

Minutes of the Virtual Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 03 March 2021 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Deputy Mayor : Cllr J Sayers

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

In attendance : Ms P Landor, Mr E Landor

Officers : P Dillon, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre, A Spencer

1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Doherty, Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Mullen.

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

3 Public Participation.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic public participation is by submission of comments or questions to the Council prior to the meeting commencing. None received.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 27th January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

5 Planning Applications.

LAND EAST OF MAGHULL – PLANNING INSPECTORATE HEARING UPDATE:

Members received an update regarding the decision of the Appeal for the southern site on the Land East of Maghull. The Legal Team had focused on traffic routes through Maghull and flood relief channel and their impacts on residents for the length of the build time and effect on the town. The appeal was granted. Construction traffic would not be allowed to access the site from the west of Maghull. MTC would monitor the works to ensure the developers were adhering to the conditions.

Edward Landor informed there is no start date for the build, as the applicant will need to discharge a number of precommencement conditions which would take time to prepare and would then take eight weeks for a decision by the LPA. Members were informed that the Town Clerk had already written to the Case Officer to ask that the same conditions be imposed for all the site's applications.

It was suggested that it would be advantageous to open a dialogue with the developers on a regular basis, to ensure they are building communities not just housing estates. It was requested that any meeting with the developers would be as late as possible (preferably evening) to allow as many cllrs to attend as possible.

DC/2021/00015 LAND TO THE SOUTH OF DEYES LANE MAGHULL

Members were informed that Landor Planning Consultants had examined the planning application. Phillipa Landor has produced a letter of response to Sefton LPA on behalf of MTC to object to the planning application, informing that this application was in conflict with the recently updated local Plan. It was also noted there wasn't either a planning statement or a viability assessment. Members to agree to send the response which requested the missing documents as well as set out the reasons for recommending refusal.

Cllrs Comments:

- * Residents have already been in contact with complaints of potential traffic chaos.
- * Accessibility would be a major issue for potential site.
- * Residents are worried about the trees - Plans look like the trees are protected.

* Residents can call Cllrs regarding this application, but no meetings are taking place due to COVID. Landor report to be uploaded to the MTC Website.

DC/2020/00418 SITE OF FORMER ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 326 LIVERPOOL ROAD SOUTH
MAGHULL L31 7DJ

Members were informed that comments had already been submitted by the Town Council following a discussion on the application last year. However, the application was deferred by the Planning Committee as there were concerns about the design of the building which was not in keeping with the local area and contravened MAG 4 of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan. The design would be improved by reducing the overall height of the building and by changing the outlook of the balconies to give local residents more privacy. It was noted that the design of the McCarthy Stone building in Ormskirk was of a better design than the one proposed for Maghull. It was proposed that MTC support the residents to approach the developers and insist on a better design.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 MTC to invite developers (Land East of Maghull) for an evening meeting;**
- 2 The letter produced by Landor Planning Consultants for Land to the south of Deyes Lane to be sent to Sefton LPA as the Council's response to the consultation;**
- 3 The developers be written to regarding the design of the building at the RBL site with a copy sent to the Case Officer;**
- 4 The report be noted.**

Edward & Philippa Landor left the meeting.

6 Road Map to Reopening

On 22nd February 2021, the Prime Minister made a statement to parliament on a roadmap for easing covid-19 lockdown restrictions in England. Members were informed of the proposed plan to re open the Town Hall to the public. Matters were complicated by the need to rewire the building and the fact that South Sefton CCG were using the Town Hall as a vaccine centre. The CCG had requested that the Licence to Occupy the accommodation be extended to 30th September 2021.

Cllrs comments:

- * Agree to extend licence to occupy to CCG for the COVID Vaccines.
- * Increase rent to CCG from 1st May 2021 to include Venue space.
- * The Meadows also has office space which could be considered for use in the future.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 Agreed for the reopening of Maghull Town Council in line with the UK Government's "Roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions in England";**
- 2 That the licence to occupy by the CCG be extended to 30th September 2021;**
- 3 That the rent requested of the CCG be increased to £2000 per month from 1st May 2021 due to the increase in accommodation used;**
- 4 The report be noted.**

7 Consultation Gambling Act 2005

Members were informed that this policy was reviewed every three years and this was the Council's opportunity to respond to the consultation. Members discussed the issues around Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) and the damage they could do to those suffering from gambling addictions. Members felt that the regulations around FOBTs needed to be strengthened.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 Town Clerk to send a response to the Licensing Section at Sefton MBC regarding the regulations concerning fixed odd betting terminals;**
- 2 The report be noted.**

8 Consultation - Merseyside Association of Local Councils

Members were informed of the letter sent to the Council regarding the continuance of the Merseyside Association of Local Councils (MALC). Members discussed the issues but felt that they were unsure of the value of the association to them as individual councillors.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 The Chair of MALC be invited to the next Council meeting to talk to cllrs about the association;**
- 2 The report be noted.**

9 Minutes for Noting

RESOLVED that the minutes of Amenities Committee held 18th November 2020, Community Services Committee held 4th November 2020 and Finance & General Purposes Committee held 9th September 2020 be noted.

10 Chairman's Closing Comments

Chair thanked all members for attending.

11 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.

12 Town Hall Rewire

Members were informed of the urgent need to complete the rewiring and lighting project within the Town Hall. Members were shown photographs of the current state of the wiring which was poor. Members discussed the need for the rewiring to be completed before the Town Hall re-opened to the public. The rewire specification had an estimated timescale of six weeks to complete the works. However, due to the CCG being in the Town Hall it was anticipated that the rewiring would be undertaken in two phases.

RESOLVED that:

- 1 Members agreed the funding for the rewiring and lighting project for the Town Hall;**
- 2 Members agreed to appoint Beech Jackson as the Project Managers for the project;**
- 3 The Town Hall would remain closed to the public until the project was completed;**
- 4 The report be noted.**

J B

