

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held
Wednesday 01 September 2021 at 6:30 PM**

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr J Sayers

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr Jo Burns, Cllr C Carlsen, Cllr A Carr, 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

Officers : P Dillon, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre

1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carragher and Sharp.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Lloyd declared a prejudicial interest in Item 11 by virtue of his being a member of Maghull Cricket Club.

3 Public Participation.

Mr M Hagan, Maghull Cricket Club gave a statement regarding the issues with the electricity billing between Maghull Town Council and Maghull Cricket Club. Members queried some aspects of Mr Hagan's statement.

RESOLVED that the statement be noted.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 23rd June 2021 were approved as a correct record.

5 Code of Conduct

Members were informed that the Local Government Association (LGA) had published a model Councillor Code of Conduct (the Model Code). The Model Code, was described by the LGA as 'designed to protect our democratic role, encourage good conduct and safeguard the public's trust in local government'. In accordance with the Council's statutory duty to promote and maintain standards of conduct members were asked to consider whether the new code should be adopted by the Council in its entirety or in part or to keep the current code. Code of Conduct training sessions will be held for all members should it be adopted.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Council adopt the new Code of Conduct;**
- 2. That the report be noted.**

6 Planning Applications.

DC/2021/01966

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, Maghull
Approval of details reserved by conditions 14,29,31,33,38 and 41 attached to planning permission DC/2017/01532 approved on 22/02/2021.

DC/2021/01904

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, Maghull
Non-material amendment to planning permission DC/2017/01532 approved 22.02.2021, for the replacement of plans listed under Schedule 2 of the appeal decision.

DC/2021/01643

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, Maghull
Approval of details reserved by condition 29 (Swallow Mitigation Strategy) on planning permission DC/2017/01532 allowed on appeal on 22/02/2021

DC/2021/01638

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, Maghull
Approval of details reserved by conditions 12 (Residents Pack), 13 (Annual Occupancy Survey), 28 (Bird Box), 34 (Infilled Pond) and 48 (Landscape) on planning permission DC/2017/01532 allowed on appeal on 22/02/2021

Members were informed as to the progress with the discharge of conditions for the Land East of Maghull. Members were concerned that enforcement of the planning conditions would not be a priority for Sefton LPA.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

7 Health & Safety Working Group

Members were informed that MTC wanted to develop a stronger Health & Safety at Work ethos within the workplace. To facilitate this a Health & Safety Working Group was proposed, comprising staff and councillors, to ensure the focus remained and the project was driven forward. The Council had employed Peninsula Consultants to assist with this work.

Cllr suggestions:

Cllr Thomas Hughes (Conservative party)
Cllr June Burns (Labour party)
Cllr Doherty or Cllr Sharp (Independent)

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Councillor representatives in the H&S Working Group would be Cllr Thomas Hughes, Cllr June Burns and Cllr Sharp;
2. The report be noted.

8 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters

No report was received.

9 Chairman's Closing Comments

Cllr John Sayers proposed MTC should have a Mayor's recognition scheme for anyone who supported the community, completed a good deed or helped Maghull. The scheme would run on a monthly basis and a certificate and small token of appreciation would be given. This automatically entered the winner into the Civic Awards Nominations. The small cost the scheme would incur would be taken from the Mayor's Allowance budget.

RESOLVED that the comments be noted.

10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

Members of the Public and Cllr Lloyd left the Council Chamber.

11 Water Supply - Old Hall Playing Fields

Members were informed that MTC had been made aware of the issues surrounding the water supply to the pavilions on Old Hall Playing Fields in that the pavilions did not have a separate metered water supply. This issue needed to be resolved so that the water usage for each pavilion could be readily identified. Maghull Cricket Club signed a lease with the Council on 20th August 2018 for the tenancy of the Cricket Club pavilion and the cricket ground. The lease stated that the Cricket Club would be responsible for the utilities used by themselves.

Maghull Football Club pavilion is also on Old Hall Playing Fields. However, the Council did not own the pavilion, just the land on which it was situated. Therefore, the Council was not in a position to know the utility requirements and usage of the Football Club. The Council leased the football pitch to the Club on a rolling annual lease.

Following complaints that the water bills were high, the Club requested that the Council investigated further. Enquiries were made with the Football Club where it transpired that the Football Club pavilion did not have a separate water supply and the Cricket Club was paying for the supply to both buildings. This was contrary to the lease requirements as they should only be responsible for their own utility bills.

Members discussed the issues around the situation and the requirements of the lease. Under any arrangements, except for a completely new supply to be provided to the Football ball (indicative cost £20,000), the Council would need to pay the water bill from the meter in Hall Lane/Tommy Gent Way and then charge the clubs appropriately. This would obviously have a cost to the Council to do this.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Council to install separate private water meters to each pavilion;**
- 2. The Council to take back control of the payment of the water bill for Old Hall Playing Fields at an agreed date;**
- 3. The Council levy an administrative charge of 20% of the bills on the clubs for this;**
- 4. The Council agreed not to pursue Maghull Football Club for the debt owed for the water usage since the meter was installed;**
- 5. Council agreed to fund the installation works from the Council's budget;**

6. The Council enter into lease negotiations with the Football Club for a more secure tenure for the Club;
7. That the report be noted.


CHAIR