

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 12th August 2021 (7.00 pm), at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, the following Members were present:

PRESENT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. K. Dalton (Mayor/Chairperson)

Cllr. B. Swann	Cllr. B. Dunn
Cllr. C. Rose	Cllr. T. Lucock
Cllr. A. Hesford	Cllr. F. Martin
Cllr. Y. Graves	

Also in attendance:-

G. Allen - Town Manager.

S Edwardson – Democratic Services and Administration Officer.

Members of the Public - 3

23. APOLOGIES.

Cllr. S. Harvey and Cllr. D. Samuels

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None.

25. MINUTES.

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

RESOLVED that,

- (i) The minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17th June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

26. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER.

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

1. Covid-19
2. Staffing
3. Arncliffe Centre Refurbishment
4. Town Council Funding Bids

5. Car Boot Sale
6. Annual Town Meeting
7. Town Council Insurance Claim
8. Best Kept Garden Competition 2021
9. Imminent Meetings

Cllr. Lucock, raised some concerns about the decision-making for the 'Best-kept Garden Competition.

The Town Manager also included in his update the Co-option of two Council seats on the Town Council, which will be looked at in Septembers Meeting.

The Town Manager shared information on two council funding bids, including the successful bid to secure funds from the 'Holiday Activities Fund' (HAF).

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) The report be noted.

27. HALEWOOD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The report of the Town Manager provided Members with an update on the Christmas Concert which is to be held at Halewood Academy on Tuesday 14th December and, sought approval of the level of the Town Council's financial sponsorship.

Councillors briefly discussed some ideas/competitions that children/residents could get involved with.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. Y. Graves and,

- RESOLVED:-**
- (a). That the report and the draft budget attached, be noted.
 - (b). That the proposal outlined is endorsed and the payment of the Town Council's contribution of £4,500 be approved.
 - (c) That a Christmas Concert Competition be endorsed.

28. ROLE OF THE 'COUNCIL LEADER' AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members received a report from the Town Manager and considered recommendations in establishing an Agenda item for the 'Council Leader' at Town Council Meetings.

A discussion amongst the Councillors took place and eventually a vote was requested on whether the Council wanted to have an item on the agenda for 'Council Leader Announcements' to start from the next meeting onwards.

Cllr. C. Rose proposed, to keep the agenda as it is without the item of ‘Council Leader’. The vote on Cllr Rose’ vote went as follows:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
3	4	1

Cllr. B Dunn proposed to add the item on the Agenda for the ‘Council Leader’.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
4	3	1

It was moved by Cllr. C. Rose and seconded by Cllr. F. Martin and,

RESOLVED that,

- (i) The report be noted.
- (ii) That an Agenda item titled ‘Announcements from the Council Leader’ be approved.

29. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES.

None

30. CORRESPONDENCE.

a) Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications were considered.

Application No	Applicant	Location	Comments
21/00444/FUL	Mr & Mrs Waller	22 Elder Place, Halewood, Liverpool	None
21/00437/CLD	Mr Robin Hulbert	4 Cresswell Close, Halewood, L26 6NB	None
21/00516/FUL	John Robinson	7 Wren Grove, Halewood L26 7WU	None
21/00246/CLD	L & DG Figueira	8 Tilstock Close, Halewood, Liverpool	None
21/00258/FUL	Mrs N Dickson	Valleyfield North End Lane, Halewood	None

21/00347/ADV	Miller Homes NW Ltd	Former RSPCA Site, Higher Road, Halewood	None
21/00422/ADV	Miller Homes NW Ltd	Former RSPCA Site, Higher Road, Halewood	None
21/00449/FUL	J Haggart	7 Kestrel Grove, Halewood, L26 7ZS	None
20/00394/FUL	Paul Williams	61 Crantock Close, Halewood	None
21/00466/FUL	Ms Kayte Kelley	96 Trispen Close, Halewood, L26 7YR	None
21/00491/FUL	Abbey Prestige Homes Ltd	Land at Junction of Gerrards Lane and North End Lane	None
21/00496/FUL	James & Carla Shacklady	15 Harrier Drive, Halewood, L26 7WQ	None
21/00512/TWA	Weston Park Management Company	Weston House Nursery, North End Lane, Halewood	None

Councillors discussed the planning permission of Application Number, 21/00491/FUL, which used to be 'Green Space'. Cllr. Hesford is pursuing to see if this site, still has 'Green Space' status, and will bring any news to Council. Further, Councillors requested the Town Manager seek information from Knowsley MBC Planning regarding this application.

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

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the Planning Applications be noted.
- (b) That the Town Manager write a letter to the Planning Office and bring information to the September meeting.

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.

31. SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.

The Town Manager presented a report to the members for consideration and to approve of a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy relating to the Town Council and coinciding with the operation of the 'Summer of Activities'.

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

RESOLVED:- that,

- (a) The Report be noted.
- (b) The Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy be approved subject to the minor amendments noted by Councillors.
- (c) For the Town Manager to clarify that there are no inconsistencies between this policy and the council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

32. STAFFING REPORT.

Members received a report from the Town Manager and considered recommendations. The Town Manager presented a detailed staffing report requesting endorsement of the proposal.

Councillors discussed the content of the report and varying options available. Cllr C Rose noted to Councillors that a secondment policy is lacking in the Town Council and that this should be addressed for all future internal staffing transfers.

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

RESOLVED:- that,

- (a) The report be noted.
- (b) The three recommendations contained within the report from the Town Manager are approved, with the exception of recommendation 2.3, which councillors agree to be a period of 5 years.
- (c) To add recommendation 2.5 and request the Town Manager explore using the 'Apprenticeship Recruitment' into the backfill arrangements for the vacant Support Officer post.

33. REPAIRS TO MUGA AT THE ARNCLIFFE CENTRE.

Members received an urgent report from the Town Manager for the repairs to a sink hole on the MUGA at the Arncliffe Centre.

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

RESOLVED: that,

- (a) The report be noted.
- (b) That the company, 'M.N. Badger Facilities Management' be appointed to carry out emergency repairs to the MUGA surface area at the Arncliffe Centre.

Meeting closed at 20.55pm.

Signed

Date