

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 17th March 2022 (7.00 pm), at Hollies Hall, the following Members were:-

PRESENT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. K. Dalton (Mayor/Chairperson)

Cllr. B. Swann
Cllr. C. Rose
Cllr. S. Harvey
Cllr. F. Martin

Cllr. B. Dunn
Cllr. T. Lucock
Cllr. A. Hesford
Cllr. Y. Graves

Also in attendance:-

G. Allen - Town Manager.

S Edwardson – Democratic Services and Administration Officer.

Members of the Public - 9

111. APOLOGIES.

Cllr. D. Samuels

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr. Y Graves - Agenda Item 11.

Note:- Cllr. Y Graves, having declared an interest in this item took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

113. PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION.

The Chairperson welcomed Grounds Maintenance Lead for Halewood, Steve Jones, Development Manager from Knowsley MBC.

Mr Jones gave a verbal update on the Grounds Maintenance in and around Halewood and the costs involved. The topics Mr Jones discussed were:-

- Environmental Sustainability Service
- Green Space Strategy Development & Infrastructure
- Events & Activities in Green Spaces
- Arboriculture & Ecology
- Maintenance of Green Spaces
- Climate Change
- Design
- Grounds Maintenance

Mr Jones continued to explain the amount of areas that need to be updated on a weekly/monthly basis. They included:-

- 52 Parks
- 21 Woodlands
- 58 Playparks
- 2 Cemeteries
- 4 Churchyards
- 7 Centres for Learning
- 65 Natural Sports Pitches
- 10 All Weather Pitches
- 5 War Memorials
- 4 Bowling Greens

The Chairperson thanked Mr Jones for his welcome and informative presentation and invited questions from Members of the Council.

Councillors asked Mr Jones questions and thanked him for the work that he does, which is vital to our communities.

114. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were two questions asked at the meeting of the Council.

Before Mr. Tyrell submitted his questions to Council, the Chairperson apologised for Mr. Tyrell's treatment at the last Town Council Meeting.

Mr. Gerry Tyrell.

- Section 106
- Buses

Mr Eric McIntosh.

- Section 106
- Code of Conduct Policy and Standing Orders

115. MINUTES.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. A. Hesford and,

RESOLVED that,

- a. The minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council held on 10th February 2022, and 17th February 2022, with an amendment to the 10th February 2022 minutes, to remove Cllr. Y. Graves from attendance, be approved as correct records and signed by the Mayor.

116. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER.

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

1. Covid-19
2. Staffing
3. Co-option
4. Mayors Charity Night
5. Community Office – Hollies Hall
6. Council Workload
7. The Town Crier Newsletter
8. Imminent Meetings

RESOLVED:- That,

- a. The report be noted.

117. UPDATE FROM COUNCIL LEADER.

The Council Leader, Cllr. B. Swann gave a verbal report on issues appertaining to the Council.

- Section 106
- Bus Service

RESOLVED:- That,

- a. The report be noted.

118. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Members received a report from the Town Manager requesting approval of the Town Council's funding for the event. Cllr. T. Lucock expressed a particular view that it would be positive to see more community street parties on the actual day of the Platinum Jubilee, on 2nd June.

There was a discussion between Councillors on how they would like some of the events to be held and discussed other options for the events.

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

RESOLVED that,

- a. The report be noted.
- b. The proposals are approved with the potential funding for the free event scheduled for Sunday 5th June.

119. NOTICE OF MOTION.

The Town Manager presented a Notice of Motion, moved by Cllr. C. Rose and seconded by Cllr. F Martin, which asks for the flying of the “Rainbow Flag” in support of the LGBT Community and Pride month in June.

There was a debate amongst Councillors, after which an amendment was accepted by Cllr. C. Rose who had presented the motion to the council meeting. Following this,

It was **moved** by Cllr. C Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. S. Harvey and,

RESOLVED that,

- a. The report be noted.
- b. Approval be given to purchase and fly the “Rainbow Flag” in support of the LGBT Community and Pride month of June, utilising our spare flagpole, in conjunction with the Union Jack flag for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, which is also in June.

120. COMMUNITY GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS.

An application was received from Halewood Women’s Institute asking for a grant towards the cost of a specialist ladder and 50 new mugs to help to continue the upgrade of the W.I. building on Baileys Lane.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. T. Lucock and,

RESOLVED that,

- a. The report be noted.
- b. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972s. 145 a grant of £419.00 be awarded to Halewood Women’s Institute.

121. APPLICATIONS FOR FREE OR CONCESSIONARY USE OF FACILITIES.

The following application for concessionary hire of facilities were considered:-

Application	Venue	Date	Event	Full Hire Cost
Elite Ju-Jitsu	Arncliffe Centre	Friday 9 th July 2022 6pm - Midnight	Fundraiser	£90.00

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

RESOLVED:- that,

- a. The report be noted.

b. Free hire be given to Elite Ju-Jitsu on the date requested.

122. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Cllr. A. Hesford - Culturefest
Town Manager - LALC

123. CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr. B. Dunn updated Members of the Council in regard to a Planning Application No: 22/00066/TCAA. A mature tree in the conservation area in Halewood Village, that was leaning against the Bowling Club storage hut, has now been removed.

a) Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

Application No	Applicant	Location
22/00079/FUL	Mr Foster	108 Higher Road, Halewood
21/00097/FUL	Ms Emma Lee	126 Stirling Lane, Halewood
21/00831/FUL	SAMstudio	52 Arncliffe Road, Halewood
22/00098/FUL	Mr David Hinds	12 Ambassador Drive, Halewood

Cllr. B. Swann made a comment in regard to Planning Application No: 21/00831/FUL - SAMstudio. Cllr. Swann raised concerns about what type of Studio this might be, as it is in a residential area. It was agreed that the Town Manager is to enquire with KMBC.

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.

124. TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE FOR 2022/2023.

The Town Manager presented a report which outlines the details for three Insurance Companies. Member's direction was sought for the award of the contract.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. S. Harvey and,

RESOLVED:- that,

- a. The report be noted.
- b. Approval be given to award the contract to 'BHIB'.
- c. The Council enters a three-year contract.
- d. The Town Manager signs all necessary documentation required, to bring the policy into effect.

125. BT BROADBAND

The Town Manager gave a verbal report on an outstanding payment required for British Telecom. which was not cost effective to the Town Council. The Town Manager provided some context to this issue.

It was **moved** by Cllr. B. Dunn and **seconded** by Cllr. B Swann and,

RESOLVED:- that,

- a. Approval be given to the Mayor to authorise the payment to BT.

Meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Signed

Date