

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

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr D Mullen

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr C Carragher, Cllr F Sharp

Officers : P Dillon, S Larking

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr McKinley, Cllr J Sayers, Cllr Y Sayers and A McIntyre

2 Declarations of Interest

None received

3 Public Participation.

None received

4 Presentation by Roy Evans Foundation

Sheryl Dooley, Chief Executive of the Roy Evans Foundation gave a presentation to provide background to the Foundation's objectives and its aspirations of working with Maghull Town Council. Key points:

- Roy Evans (former player and Manager Liverpool FC) set up Foundation as wants to give back to the community and reach out to young people
- Focus on education, health/ fitness, mental health and performing arts
- Disengaged students a massive issue, as well as NEETs and County Lines
- Look at creative/alternative education e.g. fantasy football for maths
- Want to build a safe place for young people and help improve lives and develop life skills
- Looking for a base to run service - options include Maghull, Bootle and St Helens (been offered a building rent free)
- Keen on Maghull as know there's demand but area scores low on indicators of need. Would like to take over the Activity Room at the Town Hall to run services. Recognise that this would impact on some regular hirers e.g. indoor bowls. Could help secure funding which is not available to the Council to improve facilities in the room
- While focus is on young people would look to engage with the community e.g. young people show older people how to use phones/tablets and work with care homes
- Moving forward will look to be a training provider and offer traineeships and apprenticeships
- Are able to use Ambassadors (Joe Royle, Kevin Sheedy, Jamie Redknapp and Michael Greco) to secure private funding/donations. Working with Jamie Carragher's 23 Foundation
- Current projects include "More than a Game" and a Nutritional Course which has secured funding from the Coop

In response Cllrs made the following points:

- Welcome presentation
- Issues with ASB and youth engagement and service provision in Maghull



- Early intervention important. Cllr Carragher has done a report for Sefton on persistent absence. Issues identified in years 6 and 7
- Noted that Foundation would like full time use of the Activity Room free of charge and would agree use, where possible, with other hirers
- ADDvanced Solutions raise awareness and provide support for autism
- Writing on the Wall run creative writing courses; want to work in Sefton
- Create a Hub linking to projects for young people at Maghull Parish Hall and Active Sport
- Draw on research e.g. from UCLAN to develop baselines to help secure funding
- Child protection essential if running youth clubs/services
- Noted that the Committee can not make a decision about use of the Activity Room as this would need to be considered by Full Council. Recommended that an Extra Ordinary Council meeting is held to discuss use of the Activity Room by the Foundation.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. A request for a Full Council meeting be held to discuss how the Town Council can support the Roy Evans Foundation**
- 2. The Presentation be noted**

5 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of Community Services Committees held on 10th and 22nd February 2021 were approved as correct records.

6 Review of Community Services Work Programme

The Community Services Manager reported that events had been impacted by Covid and there was a need to build back the work programme. Working with Roy Evans Foundation would help. It was noted that Cllrs wanted clarification if Roy Evans Foundation would be paying rent for use of the room.

Key points

- Partnership Working: Working with Sefton CVS and Maghull Food Bank
- Land East of Maghull: An area to consider is collecting feedback from residents impacted by development . The Developers will be holding meetings with the Council every 2 weeks.
- Free room hire: Maybe an issue if let Activity Room to Roy Evans Foundation. It was noted that other rooms are available for Community groups - Venue and Council Chamber
- Budget: Budget cut due to reduction in income. Using IDOX (Grant Finder) database but more focussed on charitable groups and funding is very competitive

Update on work Programme linked to Business Plan:

Priority 1:

1. ASB Strategy: To be reviewed. See Agenda item 10
7. "Better Maghull": Helped establish Friends of Maghull and District ; a few "Friends of Groups" set up. Work to pick up when Covid restrictions are lifted
9. Communication Strategy: Work ongoing

Priority 2:

6. Events: Impacted by Covid. Pinders Circus on KGV Field in week of 12 July. Will have reduced capacity to comply with restrictions. Sharlands fair returning to Whinney Brook on 18-23 August. Will move away from houses in response to some

complaints about noise

Priority 4:

2. Literary Festival: Event cancelled due to Covid 19
3. Maghullfest: Event cancelled due to Covid 19
4. Youth offers. Go Girl (run by Maghull Parish Hall) to restart in new school year; Active Sports to start in July

Priority 5:

1. Maghull Hub: Not progressed
2. Maghull Radio: Dave Hughes raised money via crowd funding but struggling to get other funding. Applying for National Post Code Lottery Funding as need new equipment now they are a Constituted group. Set up a bank account with Sefton Credit Union
3. Volunteering: Volunteers from Sefton CVS helped with shopping during lockdown
4. Grants: Need to promote grants to get more applications
5. Defibrillator Audit: Completed and map produced
6. Maghull Parish Hall: Parish Hall Committee in place. Cllr Carragher represents the Council. Run down reserves during Covid to decorate. Room transformed. Hall has reopened and fully booked
7. Community Development Programme: Suspended due to Covid

Priority 6:

1. Heritage Centre: Not completed due to Covid and financial restrictions
2. Heritage Trail: On Agenda - Item 8

Priority 7:

3. Health Awareness Campaign: 100 Christmas Hampers issued. Cllrs contacted vulnerable residents during lockdown; Activity Room used as a Covid Vaccination Centre

Key points made by Cllrs:

- Disappointed that unable to hold Lantern Festival due to cost (approx. £10,000)
- Would like to explore support for ADDvanced Solutions

Members reviewed the expenditure for 2021/22. It was noted that

- Expenditure on Neighbourhood Activities would be used to fund liaison with residents about development Land East of Maghull
- Funds could be vired between budgets
- Christmas events will be held, if restrictions allow

RESOVLED that:

1. **Priorities for 2021/22 agreed as set out in the report**
2. **The report be noted.**

7 Maghull Garden Festival

Members were informed that 15 entries had been received - 9 private houses, 1 school and 5 Maghull in Bloom sites. Judging to take place on 12 and 13 July. Judging panel is Cllr Carragher, Don Billington (RHS Gold Medal Winner) and Irene Marmion (Maghull Station Volunteers). Judging criteria to be developed by Don Billington. Prizes donated by SELCO, Windmill Nurseries, Sandy Lane Nurseries and Morrisons. An awards event to be held to celebrate the entrants and winners.

RESOVLED that: the report be noted.

8 Green Heritage Project

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Members were informed that the development of a Green Trail across the parks and open spaces had been put on hold due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF) has reopened and views were sought on progressing a bid taking on board initial feedback to make the bid more ambitious. Further work is required with schools, Mersey Forest and Sefton CVS. The bid would draw on the importance of parks during the Pandemic and research on wellness and parks

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund for a green trail to be progressed;**
- 2. The report be noted**

9 Active Sport Update

Members were informed that Active Sport have proposed using Council funding (allocated before lockdown) to run a Summer Camp twice weekly for 6 weeks from 20th July followed by 6 Friday night sessions running to 8th October. Food to be provided to participants. The aim is to engage with 100 children. Active Sport are working with local secondary schools.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Active Sport proposals be approved**
- 2. The report be noted**

10 Developing an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy

The Community Services Manager updated Members about ASB issues in Maghull.

- Roundmeade: Regular contact from residents about large gatherings including reports of drug taking, loud music, offensive language and electric bikes.
- Glenn Park and Balls Wood: large gatherings at the end of school year. Need to work with Police and Schools to prepare for next year.

Key points raised by Cllrs:

- No outreach services for young people
- Covid had an impact on young people - schools report behaviour issues
- Sefton have set up multi agency groups (Cleaner, Stronger, Safer) across groups of wards to share information. Flooding added to group for the Maghull area. Meeting on 8th July. Invitation to be extended to Community Services Manager.
- In Ireland schools hold end of term events e.g. a fair

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Officers to continue to work with partner agencies to tackle ASB**
- 2. The report be noted**

11 Ex Mayoral donation

Members were informed that a former Mayoral Consort Elaine Marsh (formerly Bamber) had donated £1,400. This was money raised during the year of office. The money is to be used for youth activities. She agreed that some of the money could be used for a trophy for the junior garden completion. Cllrs extended an invitation to Ms Marsh to attend the garden festival awards event.

RESOLVED that:



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1. Ms Marsh be invited to the awards event for the garden festival competition
2. The report be noted

12 Pinders Circus Visit

Members noted that Pinders Circus will be on KGV park in the week of 12th July.

RESOLVED that: The report be noted

13 Chair's Report

The Chair looked forward to moving forward with the work programme. Officers were asked to explore if the Freedom of Maghull could be bestowed on residents who has supported the Community.

RESOLVED that: Officers explore granting the Freedom of Maghull.

