

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
HELD 6th March 2019

PRESENT - Councillor Josh Burns (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): June Burns, Byrne, Carlsen, Desmond, Hart, McKinley and J. Sayers.

ALSO PRESENT – A. McIntyre (Chief Executive), A Spencer (Business Development and Contracts Manager), D. Healey (Finance Officer), S. Larking (minutes), David Hartley, Bruce Hubbard, Dave Wilson and one member of the public.

Minutes silence in memory of former Cllr and Mayor of Maghull Jane Day.

Bruce Hubbard spoke warmly about Mrs Day before the minutes' silence.

- Mrs Day was a long time Maghull resident. Mr Day ran Maghull Folk Club
- Served on the council for a number of years including as Mayor of Maghull
- Lived in Mayhall Court for a few years before moving to Hertfordshire to be close to her daughter

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had made a donation to Dementia UK.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies received from Cllrs Carragher, Esterson, J. Deegan, R. Deegan, Mullen and Y. Sayers.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None received.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - David Hartley, representing Maghull and Aughton Rotary Club spoke about proposals for Christmas lights at the Square in Maghull. He drew on the success of Wrexham Glyndwr Christmas Lights Switch-on. It was agreed that Maghull Town Council would contact London and Cambridge Properties, owners of the Square, to facilitate discussions with the Rotary Club

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 9th and 23rd January 2019 were approved as a correct record.

5. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Community Support and Engagement Committee on 28th November 2018 be noted

6. **SLOW DOWN FOR BOBBY CAMPAIGN:**

Dave Wilson, a Maghull resident and driving instructor spoke about the “Slow Down for Bobby” campaign. Key points

- The campaign aims to to keep roads safe around schools

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- Banners placed outside schools to remind drivers of the 20mph speed limit and other traffic restrictions
- Campaign supported by other councils including Liverpool and Manchester
- 80 schools in Sefton, would like to see banners outside every school in the borough
- Banners cost £60 each if bought in bulk; cardboard signs/boards £20 each
- Signs outside St Andrews school have had an impact – changes to parking patterns and more people walking
- Would like Maghull Town Council to approach Sefton Council to support the campaign

Cllrs made the following points in response

- Support efforts to reduce speed
- There are traffic signs around schools; parents/carers often cause problems with inconsiderate driving and parking
- Sefton need to prepare a transport plan
- Following an earlier discussion with Dave Hughes issue raised with Mike McSorley, Cllr June Burns to follow up
- Noted that 8 primary and 3 secondary schools in Maghull
- Noted that school budgets under considerable pressure so unlikely to be able to sponsor banners
- Cllr John Fairclough is Sefton Council's Cabinet Member for Locality Services (includes highways). A letter of support for the campaign could be sent to Cllr Fairclough
- Options for funding including application to Maghull Town Council (details to be provided); Area Committee funding or Mayor of Sefton's fund. Funding would be for banners for Maghull rather than a donation to the charity

RESOLVED that

- 1. A letter be sent to Cllr Fairclough in support of the Slow Down for Bobby campaign in Maghull**
- 2. Details of how to apply for a grant from Maghull Town Council to be sent to Mr Wilson**
- 3. The report be noted**

7. APPEAL FOR PLANNING APPLICATION DC/2012/01681, LAND WEST OF DAMFIELD LANE:

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had been notified by Sefton LPA that the developers of the Damfield Lane site had submitted an appeal for non-determination. (not given specific reasons when application refused). The appeal is by written representations. The Council's comments will be forwarded to the Planning Inspector. The Inspector will make a site visit and consider the reasons for refusal.

Cllrs made the following points

- Planning Officers recommended approval; Committee voted to refuse. Unusual for Committee to go against officer recommendation

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- Reasons for refusal drew on local and neighbourhood plans
- Documentation provided by Sefton was poor; environmental surveys completed at the wrong time of year
- Concerns about community access to a gated estate
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) gives a presumption in favour of development. Risk to Council's if developers win appeals e.g. costs awarded against Cheshire East Council

RESOLVED that the report be noted

8. DRAFT MUNICIPAL CALENDAR 2019/20

A draft municipal calendar was circulated for any comments, in advance of Annual Council. Key points

- All meetings feed into Full Council
- Personnel Committees programmed but can hold when required. At least one meeting required to review policies and carry out an annual Health and Safety review

Cllrs noted the following

- Sefton's Personnel Committee is ad hoc
- Personnel Committee schedule for 7 July 2019 should remain in calendar

RESOLVED that

1. Personnel meetings after 3 July 2019 to be scheduled as required
2. The report be noted

9. MASTERPLAN FOR LAND EAST OF MAGHULL

Councillors discussed the Masterplan for the development of Land East of Maghull, the following points were raised:

- Decision on Masterplan delegated to Cabinet Members; it was Called In
- Town Council have major concerns about the Masterplan
- Plan contradicts Sefton's Local Plan and the NPPF which refers to sustainable communities and infrastructure
- Proposals for site are piecemeal rather than integrated; sites will be joined up 5 years after the start of the development
- No traffic assessment
- Concerns about drainage and flooding
- Infrastructure will be delivered when the 750th house is built; no guarantee that it will happen
- If Persimmon Homes lose their franchise for affordable housing the site will not be viable; concerns that Persimmon is not the right developer for the site.
- Council need to consider implications of a judicial review

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- Concerns about s106; s106 proposed for road and extension of Summerhill School; if development does not go ahead funding will be lost
- Sefton's Overview and Scrutiny (Regeneration and Skills) meeting on Tuesday 12th March at Bootle Town Hall. Masterplan on agenda
- Development could start on site 13 weeks after validation of plan, so by Summer 2019
- Decision on Community Infrastructure Levy with Leader of Sefton's Labour group

Cllrs discussed related issues about traffic impacts from a development in Lydiate on the Turnbridge Estate in Maghull.

Key points

- Planning permission granted to Wayne Homes for a development in Lydiate with access to the site via Turnbridge Estate
- Letter sent to residents with proposed start date
- Work started on site on 4th March including a temporary pontoon to cross brook. Vehicles arrived during the school run causing traffic chaos which impacted on residents and local schools
- Ward Cllrs emailed Ian Loughlin, Sefton Council, who said concerns would be "noted"
- Planning Enforcement Officer closed site as was in breach of planning conditions as no traffic management plan; some works allowed to make site safe after stop notice served. However, security fence delivered at 3.15 which co-coincided with school leaving time
- Traffic Management plan needed to
 - Protect local schools with specified delivery/collection times for lorries
 - Sluice roads as muddy
 - Ensure drives not blocked by site workers
- Town Council to write to Sefton setting out concerns about impact of development on Maghull residents and requesting a traffic management plan. Draft letter to be circulated to Cllrs

RESOLVED that

- 1. Letter to be sent to Sefton Council requesting a traffic management plan to reduce impacts of development in Lydiate on Maghull residents**
- 2. The report be noted.**

10. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had achieved "Foundation" status. It had been recommended that the Council include details of all planning applications on the agenda for Full Council. Cllrs had previously agreed to include "major" planning applications. Cllrs confirmed that they would continue to consider major applications not domestic applications.

RESOLVED that

- 1. The Council to consider major planning applications only at Council meetings;**

2. The report be noted.

11. REPORT ON SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr June Burns reported that Sefton Council had held its budget meeting: Key points:

- 51% cut in funding since 2010.
- Council Tax increasing by 2.99%.
- Increase in precepts for Fire and Police
- New metro mayor tax.
- 60% of budget on Adult Social Care
- A summary chart was available showing how money was allocated/spent
- Officers continuing to deliver under extreme financial pressures

Cllr June Burns reported she had been elected as Mayor of Sefton from May 2019. Cllrs congratulated Cllr June Burns.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

12. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report given.


CHAIRMAN
15/5/19.

