**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of the Special Town Council held on Thursday 2nd November 2017 (7.00 pm), at the Arncliffe Sports & Community Centre, Halewood, L25 9PA the following Members were:-

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Ms C Harris (Chairperson)

 Cllr. K Dalton Cllr A Harvey

 Cllr Miss C Rose Cllr. N Hogg

 Cllr Mrs A Farrell Cllr. I Hamilton

 Cllr. B Swann

**Also in attendance:-**

Mr. G MacKenzie, Town Manager

Members of the Public – 1

**96. APOLOGIES**

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

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

None

**98. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. McGuiness, informed the Members of the Town Council that he had submitted a supportive response to the KMBC consultation on the Governance of Town and Parish Councils. On behalf the Town Council, the Chairperson thanked Mr McGuiness.

**99. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Members of the Town Council considered their proposed response to the Borough Councils current consultation on Community Governance Review of Town and Parish Councils in the borough.

Following a full debate of all the issues, having regard to the significant questions as listed in the consultation document i.e. questions 5, 6 and 7, it was moved by Cllr. I Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. A Harvey and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Manager respond on behalf of the Members of Halewood Town Council in the following terms:

*Question 5*

That the number of Councillors sitting on Halewood Town Council was ‘just right’ and should remain at 12.

*Question 6*

That the number of Councillors allocated to each Ward applicable in 2019 (i.e. Halewood North and South, was ‘just right’. It was noted that the outcome of the CGR might alter these warding arrangements but the principle agreed was that there should remain 12 Elected Members of the Town Council.

*Question 7*

That the year in which ordinary elections of (Town) Councillors are to be held should remain unchanged. i.e. the next ordinary elections being held in 2019.

That the numbers of councillors to be elected to Halewood Town Council should be 12 as stated in the answer to question 5.

That recognising the historic and distinct community identities and interest, if acceptable parity of representation can be achieved within the overall number of Councillors (12), consideration should be given to the division of both Town Council wards of Halewood North and Halewood South into two Town Council wards as follows:

* Halewood South (Torrington) to include the Torrington Drive and New Hutte areas of the Ward, and
* Halewood South (Leathers) to include the remainder of the Ward, and
* Halewood North (Okell) to include the Okell Drive area of the Ward, and
* Halewood North (Arncliffe/Camberley) to include the remainder.

This will create 4 Town Council wards with the appropriate and proportionate number of Town Councillors being elected for each Ward which in aggregate would consist of 12.

That recognising that part of the Borough Council Halewood North Ward, (District XX) although ‘parished’ does not have the benefit of a Town/Parish Council, Members of Halewood Town Council would enthusiastically welcome, the extension of the Halewood Town Council boundary to include District xx should there be community support for such an extension.

 Meeting Closed at 8.00pm

Signed ....................................... Date ...............................................