

Minutes of Community Services Committee Held Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr D Mullen

Councillors : Cllr Jo Burns, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr J Sayers, Cllr F Sharp

Officers : P Dillon, S Larking, A Mc Intyre

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr June Burns, Cllr C Carragher and Cllr A Carr

2 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3 Public Participation.

6 Members of Maghull and District Lions (The Lions) in attendance. The Lions attended to discuss their application for free room hire at the Town Hall for monthly meetings. They also took the opportunity to request funding of £665 (for 1,000 leaflets) to support the relaunch of the " message in a bottle" scheme.

In response Cllrs and Officers made the following points

- Application missing key details including latest accounts
- As funding requested, for leaflets, exceeds the Town Clerks delegated authority it will be considered at next Community Services Committee meeting
- Will include details of scheme in Christmas hampers
- GPs will have data on who will benefit from message in bottle scheme, Lions advised to work with surgeries to promote roll out

RESOLVED that

1. Town Clerk to consider application for room hire when missing information received
2. Application for funding for leaflets to be considered at next Community Services Committee
3. The report be noted

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 30th June 2021 be approved as a correct record

5 Maghull Garden Festival

Members were informed that this was a new award for Maghull. It had gone well with a good spread of applications received from across the community and had generated good publicity on social media. Hoping to grow competition next year. Total cost £885 of which £450 raised in sponsorship. Windmill and Sandy Lane nurseries very supportive.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

6 Christmas Activities

Members were informed about proposals for Christmas 2021:

Christmas Hampers: to support vulnerable residents (elderly and families) it was proposed that the Council again offer 100 Christmas hampers as unable to host a Christmas lunch due to re-wire and caution about Covid 19. Officers to work with Maghull Foodbank, Sefton CVS, Churches and GP practices to target those most in need of hampers.

Foodbank: experiencing a surge in demand. In process of relocating to URC on Northway as current location (Methodist Church) is closing. MTC's Grounds Maintenance Team ready to help with move. Food bank have asked for continued support in the run up to Christmas to meet demand. Grant application to be submitted. Looking for donations for Children's Pyjamas.

Fuel poverty: Officers to collect information to sign post residents to advice on fuel poverty.

Christmas Window Competition: Will hold this popular competition again. Mayor of Maghull to judge with a member of Maghull Rotary Club

Christmas Tree: A living Christmas tree had been planted but died due to extremely dry weather in Spring. Costs received for a replacement tree and dressing. Rotary Club liaising with London and Cambridge Properties about a Christmas tree outside the Halifax at the Square

Key points from Cllrs

- Noted that Citizens Advice Bureau unlikely to return to Maghull due to lack of volunteers. Advised Officers speak to Sefton CVS and Sefton Council Welfare Benefits Team for information and advice about fuel poverty
- Conifers planted in other areas of Maghull had died. Irrigation system had helped conifers planted in Bobby's Wood. Christmas tree expensive but nice. Switch on ceremony to be held
- Cllr Sharp proposed a Christmas display in Bobby's Wood. Proposals include a Fr Christmas made out of bales of hay, wooden reindeers and a post box for letters to Santa. Concerns were raised about fire safety. No decision made until full costs established. To be considered at next Community Services meeting.

RESOLVED that

- 1. Funding for 100 hampers agreed**
- 2. Funding for Food Bank agreed in principle, subject to an application being submitted**
- 3. Christmas window competition approved**
- 4. Funding for Christmas tree and dressing at KGV Park agreed and switch on ceremony to be arranged**
- 5. Costs for Christmas display at Bobby's Wood to be established and presented to next Community Services meeting**
- 6. Report be noted**

7 Business @ Breakfast with Schools - Cllr Josh Burns

Cllr Josh Burns proposed that the Business over Breakfast model run by Maghull

High school be rolled out to other schools in Maghull. The scheme needed support from Cllrs to attend to discuss their jobs/careers. He had discussed with Maricourt and they were interested. It was noted that Maghull High are holding business breakfasts over 3 dates in November. Cllrs to be invited to attend

RESOLVED that

- 1. Business over Breakfast be offered to all high schools in Maghull**
- 2. Cllrs to be invited to Maghull High business over breakfast event**
- 3. The report be noted**

8 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Parties in Parks

Members were informed that to mark the Queen's 70th jubilee it was proposed that the Council offer parks for parties (rather than street parties) on 5th June 2022. Focus would be on events that are celebratory and inclusive and would complement "Friends Of" work in parks. Organisers would be responsible for tidying parks after events. Risk assessments would be required. Funding up to £250 for resident/community groups to be available to support events up to a cap of £3,000. Some flexibility if good bids received.

RESOLVED THAT

- 1. Offer to be developed for community groups for hosting events in Maghull Parks to mark the Queen's 70th Jubilee**
- 2. The report be noted**

9 Mayoral Achievement Award

The Mayor of Maghull informed members that the Mayoral Achievement Award would celebrate individual actions through out the year rather than as a one off at the Civic Awards. The Council's Scheme of Delegation had been amended to incorporate the awards. Costs (certificate and small token) to be met from the Mayoral budget. Committee of Cllrs (from Community Services Committee) to consider nominations. Scheme to be promoted on social media and in the Champion. Recommended a review of Civic Award Process to ensure more and better quality applications.

Cllr Sharp discussed proposals for Bobby's Wood including a stainless steel tree of kindness to reflect acts of kindness and goodwill . He also suggested chimes of remembrance/reflection on the Council's website. It was noted that proposals to loan a Saxon Warrior Sculpture, which was displayed in the Baltic Triangle, to Bobby's Wood had not come to fruition

RESOLVED that

- 1. Mayoral achievement award to be developed and introduced**
- 2. Proposals for other recognition/remembrance schemes to be fully developed costed**
- 3. The report be noted**

10 Friends Of Groups - Proposals and Priorities Linked to the Green Heritage Project

Members were informed that funding was proposed to help establish and support Friends of Groups at up to £500 a park. Aim is to establish 3 groups with a pilot in Glenn Park. A virement of £1,500 from the Neighbourhood budget was requested. Officers will work with schools to encourage them to adopt a park. Quick wins needed to show benefits of involvement and encourage engagement and commitment. It was noted that only 3 or 4 people committed to Bobby's Wood from

an initial group of 22

Key points from Cllrs

- Noted that funding for groups not individuals
- Maricourt school litter picking around the school
- Make parks destination to attract people to enjoy parks and look after them
- Attract young people into parks e.g. cycle track
- Consider a photo competition in parks
- Noted that Council unable to apply for PCC funding as Parish Councils not eligible

Note Cllr Josh Burns left the meeting at 7.40pm

RESOLVED that

- 1. A maximum of 3 Friends of groups to be established in the 2021/22 financial year**
- 2. £1,500 be vired from Neighbourhood activities budget to funds Friends of groups**
- 3. The Report be noted**

11 Use of Commonplace Citizen Engagement Platform

Members were informed about Commonplace an online tool to engage with residents. Cost is £2,475 to be funded from Neighbourhood Activities budget. Commonplace would help map assets in the community and identify which organisations are working in the town . Hard copy as well as online.

Key points from Cllrs

- Fits in with Neighbourhood Plan
- Will support bids for community projects
- Will help map traffic from Land East of Maghull

RESOLVED that

- 1. Funding approved for Commonplace Citizen Engagement Platform**
- 2. The report be noted**

12 Future Events

Members were informed that Pinders Circus and Sharlands Family Fun Fair wanted to return to Maghull in 2022. A complaint had been received about noise from the fair at Whinney Brook. Dates as follows:

Sharlands: 21-24 April 2022 at KGV Park and 15 - 18 September at Whinney Brook Playing Field

Pinders: 11-17 July at KGV Park

Cllr Sharp gave a short update on the Rhino (Rainbow) on Stafford Moreton Way. Emptied once, full again. Exploring options to use bottle tops including mosaics by local schools and a recycling firm in Stockport.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted

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Chair's Report

No report given

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a cursive 'N' and a long horizontal flourish.

CHAIR

