

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held Wednesday 07 September 2022 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Mayor : Cllr Jo Burns

Councillors : Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr A Carr, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr S Doherty, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr T Hughes, Cllr P Mc Kinley, Cllr B Nixon, Cllr Y Sayers, Cllr J Sayers, Cllr F Sharp

In attendance : Mr A Dunsmore

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

- 1 **Apologies For Absence**
Apologies were been received from Cllr C Carlsen.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Doherty declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 6 by virtue of his employment with Merseycare NHS Trust.
- 3 **Public Participation.**
None.
- 4 **To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting**
RESOLVED that that minutes of the last meeting held on 17th August 2022 were approved as a correct record.
- 5 **Consultation**
Members received a verbal presentation from Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton MBC, Transport Planning Manager. This was regarding the Active Travel policy within Sefton Council. This included walking, cycling etc rather than using vehicular transportation. Funding was received from Central Government and Sefton were working one phase 1 of the project. It was stated that the power point presentation would be provided to Cllrs once received from Andrew.

RESOLVED that Members would send any comments to the Town Clerk so that a formal response could be collated and sent.

Andrew Dunsmore left the meeting.
- 6 **Consultation**
Item deferred to next Full Council meeting.
- 7 **Council Vacancy - Co-option**
Members considered the applications received. However, not all Members had been able to attend the informal discussions before the meeting. It was propsoed that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the candidates be invited to next Full Council meeting for a formal discussion following which a decision would be made to fill the vacancy.

JB

8 Maghull Hub

The Town Clerk provided members with an update on the Maghull Hub:

- Works still need to be completed at the property
- Issues with finding a builder to complete internal works
- Awaiting a quote for Signage
- Still no official name confirmed for the hub
- When hub is in operation toilets will not be open to the public
- £7000 donation has been received

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9 Council Communication Strategy

Members were informed that the Champion newspaper had ceased to trade. The matter had been brought to Council as this was a massive loss of communication to residents of Maghull.

Options discussed of different ways to communicate by Cllrs:-

- Add adverts to Keeping it Local Magazine
- Maghull Radio
- Liaising with community groups in Maghull to pass on information
- Produce a leaflet/Newspaper and distribute to all Maghull Residents

RESOLVED That all options be investigated and an update would be brought to next available Community Services meeting.

10 AGAR - Annual Return to External Auditor

AGAR report not yet received therefore would be brought to next Full Council Meeting. Members considered the external audit arrangements moving forward given that the current 5 year contract with PKF littlejohn was coming to an end. Members considered the complicated arrangements which would need to be put in place should the Council decide not to remain under the umbrella of the SAAA contract and the impact on resources this would mean.

RESOLVED that:

1. The AGAR report be deferred until the next available Full Council meeting;
2. The Council remain within the SAAA regime for the External Audit Contract for the next 5 years;
3. The report be noted.

11 Planning Applications.

Nothing to report.

12 Report on Sefton Borough Council Matters

Members received a report on Sefton Borough Council matters which was noted.

13 Chairman's Closing Comments

Award for their work to improve the cultural aspects of the town. These suggestions were to be put forward to the Mayor for consideration.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

CHAIR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Lee" or similar, written in a cursive style.

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