

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 21st March 2019 (7.00 pm) at the Arncliffe Centre, Arncliffe Road, Halewood, the following Members were:-

**PRESENT
COUNCILLORS
N Hogg (Chairman)**

Cllr. K Dalton
Cllr. Mrs. B Dunn
Cllr. Mrs. A Farrell (from 7.30pm)
Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran

Cllr. A Harvey
Cllr. Miss C Rose
Cllr. I Hamilton
Cllr. R. Swann

Also in attendance:-

G MacKenzie, Town Manager
L Joyner, Senior Administrator
S Edwardson, Admin. & Comm. Officer
Members of the Public - 20

136. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted from Cllr. S Ball, Cllr. D Perry and Cllr. D Samuels.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. A Harvey - Agenda item 7 - Sustainable Urban Extension East of Halewood
Agenda item 16 – Planning Applications

Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran Agenda item 7 - Sustainable Urban Extension East of Halewood

Cllr. Mrs. A Farrell Agenda item 10 – Pupil Recognition Awards
Agenda item 16 – Planning, (St. Marks School)

(Note:- Cllr A Harvey and Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran having declared an interest did not take any part in the discussion of the following item)

138. SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION EAST OF HALEWOOD

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. Graham Morgan, Leader of Knowsley M.B.C., who was in attendance at the meeting to answer questions raised by Members in relation to this item.

The Town Manager presented a report that sought Members comments and direction on the Town Council's 'Corporate' response to the consultation currently being undertaken by Knowsley MBC on the proposed Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) East of Halewood. It was noted that the consultation will run until 10th April 2019.

It was reported that the land is allocated for residential development and has been since the adoption by Knowsley MBC of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy in 2016. The land allocated is not green belt land and the majority is in the private ownership of 19 different land owners, with the exception of Finch Woods and the land upon which Finch Woods Academy is built, both of which will be retained and which is in the ownership of Knowsley MBC. It was noted the various land owners had agreed "options" with three housebuilders – Redrow, Bellway and Miller Homes. A detailed masterplan is to be prepared for the site, to be agreed by the Borough Council.

Having noted the report from the Town Manager Members expressed the need for significant infrastructure investment for the proposed development particularly the need for improved transport links, 6th Form Education provision and adequate health care facilities.

Questions were raised by Members.

Cllr. Mrs. Dunn asked about the tenure of properties within the new development and Cllr. Morgan responded indicating that all of the properties would be freehold, as the Borough Council now only accepts planning applications from developers for freehold properties. Cllr. Morgan, referring the draft masterplan stated that the development would offer a range and mix of house types including 25% of affordable homes. Other questions included:-

Blackie's grave and need for work to Finch Farm Woods.
Old coal mines
Dangerous bend on Baileys Lane needs addressing
Establishing a memorial garden within Finch Woods for cremated remains

The Chairperson thanked Cllr. Morgan for his attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED:- (a) That based on the observations raised by Members the Town Manager prepare a draft response to Knowsley Borough Council for prior approval by Members.

139. PUBLIC FORUM

(1) Mrs. Y. Graves

Mrs. Graves expressed her concern to the Council about the lack of assistance and support in tackling problems at Halewood Shopping Centre, and asked what the point of the Town Council was if they did not want to work with residents. In response the Chairperson referenced the recent reports to the Town Council by representatives of Merseyside Police.

(2) Ms. S Edwards

Ms. Edwards referred to comments made by the Chairperson, Cllr. Hogg, at previous Town Council meetings during the Open Forum, when Ms D Corrie had been told by the Chair to 'Shut up and sit down' on three separate occasions. Ms. Edwards demanded that the Chairperson apologise to Ms. Corrie. The Chairperson duly apologised to Ms. Corrie.

(3) Mr. E. McIntosh

Mr. McIntosh indicated that he was unable to get in touch with the Town Manager to give notice that he wished to speak in the Public Forum of Town Council meetings and that the Council should accept 3 questions during the Public Forum even if notice was not given.

The Chairman indicated that this was currently the arrangement and that three residents were allowed to address the Council during the Open Forum if prior notice had not been given by three. The Town Manager responded and said that notice may still be given during his absence to another member of the admin. team as had been the case tonight.

Mr. McIntosh went on to ask why there had not been any progress made with the issues raised at the Annual Town Meeting last May and the petition for a Neighbourhood Plan previously presented to the Town Council.

The Chairman indicated that with reference to the petition a number of signatures were from people outside of Halewood.

POST MEETING NOTE:- The matters raised at the Annual Town Meeting in May and referred to by Mr. McIntosh were discussed by the Town Council at subsequent meetings and their resolutions are a matter of record. (Town Council Meetings 18/07/18 Min. 23; 17/10/18 Min 70.)

140. MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr. I Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. Miss C Rose and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on 7th March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

141. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Town Manager gave a written update on the following items:-

1. Town Council Insurance
2. Ronnie Furlong
3. Site Security
4. I.T. Facilities – Making Tax Digital
5. Period Poverty
6. Town Council Elections
7. Town Council Meeting – April 2019

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

142. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. C Rose and seconded by Cllr. I Hamilton

SAFEGUARDING AGAINST ABUSE

“According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in the year ended March 2018 an estimated 2,000,000 adults aged 16-59 experienced domestic abuse in the previous year, this equates to 69,000 men and 1,300,000 women.

In the same year, ending March 2018, the Police recording of domestic abuse related crimes increased by 23% and issue reference by Supt. Jenkins in her recent presentation to Council.

The White Ribbon Campaign UK seeks to work with men and boys to challenge those male cultures that lead to harassment and violence and call on men to take a stand against sexism and gender based violence in all its forms.

However, domestic abuse is not confined to physical violence but includes any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling coercive or threatening behaviour, violence and abuse. Those perpetrating such abuse may, of course, not only display such behaviour within a domestic setting but outside of the home as well.

Whilst according to the Crown Prosecution Service, 5 out of 7 victims of domestic violence are women and 9 out of 10 defendants are men, there are also male victims and female perpetrators.

Halewood Town Council believes and confirms that:

- all types of abuses are wrong whatever its basis, may even be criminal, and must and will not be tolerated

and I call on the Town Council to agree:

- that an Action Plan be developed and submitted to the Town Council for approval to include, inter alia:

- Identification of a Lead Staff and Elected Member
- The development of an over-arching ‘Safeguarding Policy’
- Consideration of accreditation to White Ribbon UK
- A commitment that staff and Elected Members do not engage in any behaviour that could be considered abusive with the appropriate signage saying that perpetrators will not be tolerated and information provided promoting and raising awareness of the issue.
- Involve the local community through holding one event a year to raise awareness

Cllr A. Harvey reported that there had been an incident of race hate in the township this week and suggested that this should be included in the motion.

RESOLVED:- (a) That the motion be CARRIED.

(b) That an addendum be added to the motion to include all the protected characteristics.

143. TOWN COUNCIL FUN DAY 2019

Members considered the report of the Town Manager that outlined the arrangements for this year’s Halewood Town Council Community Fun Day, to be held at Hollies Hall/Hilton Grace Recreation Ground on Saturday 3rd August 2018. It was noted that this year’s event included a proposal to hold a Community Music Festival from 5pm to 8pm, subject to licensing approval.

Cllr. Swann referencing the anticipated cost of £5,000 considered that better use can be made of this funding to support the community and wished to see it reduced. Cllr. Miss Rose responded in thanking the staff for developing and delivering this event in the last two years; Cllr. Mrs. Dunn concurred saying that last year’s event was ‘fabulous’ but we need to plan for inclement weather. In conclusion Cllr. Hamilton stated that this event was an opportunity for the Town Council to give something back to the community.

It was moved by Cllr. B Swann and seconded by Cllr. A Harvey and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That the outline plans contained within the Town Manager’s report be endorsed and that a further report be presented to the Town Council in July 2019.

144. MAINTENANCE OF 3G PITCHES

Members considered the report of the Town Manager which sought approval to award a contract for the maintenance of the 3G pitches at the Arncliffe Centre. Details and quotations from the existing contractor Bradleys Surfacing Systems (BSS) and a new contractor GML were considered.

It was moved by Cllr. I Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. B Swann and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That the maintenance contract be awarded to Bradleys Surfacing Systems (BSS) for a period of 12 months, subject to confirmation that this company pays employees the living wage.

145. 2019 PUPIL RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Town Manager presented a report which outlined the proposals for this year’s Pupil Recognition and Community Achievement Awards.

It was moved by Cllr. I Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. B Swann and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That Cllr. Mrs. B Dunn, Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran and Cllr. Miss C Rose form the judging panel for the Community Achievement Awards alongside the Chairperson of the Town Council, should that be necessary.

(c) That the arrangements outlined in the report be approved and that the Award Ceremony be held in Hollies Hall on Friday 26th April 2019.

146. TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Town Manager outlined proposals for the printing and distribution of the 2018-2019 Annual Report and sought Members direction on their preferred option.

It was moved by Cllr. K Dalton and seconded by Cllr. I Hamilton and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That an Annual Report using the same format as previous years be produced for 2018/2019 without Members photographs. (28 page A5 booklet)

(c) That the contract be awarded to C3 Imaging for the printing of the 2018-19 Annual Report in the sum of £ 2160 as outlined in para. 3.5 of the report.

(d) That the contract for the distribution of the Annual Report be awarded to LDS Ltd in the sum of £701.25 as outlined in the para. 3.7 of the report.

Note:- Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran having declared an interest took no part in the discussion of the following item.

147. HALEWOOD COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND – APPLICATIONS

(1) Application No. 18/19-12 Halewood JSA

An application was received from Halewood JSA for assistance with the proposed visit by young people and their families from Ballinasloe to take part in a football tournament. It was noted that at the Town Council Meeting on 18th May 2018, Members approved an indicative allocation of £1000 for Halewood JSA.

(2) Application No. 18/19-13 Desire and Inspire

An application was received requesting assistance with operational and premises costs associated with the delivery of this service in Halewood. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. A Farrell and seconded by Cllr. A Harvey and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1977 s19, a grant of £1000 be approved to the Halewood JSA.

(c) That in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Power of Competence) a grant of £500 be approved to Desire and Inspire.

148. APPLICATIONS FOR FREE OR CONCESSIONARY USE OF FACILITIES

The following applications were considered:-

Applicant	Venue	Date	Event	Full Hire
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Desire and Inspire	Hollies Hall	Saturday 27 th April	Charity Fundraiser (Race Night)	£90
Rosemont FC	Hollies Hall and Hilton Grace Rec. Ground	Saturday 8 th June	Club Presentation day and Awards Ceremony	£90

It was moved by Cllr. A Harvey and seconded by Cllr. Miss C Rose and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That both applications be approved free of charge on the dates requested.

149. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED:- (a) That the schedule of payments and addendum dated 21st March 2019 amounting to £20155.13 approved for payment.

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
B & M Waste Services Limited	£175.25
B & M Waste Services Limited	£165.07
CF Corporate Finance Limited	£180.00
EDSL	£900.00
Viking Direct	£193.30
Trade UK Account	£35.53
Wray Bros Limited	£106.02
SSE	£1,394.44
Kick Audio Visual Limited	£477.60
Knowsley Borough Council	£62.40
Cottrell Electrical Services	£108.30
Data Centa Hosting	£54.00
B & M Office Machines Limited	£32.26
The Wigan Beer Company	£1,104.08
The Wigan Beer Company	£1,547.80
ICO Data Protection	£40.00
Celtic Fire Security	£150.18
Vivark Limited	£3,012.70
SSE	£459.33
Wirral Borough Council	£261.96
HMRC	£4,000.54
Merseyside Pension Fund	£3,268.92
Unison	£42.75
Virgin Media Business	£48.00
Unitel Network Services	£66.50
Halewood Academy	£500.00
Pat Testers	£324.00
Asda	£68.93
Trainline (IH)	£310.12
Knowsley Borough Council	£23.00
Knowsley Borough Council	£23.00
John Woollam	£200.00

Unitel Network Services	£65.09
Virgin Media Business	£48.00
Cottrell Electrical Services	£140.66
Virgin Media Business	£48.00
Royal Mail Group Limited	£118.80
Wray Bros Limited	£136.64
Wirral Borough Council	£261.96
	£20,155.13

150. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCE/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

The following verbal reports were received:-

1. St. Mary's Day Centre – Cllr. N Hogg
2. MALC/NALC – Cllr. I Hamilton
3. Culturefest – Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran

Cllr. Hamilton also provided an update on a meeting he had had with a minister from the DWP, arranged by Maria Eagle MP, to discuss the imposition of Universal Credit on students.

RESOLVED:- a) That the reports be noted.

b) That Cllr. Hamilton convey the Town Councils best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Chairman of the NALC Lagers Councils Committee.

151. CORRESPONDENCE

(Note:- Cllr A Harvey and Cllr. Mrs. A Farrell having declared an interest did not take any part in the discussion of the following item)

(a) Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

Application Number	Applicant	Location	Details
18/00768/FUL	Mr. Thomas Gavin	4 Woodland Road Halewood	Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear/side extension.
19/0032/FUL	Mr. Ian Smith	66 New Hutte Lane Halewood	Erection of part first floor part single storey front extension and part first floor, part single storey side extension.
19/00077/FUL	RCAOL	St Marks School Halewood	Removal of existing fencing and erection of 2.4 metre high fencing with installation of 2x single leaf access gates, 1 x double leaf vehicular access gates and 1x double leaf access gate with fencing detail.
19/00093/FUL	Mr. Stuart Citrine	49 Oxford Drive Halewood	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and replacement pitched roof over side extension and porch

RESOLVED:- (a) That the planning applications be noted.

(b) KMBC – Independent Remuneration Panel

The Town Manager verbally reported that notification had been received from Knowsley MBC asking if Halewood Town Council would like to raise any issues at the next meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

RESOLVED:- That no issues be raised and it be confirmed that no allowances will be paid to Halewood Town Councillors in 2019/20.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm

Signed

Date