

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD 10th FEBRUARY 2021 BY ZOOM

PRESENT - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Desmond, Doherty, Ferguson, T. Hughes, Mullen, Y. Sayers and Sharp.

ALSO PRESENT - P. Dillon (Community Services Manager) and S. Larking (Minutes)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including members of the public joining the meeting via livestreaming.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Lloyd.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Doherty declared that he had a relative living in Tree View Court for agenda item 6.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received. Meeting being recorded and would be available for viewing.

4. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 10th November 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2020 were approved as an accurate record. Note: minutes to be signed at next opportunity.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET 2021/22

The Community Services Manager reported that at the last meeting he had presented a draft budget of £16,500 for 2021/22. This was a worst-case scenario. Full Council had agreed a budget of £24,460. Key points:

- Neighbourhood Activities: reduced by £1,000
- Youth Budget: Cut by 50% to reflect no expenditure in 2020/21
- Events: Reduced by £1,540. The Committee would need to consider what activities they want to hold
- Christmas Activities: No reduction. Reflects expenditure on hampers and support for the Food Bank. The Committee may want to host the popular pensioners lunch if Covid restrictions allow for large gatherings
- Community Grants: No reduction. Reflects likely support needed for community groups. The annual grant of £2,000 for Maghull in Bloom (MiB) had been approved by Finance and General Purposes Committee in December 2020

Overall, the budget was higher than expected. There is flexibility to vire between budget headings to support the agreed work programme. Securing external funding would be a key part of the work programme.

Key points from Cllrs

- May need to put more money into youth budget when lockdown is lifted to support young people who have been impacted by Covid 19. Should be looking for external funding to support youth activities
- Want to see fun activities on KGV park after lockdown

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Community Services Manager reported that activities had been very limited in 2020/21. Christmas hampers had been a success. Worked in partnership with Hudson Family Centre, Sefton CVS, GPs and Maghull Churches. Over 100 hampers packed and delivered. After school training for young girls at the Parish Hall had started but had closed due to lockdown. Will check when this may be able to start again.

Going forward the work programme will include:

- Young People: Look at the impact of lockdown and how to support young people. Aware that there is a need for laptops and tablets to support home schooling as it is unclear when schools will reopen to all pupils
- Grants: Promote grants to ensure that local groups are aware that funding is available
- Local Services: Consider how to support local services e.g. Food bank. Demand has plateaued but not gone down
- Events: Will not be able to host events e.g. Maghull fest until end of lockdown/restrictions. May want to consider an expanded Awards Evening to reflect the contribution of the community in response to Covid. Could run a garden competition
- Foodbank: Looking at options to become independent to focus on Maghull resident and allow greater flexibility to offer support. Under current arrangements need to be referred and there's a limit on the number of visits to 3. An independent Food Bank would enable provision of weekly food parcels to those most in need in Maghull. Issues about insurance. They may be eligible for an MTC grant
- Christmas Tree: A Christmas tree was approved and installed for 2020 on KGV Park. Cllrs resolved that a living tree should be planted for 2021. Winter is a good time to plant a tree in advance of the growing season. It would cost approximately £100 for a 6ft tree. Cllrs agreed that a living tree should be purchased and planted

Key points from Cllrs:

- Agreed that keep broad budget headings; welcomed option to vire money between budget heading to support work programme.
- Gardening has been a key feature of lockdown. Crosby and Lydiate run garden competitions. Could look for sponsors e.g. Sefton Meadows Garden Centre, B&M, Tony Almond. Would want to work in partnership with Maghull in Bloom. Would want a range of categories e.g. window box, hanging basket, school, nursery, housing schemes to open competition to all not just those with gardens. Would need to advertise in the Champion as well as Social Media to ensure everyone aware. Officers to develop proposals, including categories and criteria, to present at next meeting
- Hudson Family Centre had identified the need for 200 laptops/tablets. They received 16. Develop proposals with Family Centre and work with Ward Cllrs who may be able to secure other funding. It was noted that the Co-op are working with Portland to get laptops to those in need.
- Issues about mental health in young people. Some age groups are really struggling as there are no/limited services. They want face to face contact rather than online or phone calls. Looking at options for a project. It was proposed that a contact list be developed to set out what services and support is available.
- Tree View Court. Cllr Doherty reported that he was working with residents and the Police to respond to ASB around Tree View Court. People are congregating in the area and there is drug dealing. The Police are aware and have been trying to help. The landlord and a local estate/letting agent are working to improve security, but it is an ongoing issue. Gates to the car park are required to stop access. It was noted that MiB do planting in the area which helps improve the appearance. The Chair noted that as MTC does not own the land there is a limit to what can be done. She reported on work with British Transport Police (BTP) to move on young people that did not live in Maghull. However, BTP resources are limited and stretched. She advised residents to report incidents so the Police could build a picture to help target resources. Cllr Doherty said he would continue to work with residents.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Living Christmas Tree to be purchased and planted at KGV**
- 2. Contact list of support for young people to be developed**
- 3. The report be noted**

7. GRANT ADVISOR

The Community Services Manager reported that Officers had been tasked with securing more external funding. Officers had received a demonstration about the Grant Advisor service run by idox. The cost of the service for 12 months including 2 data sets (Public

Sector and Community) is £1,595 + VAT. The initial payment is for 1 year and the Council are not committed to a long-term contract. Benefits include receiving notifications of grants in real time, this would save time in trawling through websites for funding opportunities. Other options are available but do not offer the range and breadth of funding. Projects would need to be identified and prioritised to make the most of the service. Works to parks have been identified but the Committee would want to consider projects and agree a short list. The proposal is to use underspend from 2020/21 to meet the costs. The Town Clerk has set a target of securing funding of at least £3,000 to ensure VFM.

Key points by Cllrs:

- Keen to maximise funding opportunities
- Proposal for a project to create a natural garden to support mental health
- Concerns raised about idox following a recent press article. Would like Officers to carry out further research and report back before a decision can be made at a further meeting to be held as soon as possible

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Officers to carry out further research on idox and report back to the Committee so a decision can be made;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

8. DIGITAL INCLUSION

The Community Services Officer reported that the pandemic had highlighted digital exclusion, particularly in older residents. This meant they did not have access to online banking and shopping. Working with Sefton CVS to see how digital skills can be offered to residents as Maghull had missed out on funding for digital inclusion as the area does not have high levels of deprivation. It was noted that U3A have a Silver Surfers group which helps develop digital skills in the elderly. Contact details to be provided.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Contact for U3A Silver Surfers to be forwarded to Officers;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

9. VOLUNTEERING

The Community Services Manager reported that he is in regular contact with Sefton CVS and the Community Champion at Morrisons. Morrisons are under pressure with the high demand for home deliveries and need support. They are looking for a part time van driver (16 hours per week). It may be that volunteers who offered to shop earlier in the pandemic

may be able to help with shopping. It was agreed that Cllrs would contact those on the vulnerable list to check if they needed any support. It was noted that some Cllrs were providing ongoing support.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Cllrs to contact those on the vulnerable list;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

10. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION 2021/22

It was noted that Finance and General Purposes Committee had approved the annual grant of £2,000 to MiB for 2021/22. This will complement funding secured from the Lottery. New wooden planters will be provided in the Square

Key points made by Cllrs

- Officers to check if the MTC logo will be added to planters
- MiB do a very good job and make Maghull look nice and provide support to isolated people
- It was noted that LCP provide support to water plants at the Square
- Would like to host an afternoon tea for MiB volunteers, when allowed, to say thank you.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Officers to check if MTC logo will be added to new planters at the square**
- 2. Afternoon tea to be hosted for MiB volunteers**
- 3. The report be noted.**

11. CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair used the opportunity to give the following thanks:

- Officers (Phil Dillon and Siobhan Larking) for supporting the Committee
- Cllr Mullen and Karl Mullen for their help during recent flooding
- Merseyside Police and other emergency services for doing an excellent job. It was noted that a few homes were not secured (e.g. door not locked) which raised concerns about opportunistic crimes
- Cllr Sharp for his work in Bobby's Wood
- Cllrs Thomas Hughes and Josh Burns for clearing up graffiti

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN

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MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD 22nd FEBRUARY 2021 BY ZOOM

PRESENT - Councillor Carragher (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs) Desmond, Ferguson, Mullen and Sharp.

ALSO PRESENT - P. Dillon (Community Services Manager) and S. Larking (Minutes)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the extra ordinary meeting of Community Services

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None received.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None received.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** None received.
4. **GRANT ADVISOR**

The Community Services Manager reported that he had done a review of Idox PLC, who provide, the Grant Advisor service, as requested by the Committee. He had established the following information:

- Viable and legitimate company
- Idox PLC purchased Grantfinder Ltd in 2010. This was approved by the Office of Fair Trading
- Issues, reported in media, about a contract for postal voting in Glasgow had been resolved and Idox had been awarded a contract to manage postal votes across Scotland
- Signposted to Idox by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) whose Funding Central service is closing on 31 March 2021. Idox are their technical partners
- Idox have contracts with a number of organisations including public sector bodies
- Considered alternative services including the Directory of Social Change, based in Liverpool. This service is marginally cheaper but does not provide the same breadth of information as Idox
- Idox is subject to a potential buy out by Dye and Durham. Dye and Durham, a Canadian firm, have a record for aggressive acquisitions. Feedback from ex staff is not positive. Focus is on profit, they are not philanthropic
- In summary there is no evidence that Idox PLC have done anything illegal or immoral

In discussion Cllrs made the following:

- Reassured after some initial concerns/ reservations

- Contract is for 12 months; cost should be offset by benefits
- If take over happens and we do not get what we want, then we can leave after 12 months
- Need to look at what the Council will gain and impact of not working with Idox – Officers will spend hours trawling the internet for funding opportunities. Need to speculate to accumulate and sometimes you enter into contracts with some reservations

A recorded vote was requested on whether to appoint idox to assist Officers to locate funding for Council projects. The Vote was recorded as follows:

For: Cllrs Carragher, Desmond, Ferguson, Mullen and Sharp

On a recorded vote being taken, the Motion was unanimously carried with 5 Votes cast IN FAVOUR and no abstentions.

After the vote the following points were made:

- Sefton CVS are running a bid writing course on 11th March 2021.
- The Chair asked members to think about categories and descriptions for the Garden Competition for the next meeting.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Idox be appointed to datasets to assist Officers to locate funding for Council projects;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

CHAIRMAN

Report to: Community Services Committee
Date of Meeting: 30th June
Agenda Item Number 6
Subject: Community Services Work Programme
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. Note the report
2. Confirm Community Services Priorities for 2021/22

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The effects of the pandemic require a review of where the council's resources should be directed to ensure we are best placed to support the community.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

Community Services has an approved budget

(B) Capital

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	Activities funded from Community Services budget
Resource Implications	Community Services staff support agreed activities and preparation required
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	Activities support wider inclusion and increase accessibility across the community

Implementation Date for Decision

Appendices

Background Papers

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1. Background

Events and activities originally planned to be organised by the Community Services team were decimated by the impact of the Covid19 pandemic. With restrictions now easing the committee needs to refocus on what activities it wants to prioritise to help the communities of Maghull recover and build in resilience as the effects of the pandemic will continue to impact different sections of the community for the foreseeable future.

As identified by government and several leading charities there is an opportunity to now work more closely with local communities: -

- Actively hear from and engage with social groups whose voices have come to the fore through the pandemic. This will help the council to understand and be responsive to the diversity of new priorities and new vulnerabilities that have emerged and identify new community expectations.
- Sustain community capacity by building on the growth of grassroots connections developed during the pandemic
- Investigate the opportunities to engage with residents through the greater connectivity afforded by people's experience of using online platforms
- Harness the appetite for change that Covid has highlighted within the community

Throughout the pandemic the Community Services team have continued to liaise with and work alongside a network of voluntary organisations and partner agencies such as Sefton CVS and Maghull Foodbank. As restrictions ease decisions will be needed as to where the team focuses its energies and time and how any actions decided on by council can be best met.

With reference to the elements of the council's business plan relating to the Community Services Committee (appendix1) there are clear actions that require further and ongoing work. The Community Services Manager is seeking confirmation

of the actions and for priorities to be clarified in order to ensure the most important issues are dealt with accordingly.

There are issues such as free room hire which will only be able to be resolved when the restrictions to accessing the Town Hall are lifted and there is definition as to when improvement works will commence. Ongoing work to continue strengthening communication and partnership working will require monitoring to ensure there are no gaps that could be avoided and that we are serving the residents' needs with collaborative working where appropriate, such as proactively tackling antisocial behaviour.

The Community Services budget has been subject to reductions in line with all council expenditure. Current expenditure to the end of May 2021 is shown in appendix 2. The committee should consider if there is a need for any significant change of emphasis to the budget, given that large events are still not possible in line with government guidance, whilst seeking to support local organisations that continue to work with parts of the community that are in need. Improving people's ability to access and utilize different communication platforms was an important issue that was recognised and determined access to resources and support. The need for attracting external funding is now more pressing than ever and the committee has helped address this by approving the purchase of IDOX datasets to help identify relevant funding opportunities as they occur. Identifying key projects will help focus the Community Service team's efforts to secure funding that supports the council's priorities but it must be acknowledged that there are greatly increased pressures on what funding is available. The broad emphasis is on funding that will assist communities in recovering from the impacts of the pandemic and will help them to build back better.

Given continuing uncertainty and seasonal issues that the pandemic may still impose there will need to be flexibility in whatever work programme is decided. However, there is no reason not to agree core priorities for the coming months and work to them as closely as possible.

Recommendation(s):-

1 Note The report

2 Confirm Community Services priorities for the 2021/22

Maghull Town Council Business Plan 2019-23

Maghull Town Council wishes to set out its strategy for the forthcoming term of office which runs from May 2019 to May 2023. This document seeks to establish the key priorities for the Council during this time and the proposed timescales and is focussed on what the Council is trying to achieve. This is a living document which will be revised, if necessary, each municipal year of the Plan to ensure that it continues to reflect the priorities identified.

Funding for these priorities will be drawn from different sources but will include but are not limited to:

- The precept
- External funding from grants
- Sponsorship
- Income generation
- Developer contributions

The Council remains committed to the principles of Value for Money and prudent financial leadership always seeking to provide the most for the residents on limited financial resources.

Each Committee will report to Full Council on their progress on the business plan and will be responsible for its progress. The priorities listed below fit comfortably within the Council's stated Corporate Objectives and underpin the Council's ambitions for the town.

The Council will seek to involve external partners in order to achieve the wider aims listed within the priorities to promote best practice within the sector and to improve outcomes for residents and businesses.

Some of the priorities listed in the plan will have more detailed operational plans behind them. These plans should also be referred to when referencing this plan.

Priority One – Continue to Develop and Protect Our Community

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Update 2021
1. The anti-social behaviour strategy to be reviewed and improved with targeted provision for young people	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Ongoing Engaged with Active Sefton & Activesports Foundation. Police liaison with designated officer until maternity leave.
7. Develop “Better Maghull” – a volunteer based group to improve the environment in and around Maghull	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Stalled due to Covid. Helped establish FOMD. Fledgling Friends of Groups for parks.
9. Develop a communication strategy to keep residents informed as to the work of the Council to include social media, website and traditional print media	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	New website launched Jan 2021

Priority Two - Develop Our Parks and Green Spaces

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	
6. Develop events throughout the year that take advantage of the parks and their natural settings	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Cannot be completed due to Covid19. Programme of events suspended

Priority Three – A Value For Money and Enterprising Council

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale
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Priority Four – Develop Leisure and Amenity Activity For All

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Update
2. To develop a children's literary festival to encourage reading at all ages	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Initial event cancelled due to Covid 19
3. To develop MaghullFest and improve offer and attendance each year	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Events cancelled due to Covid19
4. To improve the youth offer in Maghull based on the Youth Survey completed	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Supported Active Sefton and Activesports, Go Girl after school club. Currently working to develop a programme with Roy Evans Foundation

Priority Five – Develop/support Community Services and Groups

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Update
1. To develop a Maghull Hub in the Town Centre to facilitate community groups and services	Community Services Committee	Leader of the Council and Community Services Manager	Initial feasibility study to be completed by September 2019	After initial visit did not progress with L&CP
2. To assist the Radio station with improvements to equipment, increase the volunteer base and ensure its sustainability	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Funding bids submitted to Ofcom, supported volunteers to constitute and develop financial rules and an independent bank account.
3. Increase volunteering opportunities throughout the town and develop a “can do” volunteering ethos	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Co-ordinated volunteer programme through lockdown. Volunteer opportunities limited due to Covid19

4.	To develop the grant awarding provision in the Council and extend the free room hire to community groups which meet the robust criteria	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Community grants awarded. Imagine Independence hired council chamber. Ongoing proposal to improve community room using external grant funding.
5.	To complete a defibrillator audit and explore provision of units (if required)	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Audit completed by November 2019	Completed February 2020
6.	To take responsibility for Maghull Parish Hall and develop the facilities there if feasible	Full Council	Leader of the Town Council and Town Clerk	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Now have a place on Parish Hall committee. No meetings since lockdown
7.	Develop a lively and sustainable community development programme of initiatives targeting all neighbourhoods and age groups	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Suspended due to Covid19

Priority Six – Culture and Heritage

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Update
1. To develop a heritage centre for Maghull to include community usage and exhibition space	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Hasn't been completed due to Covid19 and financial restrictions
2. To develop a heritage trail throughout Maghull using the Canal as a linking mechanism (Possibly to include Melling and Lydiate?)	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Bid drafted for National Heritage lottery funding but postponed due to Covid19 closing new bids.

Priority Seven – Health & Wellbeing

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Update
3. To instigate and promote health awareness campaigns – youth mental health, age concern, isolation, loneliness	Community Services Committee	Chair of Community Services Committee and Community Services Manager	Throughout the lifetime of the plan	Completed ring around by Cllrs of vulnerable tenants during lockdown. Delivered hampers at Christmas to 100 households.

EXPENDITURE	as at May 2021				
	Budget heads	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining	Explanation
5330	NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITIES	6,500.00		6,500.00	
5331	EVENTS	4,960.00	129.50	4,830.50	Garden Leaflets
5333	CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES	5,000.00		5,000.00	
5334	YOUTH PROVISION	4,000.00		4,000.00	
5335	GRANTS	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	Maghull in Bloom
		25,460.00	2,129.50	23,330.50	

Report to: Community Services Committee
Date of Meeting: 30th June
Agenda Item Number 8
Subject: Green Heritage Trail
Report of: Community Services Manager
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

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	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

1.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

To enable the development of a Green Trail project across parks and open spaces in Maghull

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

From National Lottery Heritage Fund

(B) Capital

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	Funding to be achieved by successful National Lottery bid
Resource Implications	Community Services manager to write bid
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	The project would aim to make the parks more accessible and to encourage greater use by the community but in particular local children

Implementation Date for Decision

Appendices

None

Background Papers

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1. Background

Prior to lockdown in March 2020 the Community Services Manager had been developing a bid to the National Lottery's Heritage fund. The aim was to define a green trail across Maghull's parks and in doing so work closely with local primary schools to each adopt a park and gain hands on experience of planting and learning about flora and fauna. The enquiry had been welcomed by National Lottery Heritage fund officers. Their advice had been to make the bid more ambitious from its initial concept of enabling planting by children and installing plastic recycling bins which would cost an estimated £21,000. The advice was to include more elements and to take full advantage of the number of parks in the town. Initial contact with MADCOS, the umbrella group for local primary schools, had shown promise with interest in development of on-going partnership working with the council and partner agencies.

The longer-term ambition of the project in helping to manage anti-social behaviour on the parks was also encouraged by the schools and lottery officers and the emphasis on this was to have been made more explicit. The project was due to start in May/June 2020 but the National Lottery fund closed to new bids and COVID19 restrictions made collective working impossible. The intention to develop a network of Friends of Groups was fundamental to the original application and this would tie in to a broader antisocial behaviour strategy targeted at secondary school children but also generally aiming to keep the parks clean and tidy with litter picking and repair reporting key to the groups' objectives.

Now that the National Heritage Lottery fund has reopened and pandemic restrictions are easing the time appears right to renew the development of a bid and to reconnect with local schools. The installation of the Rhino sculpture at Stafford Moreton Way is also timely as the design of the smaller recycling bins in different parks was always intended to link with the rhino and discussions with the sculptor at the rhino unveiling confirmed his enthusiasm for that part of the project. The intention would be for the children from each school to design an animal bin for recycling bottle tops which would then be installed in their adopted park. The costs for this will be met in the lottery bid.

The need to establish relationships with other partners was fundamental to the project in order that resources are in place to assist with educating the children and provide a comprehensive view on the parks and their environments. Contact had been made with schools via MADCOS but also with individual primary schools including Northway, St Andrews and St Georges. Other organisations who were willing to become involved included Parkhaven Trust, Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Sefton CVS. We would need to reconnect with these organisations and look for other partners who would be willing to work alongside the council as the project progresses. The Roy Evans Foundation have indicated they have access to facilitators for environmental education that we could make use of to help engage children with the project. The more support that can be identified the stronger the bid will become.

Preparatory work is required to demonstrate that need of the project within the community and the need for green spaces from a community perspective has to be evidenced in the application. The survey originally conducted in December 2019 is now out of date and a new survey will be required to reflect the post pandemic landscape and how that influences residents' relationships with parks and green spaces. Work that has already been carried out with Mersey Forest should be included in the bid and linked to further proposals which will identify Mersey Forest as an ongoing partner.

Heritage lottery fund officers advised that we describe MTC's partnership with Sefton Council and what each organisation potentially brings to the project; outline the partnership, the benefits of the collaboration and the support both parties bring to the project. It is possible to build in costs to cover professional time from heritage and community partners if that is needed. The more specific the application can be about what areas of heritage will be explored through the project, the clearer it will be for the application's assessment when submitted. Having a defined heritage area will also help to shape and direct the engagement activities included in the project. The importance of green spaces in Maghull, the benefits of engaging with them and also the stories, species, skills that we want to raise awareness of all need highlighting. Reference to the importance of the sites, any designations and the wider conservation work that has been conducted will all add to the strength of the bid.

From a Heritage lottery fund perspective, it would be important to demonstrate the legacy for the project not only through the heritage trail but also the establishment and support of the Friends groups. A plan would need to be agreed about how to maintain these groups to support greenspaces in the area.

If agreed the Community Services Manager can re-establish contact with National Lottery fund officers and review the criteria that are now being applied to applications. It is potentially a project that would be far reaching and run over a number of years to achieve its best impact. A legacy of improved working with local organisations, including schools, establishing and nurturing a network of "Friends of" groups across various parks and delivering enhanced parks and green spaces utilising lottery funding would be worth the considerable time and effort it would involve from a range of council staff.

Recommendation(s):-

1 Note The report

2 Approve progressing a bid to National Lottery Heritage fund

Report to: Community Services Committee
Date of Meeting: 30th June
Agenda Item Number 9
Subject: Active Sport activity Review
Report of: Town Clerk
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	No
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	No
6. Support Culture and Heritage	No
7. Health and wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

- 1. Approve the proposal from Active Sport**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

Fulfils the diversionary activities planned and agreed pre-pandemic

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

Already funded from Community Services 2020/21 budget

(B) Capital

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	Funding was awarded to Active Soccer to deliver a mini football league prior to Covid 19.
Resource Implications	Funding from 2020/21 budget committed
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	The activities are open to all children U16 able to participate.

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following the committee meeting

Appendices

Appendix 1 Proposal from Active Sport

Background Papers

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1. Background

A Junior 5 a side league had been agreed and funded by MTC prior to the Covid19 pandemic in March 2020, working with the Active Sport Foundation to deliver it. Due to the pandemic regulations this was not possible.

Continuing discussions with Active Sport representatives have resulted in the proposal of a summer camp and a football league to run into the start of the school term in September 2021. Details are contained in the Active Sport report (appendix 1). We have discussed broadening the appeal to more children by making it less structured than the original league and it will remain inclusive of all children 16 years of age and under. A further six weeks of Friday night sessions would continue and Active Sport would explore if the league idea could then be developed with the children involved. This would be for the equivalent cost of £2,620 council funding originally approved.

The principles of engaging local children via secondary schools remains at the heart of the idea. Active Sport are working closely with local schools to encourage attendance and to further develop their relationship. The aim is to engage 100 children throughout the summer twice weekly on a Tuesday and Friday over a six week period starting on Tuesday 20th July. This would be followed by six further Friday night sessions running through to Friday 8th October.

This programme will provide a much needed diversionary activity as identified by the Community Services committee. It will enable greater engagement with local children and contribute to managing anti-social behaviour. There is also a welfare element included in the programme in that food and drinks will be provided and partner agencies are being encouraged to work with Active Sport to provide broader signposting and support services for the children involved.

Recommendation(s):-

- 1 Note The report**
- 2 Approve the proposed activities**

Name: Active Foundation

Lead Agency: Active Sport

Contact name: Mark Whitwood & Dani Dwyer

Project Start date: Tuesday 20th July -

Project End date: Friday 8th October (12 Weeks)

1. Brief Description of Intervention: Under 16's Football Activities

Description of the project

Active Sports propose to run a 5 aside Summer Camp over the 6 weeks holiday period, engaging 60+ young people per week. The sessions will run twice a week where young people can use the pitches for free and engage in free football sessions. We will provide free refreshments and balls and bibs for each group of young people. The sessions will run on a Tuesday and Friday 5pm till 8pm. The sessions will be run by qualified coaches at our Active Sports Centre on Sefton Lane.

The 5 aside summer activities will give up to 100 U16's the opportunity to take part in a 6 weeks of Summer 5aside sessions. In addition to the 6 weeks camp, we will look to continuing to engage young people every Friday down at the centre for an additional 6 weeks and with a plan to continue it in some way after that point.

Our mission statement is to encourage and widen opportunities for local people to gain practical experience and develop lasting memories from playing sport. The aim of this project is to encourage young people of high school age 16 and under to engage in free use of the 5 aside facilities contributing to their own understanding of the benefits of living a well-balanced lifestyle.

The young people can engage in free football. This would allow young people a place to go and engage with football actives and stay off the streets. Using their time positively to engage in sport.

We will recruit Maghull u16's from Deyes High, Maricourt Catholic High and Maghull High. We have strong links within local schools and due to covid restrictions being lifted we can now look at going into the schools to recruit.

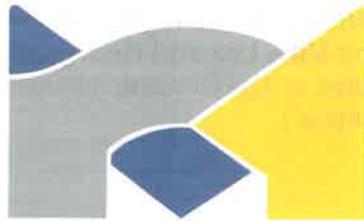
We will invite youth organisations in on Friday evenings that may be of interest to young people to try and engage them into exciting opportunities for training, education and employment.

Through my personal work as an ambassador for the Prince's Trust I will use the power of football to engage and make them aware of current opportunities in Liverpool.

We would also see if any of the participants are interested in a career in sports coaching and seek to offer work experience opportunities for suitable candidates.

2. Funding – 12 weeks

Breakdown of spend	
Equipment	£300
Sessional Staff	£570
Venue 12 weeks Pitches	£1350
Posters / banner / flyers	£200
Refreshments	£200
TOTAL	£2620



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**LICENCE TO OPERATE CIRCUS UPON
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD, HALL LANE, MAGHULL L31 7BB**

Dated 25 / 5 / 2021

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

Between **MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL** whose registered office is at Maghull Town Hall, Hall Lane, Maghull ("the Licensor") and **Mike Lea and George Pinder trading as Pinder's Circus** whose premises are situated at The Orchard, Inhams Lane, Bisbrooke, Oakham LE15 9EW (hereinafter called "the Licensee").

Premises known as:

- a) **King George V Playing Field, Hall Lane, Maghull L31 7BB**

on areas to be agreed.

1. The Licence shall commence upon Monday 12th July 2021 and expire upon Sunday 18th July 2021 in respect to lands at King George V Playing Field, Hall Lane, Maghull. The operation of the circus must not extend beyond 9pm on any given day.

The Licensee shall be permitted to occupy the agreed area in conjunction with other Licensees, the public, the Licensor and his servants

The Licence is granted for the specific purposes of :-

- a) operating a **Circus (with no animals)**, and
- b) **the sale of merchandise and confectionary** and for no other purposes

whatsoever

2. The Licensee shall pay a licence fee in the sum of £400.00 (four hundred pounds) payable upon the signing of this agreement
3. The Licensee shall pay a **bond of £250.00 (two hundred and fifty pounds)** which shall be held by the Licensor as stakeholders against any damage or clearance works to any of the Licensor's property
4. The Licensee shall be permitted to use roads and paths of the site, the use of which is necessary for obtaining access to and egress from the site and as the Licensor may from time to time in its absolute discretion designate on seven days' notice to the Licensee
5. The Licensee shall not obstruct the access at any time or cause any annoyance or nuisance to the Licensor or his Agents
6. The Licensee is permitted to bring any furniture equipment goods or chattels onto the Premises with the consent of the Licensor or its officers servants or agents
7. The Licensee shall keep the site clean and tidy and clear of rubbish and to leave the same in a clean and tidy condition free of the Licensee's furniture equipment goods and chattels and of any human waste from caravans
8. To exercise the rights granted under this licence in such manner as to do as little damage as possible and to make full compensation for any damage nevertheless caused

9. The Licensee shall not do any act matter or thing which would or might constitute a breach of any statutory requirement affecting the Premises and must at all times comply with relevant Food Safety requirements and best practice in relation to the performances and attending patrons in the interest of Health and Safety
10. The Licensee shall indemnify the Licensor and keep the Licensor indemnified against all losses claims demands actions proceeding damages costs or expenses or other liability arising in any way from this Licence or any breach of the Licensee's undertakings
11. The Licensor gives no warranty that the Premises are legally or physically fit for the purposes specified
12. The Licensor shall not be liable for the death of or injury to or for the damage to any property or for any losses claims demands actions proceedings damages costs or expenses or any other liability by the Licensee in the exercise of purposes specified
13. The benefit of this Licence is personal to the Licensee and is not assignable and the rights given are only exercisable by the Licensee and its officers servants or agents
14. The Licensee will be responsible for:
 - a. external advertising will require the consent of the Council
 - b. ensuring the security of the site so far as is possible
 - c. maintaining all necessary licenses and certificates
15. The Licensee will provide at least twenty-four hours notice of arrival to site

I/We hereby agreed to the aforementioned Clauses 1-15

Signed 

Dated 24/5/21
for and on behalf of Maghull Town Council (Licensor)

Signed  m LEA.

Dated 22/5/2021
On behalf of Mike Lea and George Pinder t/as Pinder's Circus (Licensee)

