

# Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 05 May 2021 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr J Sayers

Deputy Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr C Carlsen, Cllr A Carr, Cllr C Carragher, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr A Lloyd, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr D Mullen, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr F Sharp

Officers : S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre

## 1 Election of Chair

*It was PROPOSED by Councillor June Burns, SECONDED by Councillor Carragher that Councillor John Sayers be elected as Chair of Maghull Town Council for the forthcoming municipal year – AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.*

## 2 Election of Town Mayor

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that Councillor John Sayers be elected to the Office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Sayers confirmed his acceptance of this nomination, he agreed to sign the **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** which will be duly witnessed and signed by the Town Clerk.

Statement by Councillor Josh Burns, Mayor Maghull Town Council 2019-21. Councillor Burns thanked the Cllrs for giving him the opportunity to be Mayor. This was a great achievement for him and boosted his confidence as the first Citizen of Maghull. As the Civic Mayor he particularly enjoyed getting the local schools involved with MTC, having dinner with the legend Derek Temple and standing on top of the Liver Building, next to the liver birds looking over our City.

## 3 Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

It was *PROPOSED* by Councillor Carragher, *SECONDED* by Councillor John Sayers that Councillor Josh Burns be the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Josh Burns confirmed his acceptance of this nomination and was duly invested with the **Badge of Office**.

## 4 Apologies For Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Doherty.

## 5 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Carragher informed declaration of interest within item 13 - Planning Applications as she is a member of the Sefton Planning Committee

Cllr A Lloyd informed declaration of interest within item 17 - Cricket Club as he is player/member of the club

## 6 Public Participation.

None registered.

### Oiyaa - Application

Presentation from Neeta Dhorajiwala & Stephen Breese. Neeta presented a slide show to Members regarding an application called Oiyaa, this application is to connect local people to local businesses. No decision reached by the Cllrs whether to work with Oiyaa Application, this was deferred until next Full Council meeting 23rd June 2021.

Neeta Dhorajiwala & Stephen Breese left the meeting.

## 7 Consultation - Merseyside Association of Local Councils

Cllr Ken Dalton - Halewood Town Council provided a presentation regarding Merseyside Association of Local Councils (MALC). The MALC is a not for profit membership organisation serving member Parish, Town and Community Councils. The Membership is open to all Local Councils in Merseyside. No decision reached by the Cllrs whether to become members, this was deferred until next Full Council meeting 23rd June 2021.



Cllr Ken Dalton left the meeting.

**8 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of Full Council meeting held on 14th April 2021 were approved as a correct record.

**9 Review of Core Documents**

The Town Clerk reported that the Constitution, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation needed to be reviewed by Full Council on annual basis. The only change was the amendment within the Financial Regulations to increase the delegated financial level for the disposal of an asset from £250 to £5,000 in line with purchasing provisions (14.2 in the document).

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Constitution, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation be approved;
2. The report be noted

**10 Appointment of Committees, Membership and Substitution Arrangements for the Municipal Year 2021/22**

It was **RESOLVED** that

Membership of committees would be as follows:

**1. Finance & General Purposes:** – Cllr A Carr (Chair), Cllr P McKinley, Cllr J Sayers (Mayor), Cllr Josh Burns, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr C Carlsen, Cllr S Doherty, Cllr K Hughes and Cllr T Hughes.

**Community Services:** - Cllr D Mullen (Chair), Cllr J Sayers (Mayor), Cllr C Carragher, Cllr June Burns, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr P McKinley, Cllr A Carr and Cllr T Hughes.

**Amenities:** - Cllr Y Sayers (Chair), Cllr J Sayers (Mayor), Cllr A Lloyd, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr D Mullen, Cllr June Burns, Cllr Josh Burns, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr S Doherty.

**2. Any vacancy that resulted on a Committee within the municipal year be delegated to the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to fill;**

**3. The report be noted.**

**11 Appointment of Representatives on External Bodies**

It was **Resolved** that Maghull Town Council's representatives on external organisations be appointed as follows:

- \* **Sefton Rights of Way Liaison Group** – Cllr June Burns
- \* **Maghull in Bloom** – Cllr J Desmond
- \* **Maghull Parish Hall** – Cllr C Carragher
- \* **Merseyside Association of Local Councils (MALC)** – Cllr J Desmond

**12 Invitation to Sefton Borough Council Ward Members**

**RESOLVED** that Cllrs M Atkinson, J Hanson, P Murphy and A Wilson receive papers electronically for full council.

Cllr Carragher left meeting.

**13 Planning Applications.**

**DC/2021/00746 Heathfield Lodge, 22-24 Melling Lane Maghull L31 3DG** - Members agreed the proposed modern three storey block is not in keeping with Maghull. The proposal is in breach of MAG 4: Residential Character Areas of the Neighbourhood Plan. All members agreed to recommend refusal.

**DC/2021/00881 Church Road, Maghull L31 5PB** - Majority of members agreed the proposed erection of one pair of semi-detached bungalows would be losing vital green space in Maghull. The proposal is



in breach of MAG 4: Residential Character Areas of the Neighbourhood Plan. Majority of members agreed to recommend refusal.

**DC/2021/00832 Land Bounded by Poverty Lane to the South, A Railway line to the West, Whinny Brook to the north and the M58 Motorway to the East.**

**DC/2021/00869 Land Bounded by Poverty Lane to the South, A Railway line to the West, Whinny Brook to the north and the M58 Motorway to the East.**

Members discussed the list of conditions to be discharged under these applications. Councillors were generally happy with the level of information provided. However, Condition 20 relating to the Flood Relief works did not have sufficient information for the Council to be able to recommend that the condition be discharged.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The Council recommended refusal for DC/2021/00746 Heathfield Lodge;**
- 2. The Council recommended refusal for DC/2021/00881 Church Road;**
- 3. The Council recommended that Condition 20 not be discharged.**
- 4. The report be noted**

Cllr Carragher re-joined meeting.

**14 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters**

Cllr McKinley informed Colleagues that Sefton MBC has constituted a flood committee due to recent storms. Cllr McKinley has been invited to join the group.

**15 Chairman's Closing Comments**

Councillor Sayers thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**16 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded due to confidential nature of the item under discussion. Live streaming ended.**

Cllr Lloyd left meeting.

**17 Cricket Club Pavilion**

The Town Clerk informed members MTC has been approached by the Management Committee from Maghull Cricket Club with a request to buy the Cricket Pavilion. Members all agreed outstanding debt should be paid before any more discussions are made.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Members agreed no further discussion regarding the possible sale of the Cricket Pavilion until the current debt was settled from Maghull Cricket Club;**
- 2. The report be noted**

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