**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday 11th February 2021 (7.03 pm), the following Members were present:

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Cllr B Swann

(Chairman)

 Cllr K Dalton Cllr C Rose

 Cllr F Martin Cllr B Dunn

 Cllr D Samuels Cllr Y Graves

 Cllr S Harvey

**Also in attendance:**

G Allen – Town Manager

Members of the public – 5.

**95. APOLOGIES**

Cllr T Lucock

**96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr K Dalton – Item #8.

Cllr S Harvey – Item #10.

**97. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions at Public Forum.

**98. MINUTES**

Cllr Harvey was present at the meeting of 14th January and Cllr Lucock sent apologies.

The minutes were agreed

**It was unanimously RESOLVED** that,

1. The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to the minor amendment noted.

**99. TOWN MANAGERS INFORMATION UPDATE**

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

1. Covid-19 vaccination programme at Hollies Hall
2. Staffing
3. Advance bookings
4. Co-option
5. Neighbourhood Plan
6. IT and Telephony upgrade
7. Imminent meetings

The Town Manager provided further detail on the commencement of the vaccination programme at Hollies Hall. Among the comments, **Cllr D Samuels** described the use of Hollies Hall for vaccinations as *“…a wonderful effort and a wonderful use of our premises which will feed into the later discussion on the precept, particularly as a powerful argument for those residents who often question the Town Council and the need to pay for a precept”*.

For the attention of the public, the Town Manager read out the plans for the Co-option Special Meeting scheduled for February 25th.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the report be noted.

**100. REFURBISHMENT AT THE ARNCLIFFE CENTRE – APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTS**

Members’ received a report from the Town Manager and considered recommendations.

The Town Manager provided a summary of the selection process to choose an architect/architectural company to assist the Town Council with the refurbishment at the Arncliffe Centre. The recommendation from the interview panel was to appoint the experienced architectural company ‘Harrison/Stringfellow’ to undertake the design of a masterplan for the works at the site. Councillors received copies of the full submission from the company, including details of their track record and experience with community-based schemes.

**Cllr B Dunn** requested an opportunity for Councillors to meet with the architects to share their input into the building design. The Town Manager confirmed this can be arranged, there will also be a need to for other stakeholder consultation as part of the project.

**Cllr C Rose** requested information on the company’s status as a ‘Living Wage Employer’. The Town Manager confirmed the company have this status at a later point in the meeting

**Cllr T Lucock** asked the council to ensure ideas for an upgrade of Hollies Hall are also developed. This is to ensure the needs of Halewood South residents are similarly considered as those of Halewood North.

**It was moved by Cllr B Swann** and **seconded by Cllr D Samuels** and,

Unanimously **RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted
2. That Harrison/Stringfellow are appointed to act as the architects for the refurbishment at the Arncliffe Centre.
3. The Town manager convenes a meeting between the architects and Councillors.

**101. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

There were no reports.

**102. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Merseyside Local Association of Local Councils

Correspondence was received from the Acting Secretary of MALC, Cllr Ken Dalton of Halewood Town Council. This requested the council form a view on the continued existence of MALC, and its intention to send representatives.

**It was moved by Cllr B Swann** and **seconded by Cllr C Rose** and,

**RESOLVED:** that,

1. The Acting Secretary of MALC is advised in writing THAT Halewood Town Council continues to support the purpose of MALC and will send representatives to future meetings.
2. Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered: No

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| **Application Number** | **Applicant** | **Location** | **Comments** |
| 20/00544/FUL | Mr C Gallimore | 3 Rutland Avenue Halewood Knowsley | None |
| 20/00553/FUL | Miss Samantha Sonner | 1 Rutland Avenue Halewood Knowsley | None |
| 20/00478/NMA | Mr D Raley | 1A Greensbridge Lane Halewood L26 6LE | None |
| 21/00028/FUL | Andrew Rebotis | 89 Abberley Road Halewood L25 9QY | None |
| 20/00696/FUL | Ms K Wyatt | 22 Edenhall Drive Halewood Knowsley | None |
| 20/00730/FUL | Mr Begley | 12 Boundary Drive Halewood L25 0QD | None |

No comments were received, and it was,

**RESOLVED:** that,

1. That the planning applications be noted.
2. The Town Manager updates Councillors on correspondence regarding planning item 20/00652/COU from the meeting of January 14th.

***Exempt Items***

*That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act*

**103. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021/22**

Members’ received a report from the Town Manager and considered recommendations. The Town Manager outlined a proposed budget for Halewood Town Council for 2021/22 and the precept required to achieve this level of income.

Councillors discussed the content of the report and varying options available.

**It was moved by Cllr B Swann** and **seconded by Cllr K Dalton** and,

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:-**

To **APPROVE** that,

1. That report be noted.
2. An increase in the annual precept equating to £1.67(12.8p per month) per Band D property, and £1.11 (4.8p per month) per Band A property.
3. The precept demand for the financial year 2020/21 is set at £446,935 or £85.85 per Band D equivalent property, and the Town Clerk notifies Knowsley MBC accordingly.
4. That the council’s budget statement reflects the achievements from the past year.

**104. CO-OPTION – MONITORING OFFICER**

Members’ received a report from the Town Manager and considered the content. The report advised Councillors of feedback concerning ‘declarations of interest’ that may be relevant at the Co-option Meeting scheduled for February 25th.

After a short discussion among Councillors,

**It was moved by Cllr C Rose** and **seconded by Cllr B Swann** and,

**RESOLVED:** that,

1. That the report be noted.
2. The guidance from the Monitoring Officer is accepted.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed ………………………. Date…………………….