

Minutes of Community Services Committee Held Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Y Sayers

Councillors : Cllr S Doherty, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr B Nixon, Cllr F Sharp

Officers : P Dillon, S Larking

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr P Darlington

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sharp declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 as Chair of Friends of Maghull and District. Cllr Doherty reported that he was now working for Citizens Advice.

3 Public Participation.

None notified.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

5 Community Services Winter Programme Review 2022/23

Members noted the following report from the Community Services Manager:

- Christmas Fayre: Successful event attended by 400-500 people
- Christmas Tree Switch on: Held after Christmas Fayre. Went well, over 200 people attended. Would like to link to events in the future
- Christmas Hampers: 110 hampers provided. Nominations received from a range of partners and local organisations. Working together has an impact. Helped by Home Bargains who stepped in at short notice due to changes to Community Champion in Morrisons. Overwhelmingly positive response to hampers
- Christmas Window Competition: More shops involved. Mayor of Maghull and Cllr Sharp judged the competition. It was very close. Flower Guy won. Positive feedback

Evolve, through Town Team, are considering a Christmas Tree at the Square. Need to clarify what they want from the Town Council

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6 Future Events

Members noted the following:

- Civic Awards: Event had been successful. Lots of positive feedback. Video of Hudson School winning on Smith Brothers Foundation site. Will keep the event in February
- Maghullfest 2023: Will hold on 12th or 19th August, subject to other events on these dates. Looking for a main attraction e.g. dog show, car show or motor cycle display
- Funfairs: Sharlands and Silcocks would like to return to KGV Park. Propose that License fee is increased from £800 to £1,000.00
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- Circus not returning in 2023 due to ASB issues
- Youth Network. Cllr Darlington keen to pursue and happy for Members to send ideas to him
- Maghull Press: Second edition to be issued early March. New distributors. Will be available on-line later in the week. Next edition to be issued in August. Feedback positive on first edition
- Maghull Radio: Smith Brothers Foundation would like to host a 24 hr radiothon to raise money for mental health charities and raise the profile of Maghull Radio. Request for MTC to meet the costs of security approximately £350.00
- Glenn Park: Gamboling Arena Theatre returning with another show on Thursday 6th April - Pat the Painting Pig. It is an interactive show. Waiting for publicity material to promote on social media

In response Cllrs noted the following:

- Good atmosphere at Civic Awards. Young people made the night. Could ask nominees to do short video clips for future events.
- Cllr Nixon to explore with a local car club if they could arrange a car show at Maghullfest

RESOLVED that

- 1. Charge for land licence for events at KGV Park to increase to £1,000**
- 2. Funding agreed up to £350 towards security for Radiothon**
- 3. The report be noted**

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Extension of Cosy Club

The Community Services Manager reported that the Cosy Club, on Monday afternoons, was popular with consistently high attendance - 60+ most weeks. As well as hot food there is entertainment e.g. Bingo. The Venue Licensee has cooked the food but not charged for her time. Sefton CVS have offered an opportunity to extend the Cosy Club, within existing resources until the end of April. A survey of attendees found that the main reason for people attending is for social interaction. Attendees have asked if the Club can continue. There is an Easter Party on 3rd April. After a break for a few weeks over Easter the proposal is that the Club moves to a coffee afternoon over the Summer (to end of July) with some entertainment. Estimated cost is £700.

In response Cllrs noted that it was important to keep the momentum of the Club going and that the Echo is interested in a case study.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. An extension to the Cosy Club until the end of April**
- 2. Funding up to £700.00 for coffee afternoons until the end of July 2023**
- 2. The report be noted**

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Grant Award Update

The Community Services Manager reported that Friends of Maghull and District (FOMD) have applied for a grant of £500 towards 5 standard trees in Central Square. Trees to be provided by Mersey Forest with a 5% discount. Town Clerk agreed in principle to funding if balance secured. Cllr Sharp reported that funding secured from Evolve, Maghull and Aughton Rotary Club and Maghull in Bloom. Some work to be done by contractors so trees can be planted (tarmac to be removed. Evolve arranging) and irrigation pipes to be installed. Cllr Sharp assured

Members that it would be 30 years before maintenance required on the trees.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

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Chair's Report

Cllr McKinley noted the following:

- Sefton Council had held their budget meeting. Cllrs McKinley and Wilson had voted against the budget. A request for a vote to have unallocated New Homes Bonus money allocated to Maghull was declined. Still waiting for an acknowledgement/response to the letter from Town Clerk to the Leader of Sefton Council about the Fair Deal for Maghull
- Maghull Advice Centre (MAC) is open and going well. 67 people had attended to date. A range of services available including legal advice and benefits advice. Services provided by Big Help, Sefton CVS, Vauxhall Law Centre, Solicitors (Bell Lamb & Jynson) and Mental Health support (Barry Nixon). A Cllr Surgery is held on Wednesday mornings. Paper referral system for Big Help and Vauxhall Law Centre. Looking at an on line referral system. Waiting for a phone number for the Centre. Bid, via Friends of Maghull and District, for funding to Liverpool City Region Digital Connectivity Fund to help create a small IT suite at MAC
- Sefton Community Learning Service is running workshops and courses In April and May at the Town Hall.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.



CHAIR

