

# Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Councillors : Cllr C Carlsen, Cllr A Carr, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr B Nixon, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr J Sayers, Cllr F Sharp

In attendance : Mr M Lock, Ms J Mc Call

Officers : P Dillon, S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre

## 1 Apologies For Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr June Burns.

## 2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Darlington declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 Section 19 Flood investigation, as a business owner in the affected area.

## 3 Public Participation.

None.

## 4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 7th September 2022 were approved as a correct record.

Cllrs Ferguson and Sharp entered the meeting.

## 5 Council Vacancy - Co-option

Jojo McCall entered the meeting.

Town Clerk asked Jojo to provide information regarding her statement and the reasons why she would like to become a MTC Cllr. Jojo informed members of her experiences and skills. Members asked various questions and discussed how she may fit into Maghull Town Council.

Jojo McCall left the meeting.

Matthew Lock entered the meeting.

Town Clerk asked Matthew to provide information regarding his statement and the reasons why he would like to become a MTC Cllr. Matthew informed members of his experiences and skills. Members asked various questions and discussed how he may fit into Maghull Town Council.

Matthew Lock left the meeting.

Members considered carefully the two candidates for the position of Town Councillor including their previous experience both on a personal and professional level which had been highlighted in their statements and their discussions that evening.

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Members stated that there was another vacancy on the Council although this had not been through the formal notification process. As there was 6 months before the full elections for the Town Council it was unclear whether a co-option could take place within this time. It was suggested that if the co-option could take place then the unsuccessful candidate should be co-opted to that vacancy.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Jo McCall be appointed as a Maghull Town Councillor for the remainder of the term;**
- 2. The Town Clerk would seek advice from the Elections Manager and if appropriate seek to co-opt Mr Lock to the outstanding vacancy;**
- 3. The advice on procedure be noted.**

## **6 Council Communication Strategy**

Members received a verbal update on the Maghull press newsletter from Cllr McKinley and Community Services Manager. Members were shown a draft copy of the first edition of the Maghull Press. The aim was for the magazine to be printed and distributed to all households in Maghull in December 2022. The magazine was targeting the residents who struggled or did not have access to social media. One of the main drivers for producing the magazine was the issue of the local newspaper going out of circulation which was vital for a lot of residents to be up to date with local issues and concerns.

**RESOLVED that the update be noted.**

Cllr Darlington left the meeting.

## **7 Section 19 Flood Investigation**

The Town Clerk informed members that Sefton MBC had produced a report on the serious flooding which occurred in August 2020 on Liverpool Rd North, which contained details of remediation works to prevent the flooding happening again. Members were asked if they would like to comment on the report.

Cllrs discussed various issues regarding flooding and wanted more detailed information going forward. Cllr Carlsen agreed to produce a response to send to Sefton MBC and Town Clerk to forward.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1. Cllr Carlsen would produce a response for the Council for the Clerk to forward to Sefton MBC;**
- 2. The report be noted.**

Cllr Darlington re-entered the meeting.

## **8 Local Plan - SPD Consultation**

Members were informed that Sefton LPA has notified MTC of a consultation on Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) which form part of planning policy for the Borough. The SPDs and notes that were available for comment were:

- Affordable and Supported Housing SPD
- Contributions towards education provision: A guide for developers – Information Note
- Conversion to Flats and House in Multiple Occupation SPD
- House Extensions SPD
- New Build Homes SPD

Cllrs agreed for Cllr J Sayers to produce some comments for the Town Clerk to submit.

**RESOLVED that:-**

1. Cllr Sayers would produce comments for submission in consultation with the Town Clerk;
2. The consultation be noted.

**9 AGAR - Annual Return to External Auditor**

**RESOLVED** that members noted the response received from PKF Littlejohn.

**10 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters**

Nothing to report.

**11 Chairman's Closing Comments**

No closing comments.

**12 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded due to confidential nature of the item under discussion.

**13 Maghull Hub**

Members were informed that MTC has agreed in principle to look at providing assistance for the Cost-of-Living Crisis. This project would put the strategic aims of the Council's Business Plan into operational effect. However, additional funding would be required for the project.

The lease had been negotiated and was currently with the Council's solicitors awaiting final sign off. As a three-year lease would be a considerable commitment for the Council it had been proposed that a year's lease break be put in the lease so that, if future funding could not be secured, the Council would be able to surrender the lease after a year. This considerably reduced the risk for the Council.

A Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been produced which would form the backbone of the Council's requirements from the Service Provider. This would remain in effect if the Council needed to change the Service Provider for any reason. It was also proposed that the SLA be agreed for the Service Provider so that the Council is clear on the service it is procuring.

**RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk to sign the lease for the Management Suite in Maghull Square;
2. The additional funding, from earmarked reserves, be allocated to this project;
3. The proposed SLA be agreed;
4. The report be noted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. J. J.', written in a cursive style.

CHAIR