**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday 10th September 2020 (7.00 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 Y Graves Cllr D Samuels

 Cllr A Lucock

**Also in attendance:-**

G Allen – Town Manager

Members of the public – 1.

**39. APOLOGIES**

Cllr S Harvey

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

None.

**41. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no questions at Public Forum.

**42. MINUTES**

Agreed, subject to one minor typo on Page 7 noted by **Cllr Rose.** After which,

**It was unanimously RESOLVED:** That,

1. The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 6 August 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**43. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

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

1. Town Council response to the Covid-19 Crisis:
2. Staffing
3. Council Priorities
4. Co-option into Councillor Vacancies
5. Town Council Meeting on October 15th
6. Community Engagement Working Group
7. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
8. Imminent Meetings

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the report be noted.

**School Places in Halewood**

**Cllr Dunn** was granted permission to raise an emergency item prior to the meeting. This related concerns about the lack of school places for Halewood children into schools within the township. Cllr Dunn advised on the actions she has been undertaking recently to lobby on behalf of one family and to advise Knowsley MBC of the longer-term problems this dearth of places will mean for the township of Halewood.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Cllr Dunn’s comments be noted.
2. That an item on the potential lack of school places in the Halewood area is placed on the agenda for a future Town Council meeting

**44. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT**

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

The Town Manager advised on the legal requirement for the Town Council to provide an ‘accessibility statement’ which has been agreed and minuted at a formal council meeting. The statement was shared for approval as an appendix to the report.

**It was moved by Cllr K Dalton** and **seconded by Cllr T Lucock** and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted,
2. The Town Council logo on the statement is amended to a higher quality version.
3. That a member of staff also assesses the website to ensure it complies with the content of the statement

**45. THE ALLAN HARVEY CHRISTMAS FUND**

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

Councillors considered the proposal from the Town Manager and, after some discussion, reached a consensus on the creation of a project in honour of former Councillor Allan Harvey. There was also some discussion on the importance of bringing together the Community Engagement Working Group which has struggled to meet and process discussions for Christmas 2020.

**It was moved by Cllr K Dalton** and **seconded by Cllr C Rose** and,

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. The project is renamed the ‘Allan Harvey 2020 Christmas Grant’.
3. The grant is specifically for 2020, but will be debated at the 2021 budget setting exercise for its continuation in the future.
4. Funding for the grant will come from the allocation currently in reserves for the Annual Christmas Concert which will not happen in 2020 due to Covid-19 challenges. Funding for the grant will NOT come from the allocation currently within Community Grants.
5. Councillors will make efforts to be available for the Community Engagement Working Group to facilitate discussion on the detailed creation of the grant, and its promotion to the wider Halewood public.

**46. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

**Cllr K Dalton** reported on a recent online conference he had attended with the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network (CCIN). Cllr Dalton had made a contact who may be able to assist with setting up hybrid meetings for the Town Council.

**47. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

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| **Application Number** | **Applicant** | **Location** | **Details** |
| 20/00413/TEL | Telefonica UK Limited | Pavement Fronting Leathers Lane near To Junction With Roseheath Drive, HalewoodKnowsley | PRIOR APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 20M HIGH STREETWORKSCOLUMN SUPPORTING 6NO.ANTENNAS, 2NO. 0.3M DISHES AND ANCILLARYEQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH THE INSTALLATION OF 2NO. EQUIPMENTCABINETS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS |
| 20/00317/FUL | Mr Ian Adams | 52 Fernwood Drive Halewood Knowsley | NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT FOLLOWING THE GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION 18/00559/REM (APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS PURSUANT TO OUTLINE PLANNNING PERMISSION 15/00136/OUT - ERECTION OF 1NO DETACHEDDWELLING - APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR ACCESS, APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT, AND SCALE) TO ALLOW FOR AMENDMENT OF APPROVED PLANS |
| 20/00375/FUL | Mr & Mrs O'Brien | 11 Stokes Close Halewood Knowsley | ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO GARAGE TO FORM HABITABLE ROOM |
| 20/00412/FUL | Mrs Lyndsey Gynane | 242 Higher Road Halewood Knowsley | ERECTION OF FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH LOFT CONVERSION AND REAR DORMER |
| 20/00459/PDE | Miss Isabelle Stone | 73 Baileys Lane Halewood Knowsley | ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSIONMAXIMUM DEPTH FROM ORIGINAL REAR WALL: 4.95 METRESMAXIMUM HEIGHT: 3.99 METRESHEIGHT OF EAVES: 2.57 METRES |

Councillors discussed application number 20/00413 in detail. The council will object to the siting and unsightliness of the proposed mast. This letter will advise of the Town Council’s objection to the siting of the mast on the pavement in front of the Halewood shops. This is not deemed to be an appropriate site and will pose dangers for persons with restricted vision in particular. Councillors also noted the proposed size and height of the proposed mast which would be in the recognised centre of the Halewood community – such an ‘ugly’ feature of the same height as the Angel of the North (as noted by several councillors) would not be an aesthetically pleasing feature for Halewood. The objection would centre on the mast as not ‘fitting with the environment in which it is to be located’.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that,

1. That the planning applications be noted.
2. That the Town Council writes to Knowsley Council planning department regarding application number 20/00413 (5G Mast) objecting to the proposed site and the aesthetics of the mast.

Meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Signed ………………………. Date…………………….