	be on issues raised in Module A, such as child protection, which	
	will be revisited	
	frequently throughout the weekend.	
10.30	Ice Breaker	Adam
11.30	Module A – 'Prepare for take off!'	
	The Purpose and Method of The Scout Association	Ricky
	Child protection	
	Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)	
	Activity rules and safety	
	Understanding the role of the Young Leader	
	Objectives	
	At the end of this module Young Leaders will be able to:	Feed Back off YL
	Explain the Purpose and Method of Scouting	
	explain how the child protection policy applies to them	
	• recognise the importance of POR and be able to access the	
	information contained within it	
	demonstrate an understanding of how POR affects their	
	actions as a Young Leader	
	understand the importance of safe activity provision and	
	complete a basic risk assessment	
	understand how the Young Leaders scheme works and how to	
	access further training	
	• state the role of a Young Leader within their chosen section.	+
11.30 to 12.00	Tea Break	
	Module B – 'Taking the lead'	Adam tan
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ľ	Leadership styles	
I	When to use particular leadership styles	
	Objectives	
- 1	At the end of this module Young Leaders will be able to:	
	Undertake a leadership role within their chosen section with	
	confidence	
	run programme activities as appropriate to their role	
	recognise and understand the different leadership styles	
	identify their personal preferred leadership style when	
	running activities within	
	their section	
- 1	 understand the evaluation process, the need for it and how to 	
	implement it	
	as necessary.	
48.68.		All Leaders
13.00 to 1400	Lunch	WII readels

27,00 10 20,0	Q street and an experience and	Law reader to wring 4 games
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Understanding the value of games	
	Appropriate games to run and when they should be played	
	Objectives	
	At the end of this module Young Leaders will be able to:	
	Understand the importance of games in the section meeting	
	• identify when different types of games are needed and initiate them	
	explain and run different types of games.	
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47.00. 40.0		
15.30 to 16.00	Tea Break	
16.00 to 18.00	Module D – Understanding behaviour	Cathie
	Every leader, young or experienced encounters difficult	i
	situations. This module aims to help you	Ì
	deal with behaviour such as aggression, arguments or bullying	İ
	Module F – Making Scouting accessible	Cathie
	Young Leaders learn to identify the individual needs of member	s
	in their section.	
1	After this module, they will understand the importance of	
	making adjustments	
	in their programmes to take additional needs into account.	<u> </u>
18.00 to 19.00	Tea	All leaders
19.00 to20.00	Recap on days work	All Leaders
20.00 to 21.30	Camp fire	
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21.30 to 23.30	Movie and supper	Simon
23.30	Bed	
23.30	Deu	
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Sunday		<u> </u>
07.00	Cook Breakfast	
08.00	Breakfast	All Leaders
09.00 to 10.00	Module C – 'That's the way to do it!'	Ricky Mandy
	Exploring different methods of training younger members	
	At the end of this module Young Leaders will be able to:	
	Understand and talk about how young people learn effectively	
	2 and and and another young people really effectively	
İ	demonstrate skills effectively	
	•	
	pass on skills to younger people	
	work effectively with small groups.	
10.00 to10.30	Tea Break	
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	Module H is begun	
12.30 to 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 to 14.00	Module 1 - 'What did they say?'	Ricky
	Importance of good communication	
	Listening to young people's views	
	Open channels between young people and the leadership team	
	Objectives	
	At the end of this module Young Leaders will be able to:	
	Understand the importance of effective communication between leaders and young people	
	• listen effectively to others	
	- communicate effectively with others	
	understand the decision making structure within the section	
	understand how Young Leaders can take part in section decision- making.	
14.00 to 15.00	Tidy Up	All
15.00	Presentation of badges/certificates	Paul
15.30	Home	

