

# Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 03 November 2021 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr A Carr, Cllr C Carragher, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr S Doherty, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr A Lloyd, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr F Sharp

Officers : P Dillon, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre

## 1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs J & Y Sayers, Josh Burns.

## 2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Lloyd declared a prejudicial interest in item 13 by virtue of his being a member of Maghull Cricket Club.

Cllr C Carragher declared a personal interest in item 9 Planning Applications as she is a member of the Sefton Planning Committee.

## 3 Public Participation.

Due to Covid Regulations public attendance at this meeting would be limited to 6 people. Two members of the public attended.

## 4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of Full Council held on 1st September were approved as a correct record.

## 5 Business Plan Review

The Business Plan has been to Finance & General Purposes Committee as part of the Committee's scrutiny function. Their recommendations featured in the body of the report. The Council, as at 3rd November 2021, had 18 months left of its 4 year term.

### Cllrs Suggestions:

Members considered the report relating to the Business Plan which had a life span of 4 years and was due to be revisited in May 2023. Due to covid 19 it would not be possible to complete all of the elements of the Business Plan and therefore, it would be more appropriate to focus on the main priorities, as determined by the Council. Council entered into a full debate on the matter which included the cost of the projects and their likelihood of success and completion particularly given the issues that the pandemic had highlighted.

### **RESOLVED** that;-

1. MTC to gather costings for Maghull Hub and report to the next appropriate Finance & General purposes meeting;
2. MTC to gather costings regarding an enforcement officer and report to the next appropriate Finance & General purposes meeting;
3. The proposed revisions to the Business Plan be agreed.



#### **4. The report be noted.**

### **6 Community Wealth Building**

Members were informed that Maghull Town Council wanted to support growth within the community and build strong connections between the enterprises, people and places that created wealth. This would contribute to local economic and social development and encourage locally owned businesses to employ, buy and invest locally, whilst also encouraging residents to spend locally.

The Community Services Team had begun to develop a list of potential anchor organisations and wealth generators in and around the town. Contact with each of these organisations would be one of the first things carried out in order to determine which organisations would be willing to engage and what they would expect from the Council as a linking organisation. Longer term, the aim would be to attract resources to maintain the initiative and any activities that it may generate. The initial work would produce a position of how the Council could become more active in supporting local skills development, act as a signposting organisation for local economic initiatives and develop a clear strategy for supporting local business development.

This initiative was planned as an umbrella project for a number of Council planned strategies which would be fully costed and planned before being brought to Council for approval.

#### **RESOLVED that:-**

- 1. The Council agreed the community wealth building project research to continue;**
- 2. Any projects under this umbrella would be brought back to Council for approval;**
- 3. The report be noted.**

### **7 Constitutional Amendments**

Members were informed that some Members had requested a re-examination of the requirement that a Councillor be present for the full course of the debate before being permitted to vote on a motion. This re-examination had been debated by Finance & General Purposes Committee who recommended that the Constitution was not amended and that the status quo remain.

Proposed changes to the Constitution (as debated by Finance & General Purposes Committee) comprised of the following additions:-

A) A councillor may not be present for part of the debate, but must be sat in their chair when the vote on any matter is taken.

B) A councillor must be present for some of the debate before they can vote on the matter.

It was suggested that an additional change to add 'at the discretion of the Chair' - meaning that the Chair of the meeting would be able to decide whether the member could vote depending on the circumstances.

Proposal 1 - Cllr Carragher proposed the following addition to the Constitution :

(b) A Councillor must be present for some of the debate before they can vote on the



matter. Seconded by Cllr K Hughes. Cllrs voted:-

- For - 4 Cllrs
- **Against 7 Cllrs**
- Abstain 0 Cllrs

Proposal 1 therefore failed and did not carry.

Proposal 2 - from Cllr Ferguson for the following addition 'at the discretion of the Chair'. Seconded by Cllr Doherty. Cllrs Voted:-

- **For - 6 Cllrs**
- Against 4 Cllrs
- Abstain 1 Cllrs

Proposal 2 was therefore carried.

**RESOLVED that;-**

- 1. Proposal 2 carried - 'at the discretion of the Chair' to be added to the Constitution**
- 2. The report be noted.**

Cllr Doherty left the meeting.

**8 Christmas Close Down**

**RESOLVED that the Christmas close down for MTC be agreed and the report be noted.**

Cllr Carragher left the meeting.

**9 Planning Applications.**

DC/2021/02447 Land Including Bridge Farm South Of School Lane School Lane Maghull

Approval of details reserved by condition 27 attached to planning permission DC/2017/01528 approved on 12.10.2021.

(Water Vole mitigation)

DC/2021/02236 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 21 attached to planning permission DC/2017/01532 approved on 22/2/2021.

(CEMP)

**RESOLVED that the planning applications be noted.**

Cllr Carragher returned to the meeting.



**10 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters**

No report was received.

**11 Chairman's Closing Comments**

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

**12 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.

**13 Cricket Club Pavilion**

Members were informed Maghull Cricket Club had raised a number of concerns regarding the handling of the electricity supply to the pavilion following the signing of the lease from the Town Council. Members considered the issues raised by the President of the Cricket Club and what the next steps for the Council should be.

Members stated that this matter had been considered by the Working Group which met throughout 2019 and that they had dealt with the matter in the most appropriate way. Members also stated that this matter was now resolved to the Council's satisfaction and that the matter was now closed.

**RESOLVED** that:-

1. The Council noted the issues raised by the Cricket Club;
2. The Council noted and approved the steps taken to resolve the issues stated by the Cricket Club;
3. The Council write to the Cricket Club to state its position regarding this matter and that the matter was now closed;
4. A vexatious complainant policy be put before the next available Council meeting for consideration;
5. The report be noted.

J.A. 

CHAIR

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MAYOR