

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

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr R Ferguson

Councillors : Cllr P Brougham, Cllr P Darlington, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr D Leatherbarrow,
Cllr C Parker

Officers : P Dillon, S Larking

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr G Birchall, Cllr L Birchall, Cllr S May

3 Declarations of Interest

None received.

4 Public Participation.

None advised.

5 To Confirm Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED that revised minutes of the meetings held on 7th June 2023 and minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2023 be approved as correct records.

6 Christmas Activities

Members received an update as follows:

Christmas Tree: Switch on to be held on Saturday 25th November 2023. Maghull Town Council (MTC) donated tree. Massams to deliver tree on 20th November. Evolve to arrange for Marshalls (their Contractors) to install and dress the tree. Members of Maghull Wind Orchestra (MWO) to play at event. One Central to provide mulled wine and kiddie's rides. Evolve written to all shops about car park closure for the event.

Hampers: Cleansing last year's list. Morrison's on board. Any nominations to Community Services Team. Community Champion at Morrisons been very helpful; will order food and offer a 10% discount. Scouts to help pack on Monday 11 December. Volunteers needed to help deliver hampers.

Christmas Shop Window: Panel to agree a date to judge windows. Officers to provide score sheet

Key points made by Cllrs:

- Push switch on event via Square Facebook page
- Saturday best for judging shop window
- Feedback from residents is that pleased that there will be a tree in the Square.
- Thankful for work Cllr Lock did to secure tree at Square. Opportunity to think about Cllr Lock and his contribution to Maghull when passing the Square

RESOLVED that the report be noted.



7 Youth Council

Members received an update on next steps to set up a Youth Council starting with consultation with young people

Key points raised by Cllrs:

- Need to involve a cross section of young people from across the community. Not just those involved in school youth councils. Need to ensure that those who gather in parks at night have a voice. Noted that ideas put forward by school councils were the least well attended during Maghull Youth Activity Network (MYAN) events in the summer
- Will contact schools, ATC and Scouts for nominations on who might be able to give different perspectives
- Could restart youth activities while consulting. Recognise that could be improved but disappointed that popular events suspended over half term
- Feedback from young people is that they want somewhere to go which is safe and can help access services e.g. mental health support. Noted that this would need to be staffed and monitored
- Agreed that consultation required to get views and help guide/move forward and should start before Christmas
- Funding available from PCC grant to help with consultation costs

RESOLVED that

- 1. Consultation with young people to start before Christmas**
- 2. The report be noted**

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Civic Awards

Members were informed that Mr and Mrs Lock had agreed to the proposal to rename the Youth Award to the Matthew Lock Youth Award. They would like to present the award. Nominations will be run from 13 November to 8 January. The Awards event will be held on Wednesday 21st February 2024.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Your MAGhull

The Community Services Manager reported that the Christmas edition of Your MAGhull had gone to the printers. While the magazine is well received and an important part of the Council's communication with residents it is not achieving the level of advertising to be self sustaining. Everyone had worked hard to generate advertising but there is a shortfall of £700 for edition 4. Proposal is to increase the contingency in the Community Services budget from £1,500 to £3,000 in case of shortfall of income from advertising.

Key points raised by Cllrs:

- It's a good magazine
- Could look to reduce frequency and reduce printing or delivery costs. Noted that now have a reliable delivery system. Will review quality of cheaper paper used for edition 4
- To carry out consultation as feedback includes increase frequency and preference for online only
- Could target where deliver and make copies available in places like Maghull Advice Centre, Cosy Club etc



- Explore if Scouts or ATC (around Moorhey Estate) could deliver for a donation
- Include QR codes to get additional information
- Contingency of £3,000 too much. Proposed up to £2,100 for 3 editions

RESOLVED that

- 1. Contingency of £2,100 agreed for 3 editions**
- 2. The report be noted.**

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Young People's Wellbeing Sessions

Members were informed about wellbeing events being held on 2nd and 9th December for children, young people and families at Maghull Town Hall (Activity Room and Council Chamber). Select Training CIC. Sefton at Work and Living Well Sefton are supporting events. Activities will include mindfulness/well being sessions e.g. mini medics for ages 8-12 and Level 1 Mental Health First Aid courses for parents/carers. There will be a market place in the Activity Room for local groups e.g. Home from Home, Change4all and a children's entertainer and face painting.

Select Training are running event on 2nd December for free. There will be costs for the Children's' entertainer, face painting and fruit for Living Well Sefton's smoothie bike. Estimated total costs of events between £600 and £700.

The Community Services Manager reported that a bid had been submitted for work to the Activity Room including improved lighting, a hatch to the kitchen, room divider to split the room and fire doors to separate the area for the Grounds Maintenance Team.

Key points raised by Cllrs:

- Welcome mental health support for young people
- Cllr Darlington was disappointed that yoga session costing £140 over October half term was cancelled. This was a popular activity. Noted that Members happy to spend money on activities that young people want and the range of activities could be expanded in the future

RESOLVED that

- 1. Budget of up to £700 for well being events agreed**
- 2. The report be noted**

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Budget 2024/25

The Community Services Manager reported that budget setting for 2024/25 was beginning. The paper provided a snapshot of spend to date to inform members in advance of budget setting. It was noted that the Town Clerk has agreed a grant of £750 for Maghull Foodbank for meat vouchers for Christmas.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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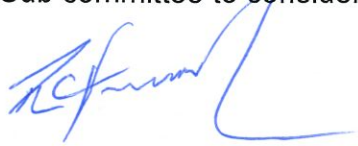
Chair's Report

The Chair raised a request from Friends of Maghull and District (FOMD) to purchase 2 tickets for the pantomime at the Everyman for the winners of the nativity competition. The cost of the tickets are £16.32 each.

RESOLVED that the cost of 2 pantomime tickets be funded.

Note: other issues raised at the end of the meeting impacting on Maghull:

- Parking: Not enough parking for people working in Maghull. Small businesses impacted. Need to look at restrictions and remove time limits. Liaise with Home Bargains and Evolve about parking
- Pond at Poppy Fields. Residents concerned about state of pond and risks to fish.
- ASB: Lights in parks
- WWI Panels: Sub committee to consider location of panels

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. F. ...', is written over the list items.

CHAIR