

Minutes of Community Services Committee Held Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Y Sayers

Councillors : Cllr P Darlington, Cllr S Doherty, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr B Nixon

Officers : P Dillon, S Larking

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Jo Burns, Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr F Sharp, Cllr P Mc Kinley

2 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3 Public Participation.

None notified.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

5 Christmas Activities

Members were informed that the Council was busy on a range of activities:

Cosy Club: Starts on Monday 21st November in The Venue from 1pm - 4pm. Friends of Maghull and District received a Warm Spaces Grant from Sefton CVS of £3,100. It will be an enhanced Warm Space which includes food, transport and entertainment. Maghull Radio will be providing entertainment including Bingo. Licence applied for to show films. Board games will be available. 5 volunteers expressed interest in helping out. Club promoted on notice boards around Maghull, Social media and through voluntary groups and partners. Thanks to Cllrs who have been promoting/publicising. Aiming for 20 attendees per session. Cozy Club on 12th December will be Christmas themed. Note: Moved to 19th December.

Other hubs in Maghull:

- Monday morning: Maghull Library
- Tuesday morning: Maghull Foodbank
- Wednesday morning: Maghull Baptist Church

Christmas Fayre: Wednesday 30th November in The Venue from 2pm until 6:30pm Organised by Hayley Brennan, Betty's Coffee Shop. 20 start up business attending. Event held on a Wednesday as that is when The Venue is available for use by the Council.

Christmas Tree switch on: Wednesday 30th November at 6:30pm on KGV Park. Carol singers attending from local churches

Christmas Hampers: Demand for hampers. Request for 50 from Hudson Family

Y Sayers

Centre. Nominations from Cllrs needed ASAP as need to place food order soon. Nomination from Cllr Doherty to be added to list. New Community Champion at Morrisons who is difficult to track down. Not sure Council will get discount on food order as in previous years. Cllrs suggested that Officers contact Manager at new Morrisons in Kirkby.

Christmas Shop Window Competition: to be launched on social media in next few weeks. Looking for another judge to support Mayor of Maghull. Judging to take place in the first of second week of December

School Nativity Competition: Will push out to local schools. Cllr Sharp to lead as officer resources are limited due to Christmas activities, hub and Maghull Press

RESOLVED that the report be noted

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Budget 2023/24

The Community Services Manager apologised that the Community Services Budget had not been circulated with papers. The following points were noted:

- Events income and misc income: in credit as more income had been generated than projected
- Events expenditure: Expenditure on Maghullfest and Platinum Jubilee activities. Some additional money may be needed for The Civic Awards (Feb 2023). Proposed that £3,000 be vired from Neighbourhood Activities
- Newsletter/Maghull Press: Expect to be self financing. However, may be a shortfall as advert prices gross not net. Proposed a contingency of £1,500 to cover costs
- Events Income 2023/24: Sharlands want to return to Maghull - KGV Park not Whinney Brook. Not sure Pinders will return due to ASB issues. Another circus is interested
- Fireworks: No plans for firework display due to costs
- Events 2023/24: Gamboling Arena keen to return to host an Easter themed performance in Glenn Park

Cllrs made the following points:

- Agreed to vire funds of £3,000 from Neighbourhood Activities to Events for the Civic Awards
- Agreed a contingency fund of £1,500 for Newsletter
- Noted that Gamboling Arena performance of Frozen had been popular. Agreed to fund Gamboling Arena for an Easter performance in Glen Park
- Overheads likely to increase including salaries and Employers National Insurance
- ASB at Circus noted. Keen to explore activities and support for young people. Propose reinstating youth budget to £8,000 following reduction due to underspends following Covid.
- Cllr Darlington to host meeting in early December with organisations interested in youth network

RESOLVED that

- 1. Funds of £3,000 to be vired from Neighbourhood Activities to Events**
- 2. Contingency of £1,500 for Newsletter**



3. Funding for Gamboling Arena for an Easter performance in Glenn Park
4. An increase in funding for youth budget in 2023/24 to £8,000 to be presented to Finance and General Purposes Committee
5. The report be noted

7 Maghull North Volunteers

The Community Services Manager reported that a group of residents (Maghull North Volunteers) pick litter and tidy around Maghull North train station. They want to make the area around the station more appealing. They have approached the Council for funding for equipment. However, as they don't want to be a constituted group they are not eligible for grant funding. Cllrs discussed how to support the group and agreed that basic equipment, up to £100.00 could be purchased e.g. litter pickers and trowels which could be used by the group for their work around the station. Items to be returned to Council if the group folds.

RESOLVED that:

1. Funding up to £100.00 for equipment for use by Maghull North Volunteers. Equipment to be returned to Council if group folds
2. The Report be noted

8 Chair's Report

Members noted the following:

- 200 responses received to survey on an advice centre for Maghull. Closing date 18th November 2022. Thanks to all Cllrs who promoted the survey. Will use responses for future funding bids
- Nominations for Civic Awards to open. Help welcome to promote awards



CHAIR

