

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to attend a Meeting of the Full Council which will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at MAGHULL TOWN HALL on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 6:30PM or at the rise of the Town Assembly whichever is the later.

Note: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

A G E N D A

Minutes Silence in memory of former Councillor and Mayor of Maghull Mrs Anne Harrison.

- 1 Apologies For Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Public Participation.**
- 4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2023 (Pages 1 - 4)
- 5 Maghull Hub**
Members to receive a verbal update regarding Maghull Advice Centre.
- 6 Planning Applications.**
Members to consider any planning applications received (major/change of use).
- 7 Update on Leases**
Members to receive an update regarding the lease for the Venue (Pages 5 - 6)
- 8 EV Charging Points**
Members to consider whether to apply for a grant to install EV charging points at Maghull Town Hall. (Pages 7 - 9)
- 9 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters**
For noting only. Please note that both Sefton MBC and Maghull Town Council are under Purdah restrictions.
- 10 Chairman's Closing Comments**
For noting only



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr A Carr, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes,
Cllr M Lock, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr J Mccall, Cllr B Nixon, Cllr F Sharp

In attendance : Mr E Landor, Ms P Landor

Officers : P Dillon, D Healey, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre

1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Desmond, J Sayers and Y Sayers.

2 Declarations of Interest

All Cllrs except Cllr Carr and Cllr Nixon declared a disclosable prejudicial interest in Item 5 Budget 2023/24 by virtue of their being residents of Maghull. Dispensation granted.

3 Public Participation.

None.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd November 2022 were approved as a correct record.

8 Planning Applications.

Members were informed that the latest planning application relating to the Land East of Maghull had been received. This was a full application by Persimmon/Countryside Homes to increase the number of houses to be built to 498 on the South side of the site before the requirement of the distributor road was invoked.

Landor Planning Consultants attended the meeting to discuss the implications of the planning application.

Members considered the following points:

- The distributor road was a key policy requirement
- The application for the south part of the site had been to appeal and the conditions were put in place by the Planning Inspectorate
- MTC had been a Rule 6 Participant to the proceedings and had been represented by Counsel
- The traffic assessment was unsatisfactory in that it had been undertaken a long time ago
- The policy had been put in place to ensure that the site came together as a cohesive whole rather than disjointed elements.

Members considered the proposed response drafted by the consultants. However, it was felt that it was appropriate for Counsel to be consulted again to ensure that both planning and legal constraints and considerations were given appropriate weight.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Counsel, Peter Dixon, be consulted over the response to the planning application;**
- 2. The Town Clerk be authorised to progress the consultation with Counsel;**
- 3. The Town clerk to submit the response to Sefton LPA once the response had been cleared by Counsel;**
- 4. The report be noted.**

Edward and Philippa Landor left the meeting.

5 Budget Report 2023/24

Members were informed that Full Council was required to set a balanced budget for the forthcoming financial year and to notify Sefton MBC of the precept requirement for Maghull Town Council area so that this could be added to the Council Tax demand. This must be done by the beginning of March 2022. The Finance & General Purposes Committee recommendation was a 0% increase to the precept and it was necessary to agree the budgets for the forthcoming year.

Members discussed the pressures on the budget for the forthcoming financial year and emphasised the need for prudent management of the Council's finances. It would be difficult to accurately predict the inflation increases which were expected but the Council had budgeted for an overall increase of 5%.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The precept to be requested for the financial year 2023-24 would be £830,916;**
- 2. The proposed budget for the forthcoming financial year 2023-24 be approved;**
- 3. The proposed charging schedule and the fees/rent included in the budget for the financial year 2023-24 be approved;**
- 4. The report be noted.**

6 Sefton Legal Services SLA

Members were informed that MTC had entered into an Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Sefton Legal Services (SLS) in 2015 and had been using the service ever since. The costs involved so far had been minimal and there had not been a big rise in the costs requested.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Council would renew the Legal Services SLA with Sefton MBC for the forthcoming financial year;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

Cllr June Burns entered the meeting.

7 Billboard Advertising

Members were informed that, further to Council requesting officers to investigate

the potential for installation of a digital billboard within the curtilage of Maghull Town Hall, a proposal had been received from Wildstone Media Infrastructure. They were the only firm to respond to the Council's enquiry from the three firms who were contacted.

Wildstone had checked the site (where the totem sign was previously erected), and had subsequently produced a definite proposal including exact location, term of lease and a price for the rent they would be willing to pay MTC.

Members discussed the proposal including the possibility of using the billboard to advertise Council events, projects and consultations. This would be further explored with Wildstone Media.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The proposal of the installation of a digital billboard at the junction of the A59 and Hall Lane from Wildstone Media be approved.**
- 2. The report be noted.**

9 Motion for Debate

Cllr P McKinley and seconded by Cllr A Carr proposed:

"That this Council calls on all parties involved in the Land East of Maghull development to plan together to ensure that the distributor road is completed in a timely manner (no later than the date when 250 houses have been completed on the southern end of the site). There should be no variation to the conditions outlined in the appeal decision dated 22nd February 2021. We urge Sefton Council to be proactive and use all means at their disposal, including compulsory purchase orders, to ensure that the 250 properties is not exceeded prior to the completion of the distributor road."

Members debated the motion.

RESOLVED that

- 1. The motion was passed;**
- 2. The Town Clerk to write to Sefton Council to seek a response.**

10 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters

Nothing to report.

11 Chair's Report

Nothing to report.

12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

13

Civic Awards

Cllr June Burns proposed all nominees for the Beacon award be awarded, as nominees went above and beyond during the pandemic. All Cllrs agreed. Cllrs had a discussion and a vote for each category for the winners of the Civic awards 2023:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Beacon award	= Christine Menzies, Maghull High School DT department, Maghull Community Association, Parkhaven Trust, Scrummies Catering
Good Neighbour	= John Lewis
Local Business	= Home from Home - Michelle Rossiter
Youth	= Hudson School

Cllr F Sharp left the meeting.

Civic	= Maghull Foodbank
Environment	= Friends of Maghull and District

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Civic award winners be approved;**
- 2. The report be noted**

Cllr F Sharp returned to the meeting.

_____ Chair

Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 26th April 2023
Agenda Item Number 7
Subject: Update on The Venue Lease
Report of: Town Clerk
Exempt / Confidential No
Report:

Summary

Members to receive an update on the Venue Lease following the competitive tender which was conducted last year.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
1. Development and Protect the Community	No
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	No
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	No
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	No
7. Health and wellbeing Programme	No
8. Statutory Requirement	Yes

Recommendation(s)

1. That the update be noted.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The Council is the landlord for all tenants within the Town Hall and any other properties the Council may own. The Council needs to receive regular updates regarding the state of the lease.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue

The rent from the Venue contributes to the Council's overall budget and is a major contributor to the Council's reputation.

(B) Capital

None

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	As above
Resource Implications	None
Legal Implications	LGA 1972
Equality & Diversity	None

Implications	
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Implementation Date for Decision

No decision is to be made. The report is for noting only.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

The Venue Lease.

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1. Background

The Council put the licence for the Venue out to competitive tender in April 2022. Two companies bid for the Tender with Kyle Hayes and Paul Hill being successful.

The Venue underwent a programme of refurbishment including a complete refit of the bar, redecoration, and new flooring. As a result of this the upstairs foyer and reception area was also redecorated, and new flooring laid.

The Venue has taken over the contents of the room including the dishwasher, ice machine and tables and chairs as well as full responsibility of the kitchen (which was shared). This is because of the age of the equipment which would have been an additional cost to the Council to have to replace without a budget being in place and no reason to refuse.

2. Current Position

The licensees have settled into the Town Hall and the Venue is a popular space for the residents of Maghull and further a field to come and have their functions. The Venue is fully booked for every Saturday this year.

Due to the lack of storage within the demise the licensees also have use of the under stairs cupboard and use the top bowling pavilion to store large ticket items (e.g. illuminated numbers). This storage arrangement is on a temporary basis with the Council able to give notice on the storage areas with 1 months' notice.

The lease is now signed and will run for the next 4 years.

Recommendation(s):-

That the update be noted.

Report to: Full Council Committee
Date of Meeting: 26th April 2023
Agenda Item Number 8
Subject: EV Charging points
Report of: Amenities Manager
Exempt/Confidential Report: No

Summary

To install 2 x Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the MTC car park.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
Development and Protect the Community	Yes
Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

Councillors are asked to consider:

- The costs of installing 2 x EV charging points.
- The environmental benefits.
- The current car parking arrangements.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

There's a growing demand to reduce UK carbon emissions and create a more sustainable transportation sector, and with the sales of electric vehicles (EVs) increasing in the UK, now may be a suitable time for MTC to consider installing EV charging points.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

Total costs are highlighted below. However, the government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). The EV charge point grant provides funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle smart charge points at commercial/Local Authority properties across the UK. The Amenities Manager will need to investigate this option further.

Chargers and Electrical:

We have included for the following:

- Main Switchboard MCCB
- Cable supported above ceilings.
- External exit hole
- SWA cable covered within existing metal capping to low-level duct entry point.
- Final connections and system commissioning
- Test and Certification

Charger and Electrical - £5251.82 + VAT

Groundworks:

We have included for the following:

- Lift the existing Cobbled walkway.
- Dig a trench.
- Install ducting.
- Creation of a plinth for the charger pedestal (this will be level to the existing surface)
- Line marking alterations to suit the new layout.
- Bollard protection to the charger post.

Groundworks - £6,897.51 + VAT

Total cost - £12,149.33 + VAT

Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	None
Resource Implications	None
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	None

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following the conclusion of Full Council meeting.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

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