

# Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 17 August 2022 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Councillors : Cllr C Carlsen, Cllr A Carr, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr B Nixon, Cllr J Sayers  
Officers : P Dillon, D Healey, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre

**1 Election of Chair**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr J Sayers be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

**2 Apologies For Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr F Sharp, Cllr Jo Burns and Cllr S Doherty.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

None Received.

**4 Public Participation.**

None.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of Full Council meeting held on 29th June 2022 were approved as a correct record.

**6 Maghull Hub**

Cllr P McKinley informed members a key part of the business plan was the plan to develop a Maghull Hub, based in the town centre which would be a "one stop shop" for services for Maghull residents. The project aimed to facilitate the provision of bespoke debt and welfare advice to residents of the town. This would be provided by core partners including the Vauxhall Law Centre and Citizens' Advice Bureau both of whom had agreed to participate in the project. The project aimed to support the following:

- Advice and support with issues arising with the cost of energy
- Debt advice and guidance
- Welfare advice and guidance (rights and entitlements)
- Housing issues
- Using technology for universal credit
- Advice and guidance on health-related issues
- Accessing additional support based on individual needs
- Maximising individual income

Enquiries have been made to Evolve Estates, (the owners of the Square), regarding the Management Suite (Tardis) situated behind Costa Coffee. They have offered MTC a lease for 3 years with a favourable lead in period until the project has had time to seek external funding to assist with the costs. As there was an underspend from 2021-22 it was proposed to take £27,000 from earmarked reserves to fund the hub.

As the project would benefit the greater Maghull area Lydiate, Melling and Aintree Village Parish Councils have been asked if they would like to contribute to the

scheme. A proposed contribution of between £5,000-7,000 was requested. External funding of £10,000 had been applied for from the Awards For All lottery grant awarding scheme. However, there would be a delay of approximately 12 weeks before a decision was known. This funding could be applied for each year and if successful, be used to offset costs. Other external funding would also be applied for as necessary.

Alan Kelly - Vauxhall Law Centre attended the meeting to present his potential involvement with the Maghull Hub. Mr Kelly provided members with background information about Vauxhall Law centre, and the difficulties people will be facing in next few months.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- 1. The Town Clerk to sign the lease for the Tardis in Maghull Square;**
- 2. £27000 be taken from earmarked reserves to seed the project for an agreed period of time;**
- 3. The proposed aims and objectives for the project as detailed in the proposal paper be approved;**
- 4. A recruitment campaign be initiated for an admin support for the project at 18.5 hrs per week;**
- 5. The report be noted.**

Alan Kelly left the meeting.

Cllr R Ferguson joined the meeting.

## **7 World War 1 Project**

The Town Clerk informed members The WW1 Panels project was a continuation of the public art project which led to the commissioning and placing of "Compassion in Conflict", the statue reflecting the horror of war and commemorating the work of Moss Side Hospital in its pioneering treatment of shell shock victims. It was originally planned to place the panels next to Compassion in Conflict at Maghull North Railway Station but this had not proved possible.

Therefore, a proposal to locate the panels on KGV Playing Fields on the mound nearest the community fruit garden had been put forward. This would involve the mound being flattened and relandscaped. The panels would then be placed on the landscaped area, facing west (the setting of the sun) symbolising the last journey many soldiers took. It is also proposed to place the Truce statue, currently housed in the Council Chamber as part of the installation. MTC has successfully requested that McCarthy Stone donate the plaque and engraving which was the war memorial for the Royal British Legion building at Red Lion Bridge which would be included in the site. A further area, similar to the 5th plinth at Nelson's Column would be created to encourage local artists and schools to have temporary installations there and build on the public art provided by the Council for the town and its residents.

The landscaping has been provisionally agreed with Persimmon for them to do the work to our plan as part of their community engagement. Images have been provided by Castle Fine Arts to give an impression of the installation when it was completed. Also MTC would not incur a cost.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- 1. The Panels be sited on KGV Playing Fields;**

2. The landscaping proposals be approved;
3. The report be noted.

**8 Christmas Tree 2022**

The Community Services Manager informed members a decision on funding for Christmas tree 2022 needs to be decided. Two options were provided:

Option 1 - Approach Sefton Council and be included in their Procurement of the tree.  
Option 2 - Purchase our own tree and have the tree dressed by our current supplier.

**RESOLVED that the Council purchase the tree and decorations independtly of Sefton MBC.**

**9 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters**

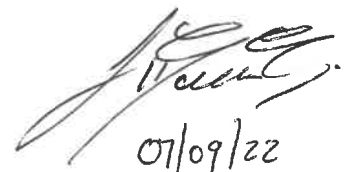
None received.

**10 Chairman's Closing Comments**

Chair informed members to recognise the great work the ground maintenance team have completed. The parks have received excellent feedback. Thanked MTC Staff for the efforts regarding Maghullfest. Also provided an update on the Red Lion Bridge an the works that have been carried out via 2 tradesman's volunteers.

**RESOLVED that the closing comments be noted.**

CHAIR



07/09/22

