

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 19th April 2018 (7.00 pm), at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Arncliffe Road, Halewood, the following Members were:-

PRESENT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. N Hogg (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)	
Cllr. K Dalton	Cllr. A Harvey
Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran	Cllr. Mrs. A Farrell
Cllr. Miss C Rose	Cllr. B Swann
Cllr. D Samuels	

Also in attendance:-

G MacKenzie, Town Manager
L Joyner – Senior Administrator
S Edwardson - Admin and Communications Officer
D Hooton – Support Officer
Members of the Public - 74

172. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted from Cllr. S Ball, Cllr. Ms. C Harris, Cllr. I Hamilton and Cllr. D Perry.

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. Mrs. E Finneran – Agenda Item 3 Public Forum (Shaping the Future of Knowsley's Parks)
Agenda Item 6 – Shaping the Future of Knowsley's Parks

174. PUBLIC FORUM

In accordance with Standing Orders the Chairperson invited three people from the public gallery to address the Council.

(1) Ms. D Corrie – Shaping the Future of Knowsley Parks

Ms. Corrie addressed the Council saying that after the March Town Council Meeting residents were left distraught by the Council's decision, and that residents meeting was held on 5th April 2018, which was attended by 120 residents. A petition containing the names of 1137 residents was delivered by Ms. Corrie to the Council. Ms Corrie read the petition to the Town Council.

"I the undersigned, being a resident of Halewood, demand that Halewood Town Council rescinds their decision made at the Town Council meeting of 15th March 2018, to conditionally surrender not only the three requested sites, but all of the land currently leased to them by Knowsley Borough Council and that no further decisions regarding the surrender of these leaseholds are made until a full and meaningful consultation encapsulating the "Gunning Principles" as set out by the Cabinet Office has taken place with the people of Halewood"

Ms. Corrie added that people are not happy and the Council should be ashamed of themselves. A question was asked by Ms. Corrie addressed to the Town Manager. This requested details of the clauses contained in the leases in respect of the responsibility for capital repairs. The Town Manager responded by indicating that, off the top of his head, the capital costs referred to such items as drainage, fences and pathways, and that a detailed schedule was available.

Ms. Corrie concluded her address to the Council by saying that “The Labour Councillors have not respected or listened to the people of Halewood and they should resign at the AGM”

(2) Mr. E Mackintosh – Planning Decisions

Mr. Mackintosh asked if Halewood Town Council made decisions on planning applications. The Chairperson responded and indicated that Knowsley Borough Council makes decisions on planning applications.

(3) Mr. A Harvey (Jnr) – Shaping the Future of Knowsley Parks

Mr. Harvey addressed the Council, he said “the green spaces are the future for our children and grandchildren”. He then proceeded to ask each Councillor if they were voted on to the Town Council or if they had been co-opted on to the Council.

Throughout the Public Forum there was significant disruption in the public gallery and the Chairperson warned that if this continued he would abandon the meeting.

175. MINUTES.

Cllr. A Harvey said that the Minutes of the meeting (15/3/18) were incorrect in that Cllr. C Harris had declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda and yet was seen to be in discussion with the Chairperson. Cllr. A Harvey also contended that Cllr. Hogg, who was in the Chair for this meeting, changed his voted.

Cllr. B Swann referred to the Members Code of Conduct and said this issue should be referred to the Monitoring Officer. He said Cllr. Harris was seen taking part in the meeting when the minutes of the meeting said that Cllr. Ms. Harris did not take part in the discussion on the item.

It was Moved by Cllr. Mrs. A Farrell and Seconded by Cllr. C Rose and

RESOLVED:- (a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 15th March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson subject to the following amendment.

Minute 165 – Shaping the Future for Knowsley’s Parks

Amend Record of Vote to read:- “For the conditional surrender” and “Against the conditional Surrender” within the table illustration the outcome of the voting.

176. TOWN MANAGER’S INFORMATION UPDATE

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

1. Communications link to the Arncliffe Sport and Community Centre
2. Doorstep Green
3. General Data Protection Regulations
4. Hollies Hall – Ice Machine
5. Hollies Playground
6. New Vicar instituted Rev. Martyn Woodford
7. Year End accounting arrangements and External Audit
8. Functions and Events Review
9. Support for Children and families
10. Dates for your diary.

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

Further disruption broke out with residents in the public gallery with reference to the Open Spaces and despite several warnings from the Chairperson that if the disruptive behaviour continued he would be forced to abandon the meeting; the behaviour did in fact not desist the Chairperson was left with no option but to abandon the meeting.

Meeting abandoned at 7.40 p.m.

Signed

Date