

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr K Hughes

Deputy Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Councillors : Cllr L Birchall, Cllr G Birchall, Cllr P Brougham, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr D Leatherbarrow, Cllr M Lock, Cllr S May, Cllr C Parker, Cllr C Purcell, Cllr J Sayers

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

1 Election of Chair

*It was PROPOSED by Cr Lock, SECONDED by Cr Desmond that Councillor Hughes be elected as Chair of Maghull Town Council for the forthcoming municipal year
AGREED.*

2 Election of Town Mayor

It was *AGREED* that Cllr Hughes be elected to the Office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Hughes confirmed his acceptance of this nomination, he agreed to sign the **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** which was duly witnessed and signed by the Town Clerk.

3 Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Sayers that Cllr Darlington be nominated as Deputy Mayor of Maghull Town Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Cllrs voted:- For - 2 Cllrs. Proposal therefore failed and did not carry.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Parker, SECONDED by Cllr Desmond that Cllr Burns be elected as Deputy Mayor of Maghull Town Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Cllrs voted:- For - 7 Cllrs, Against - 0, Abstain - 0. Proposal carried.

Cllr Burns confirmed his acceptance of this nomination and was duly invested with the **Badge of Office**.

4 Apologies For Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr McKinley, Cllr McCormack.

5 Declarations of Interest

None Received.

6 Public Participation.

None Notified.

7 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Council held 26th April 2023 were approved as a correct record.

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8 Review of Core Documents

Members were informed MTC has a series of Core Documents which govern how the Council conducts its business. The documents were the Constitution, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation. There have not been any significant changes to the legislation and therefore, the documents remain the same as last year.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. Members agreed the Core Documents (Constitution, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation) for the forthcoming municipal year;**
- 2. That the report be noted.**

9 Adoption of the Power of General Competence

RESOLVED that Adoption of Power of General Competence was approved.

10 Member/Officer Protocol

Members were informed of the member/officer protocol and the role of leader documents to be reviewed.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. Members agreed the member/officer protocol and the role of leader;**
- 2. That the report be noted.**

11 Political Balance Report

The Town Clerk informed Council that it needed to agree the political balance of the Council and agree the composition of its attendant committees.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The composition of the political groups, the Labour Group - 13 Members and the Independent Group - 3 Members be noted;**
- 2. The options for the Committees be determined and constituted with the Terms of Reference and delegated powers as detailed in the Constitution; all members agreed.**
- 3. The number of seats on the various Committees for the 2023-24 Municipal Year; all members agreed;**
- 4. Council confirmed the allocation of seats to the political groups and made appointments to fill the seats in accordance with Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;**
- 5. Council appointed a Chair of each of the various Committees for the 2023-24 Municipal Year;**
- 6. The report be noted.**

12 Appointment of Leader of the Council

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Burns that Cllr Parker be elected as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year. This was SECONDED by Cllr Brougham. Proposal carried.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lock that Cllr Brougham be elected as Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year. This was SECONDED by Cllr Desmond. Proposal carried.

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RESOLVED that Cllr Parker be appointed as Leader of Maghull Town Council and Cllr Brougham as Deputy Leader of Maghull Town Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

- 13 Appointment of Committees, Membership and Substitution Arrangements for the Municipal Year 2023/24**
It was **RESOLVED** that Membership of committees would be as follows:
- 1. Finance & General Purposes:** Cllr Lock (Chair), Cllr Hughes (Mayor), Cllr L Birchall, Cllr Burns, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr McCormack, Cllr Parker, Cllr McKinley, Cllr Sayers.
- Community Services:** - Cllr Ferguson (Chair), Cllr G Birchall, Cllr L Birchall, Cllr Leatherbarrow, Cllr May, Cllr Parker, Cllr Purcell, Cllr Darlington, Cllr McKinley.
- Amenities:** - Cllr Burns (Chair), Cllr Hughes (Mayor), Cllr G Birchall, Cllr Brougham, Cllr Desmond, Cllr Leatherbarrow, Cllr Lock, Cllr Parker, Cllr Darlington, Cllr Sayers.
- 2. Any vacancy that resulted on a Committee within the municipal year be delegated to the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to fill;**
- 3. The report be noted.**
- 14 Appointment of Representatives on External Bodies**
It was **RESOLVED** that Maghull Town Council's Representatives on external organisations be appointed as follows:
- Sefton Rights of Way Liaison Group – Cllr Ferguson
 - Maghull in Bloom – Cllr Lock
 - Maghull Parish Hall – Cllr Brougham
 - MALC - Cllr Desmond
- 15 Municipal Calendar 2023/24**
RESOLVED that members all agreed the Municipal Calendar for 2023-24.
- 16 Invitation to Members Representing Maghull on Sefton MBC, To Attend Meetings of The Council**
RESOLVED that members representing Maghull on Sefton MBC, receive papers electronically for full council.
- 17 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters**
RESOLVED that all members agreed the reporting on Sefton Borough Council Matters be removed from upcoming agendas.

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Chair's Report

Cllr Hughes welcomed new members and stated that he would like the Council work to together as a team going forward. Also a huge appreciation and a note of thanks to Cllr June Burns for her hard work and service for Maghull Town Council over the past 10 years.

Statement by Councillor Burns, Mayor Maghull Town Council 2022-23. Councillor Burns thanked the Cllrs for giving him the opportunity to be Mayor. This was a great achievement for him and boosted his confidence as the first Citizen of Maghull. As the Civic Mayor he particularly enjoyed celebrating the Queens Jubilee and unfortunately the passing of her Majesty. Also celebrating the Kings coronation.

CHAIR

K.M.H.