**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 (6:00 pm), at The Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Arncliffe Road, Halewood, Liverpool L25 9PA, the following Members were:-

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Ms. C L Rose (Chairperson)

K Dalton A Harvey

S Ball N Hogg

Mrs. A Farrell D Perry

Ms. C Harris B Swann

I S Hamilton

**Also in attendance:-**

G MacKenzie, Town Manager

L Joyner, Administrator

J Kennedy, Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside

Chief Superintendent K Wellens, Merseyside Police

M Berry, Police & Crime Commission

Members of the Public – 5

**94. APOLOGIES**

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**96. PUBLIC FORUM**

Following Mr. G. Tyrell’s representation during the Open Forum of the Town Council meeting held on 15th September 2016, Mr. Tyrell expressed his disappointment that the Town Council had decided not to purchase a white poppy wreath for the Remembrance Day Service.

**97. MINUTES**

RESOLVED:- That, subject to the under-mentioned amendment, the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th October 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Minute 81 – Remembrance Day Service

Amend discussion of minute to read “*Cllr. Harvey proposed that a white poppy wreath be purchased, as raised by Mr. G Tyrrell during the public forum of the previous meeting”*

**98. PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION**

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside gave a presentation to the Town Council regarding the Police Forces Estate Strategy in as much as it related to the future of Halewood Police Station. The Commissioner advised that the initial strategy formulated approximately 2 years ago envisaged the establishment of a “Community Police Station” to be housed within a shared facility with a partner organisation. Work recently concluded by the Police indicates that the most cost effective option is to retain and refurbish Halewood Police Station. Subject to the Town Council’s views and community consultation this is now the forces preferred option, although the public counter at the station would remain closed as it has been for over 2 years.

In discussing the matter the Commissioner advised that in terms of deployment and response to emergencies this is now being arranged on a force wide basis and, with the removal of “force boundaries” would mean an improved service to the Township.

Members of the Council welcomed this news and endorsed the approach and offered assistance via the Town Manager in relation to future consultations within the Township.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm

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