**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 18th November 2021 (6.30 pm), at Hollies Hall, Hollies Road, the following Members were:-

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. B. Dunn (Deputy Mayor/Chairperson)

Cllr. B. Swann Cllr. B. Dunn

Cllr. C. Rose Cllr. T. Lucock

 Cllr. D. Samuels Cllr. Y. Graves

Cllr. A. Hesford Cllr. F. Martin

**Also in attendance:-**

G. Allen - Town Manager.

S Edwardson – Democratic Services and Administration Officer.

Members of the Public - 10

**57. APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted from Cllr. K. Dalton and Cllr. S. Harvey.

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

None.

**59. PUBLIC FORUM.**

Residents were invited to ask questions to Liam Robinson, Transport Lead of the Office of the Metro Mayor, before his presentation.

Mr. G. Tyrell. – Raised concerns about the inaccessibility of the bus service in Halewood.

Ms S. Youds – Raised concerns about the No. 76 and 188 buses being taken from service.

Mr. M. Williams – Raised a question about the Guards dispute with Merseyrail.

Ms. C. Smith – Raised a question on air pollution issues in Knowsley.

Ms. J. Harvey – Raised concerns about upscaling Green Bus Routes.

Mr. E. McIntosh – Asked a question about developing an integrated transport system on Merseyside, including tramways. Also, the cost of fares across the Merseyside area.

Mr. L. Mitchell – Raised a question about the transport in Halewood and mentioned that Halewood is always on the back foot. Mr Mitchell also mentioned about additional housing being built in the area and transportation needs to be further investigated.

Mr. Robinson advised that he would pick up most of the issues directly in his presentation.

**60. PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION.**

Liam Robinson – Transport Lead, Office of the Metro Mayor, gave Members and Residents an informative presentation which majored on current and proposed investment in the rail and bus services across the city region and in particular their relevance to Halewood.

Liam Robinson discussed the following items in his presentation: -

* Cross City routes in Halewood.
* Decarbonisation.
* Funding.
* De-regulating buses.
* Rail Network.

Councillors had a discussion with Mr Robinson, after the Presentation, regarding their own questions and thoughts concerning transportation in the Halewood area.

The Deputy-Mayor, and Members of the Council, thanked Cllr. Robinson for his attendance and his presentation.

**61. MINUTES.**

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

RESOLVED that,

1. The minutes of the Town Council Meeting of 21st October 2021, be deferred to the next Town Council Meeting as Minute 47-51 had been misplaced.
2. The minutes of the Policy & Finance Meeting held on 6th July 2021

be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**62. ANNOUNCMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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

1. Covid-19
2. Staffing
3. Town Council Activities Mailshot
4. Arncliffe Community Room
5. Christmas
6. Remembrance Sunday 2021
7. Festive Lightning Switch-On
8. Festive Lighting One-Off Costs
9. Imminent Meetings

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**63. UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL LEADER.**

 The Council Leader, Cllr. Bob Swann, gave a verbal report on issues appertaining to the

 Council.

**RESOLVED:-** That,

1. The report be noted.

**64. CO-OPTION.**

The report of the Town Manager requested that Members give direction by either approving, or not, the proposed process to fill the two vacancies for each vacancy in Halewood North and South Wards.

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

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

(ii) That the process to fill the two vacancies in the North and South Ward starts is agreed and should follow the timeline recommended by the Town Manager.

**65. COMMUNITY GRANTS.**

 This report outlines for Members’ attention, applications for Community Grants.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. D. Samuels and,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. That approval be given to the following applicants:-

Applicant Purpose Amount

St John Vianney Seasonal Goods (Hampers) £500.00

Halewood Comm. Spirit Annual Santa Crusade £500.00

Paul Burke Provision of Food Hampers £500.00

Councillors considered the community grant application from Halewood Youth in Community Centre on behalf of a local group, ‘Halewood Voice’. After some discussion Councillors moved a resolution to reject this application on this occasion, but to request the organisation submit a further application for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

An amendment to defer the application and requesting some further information from Halewood Youth in Community Centre was proposed by **Cllr C Rose**. She further suggested the decision on approving an amended grant could be made by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. This was put to a vote of Councillors, and **Cllr C Rose** requested a recorded vote. The amendment was rejected, and the proposal to reject the application subject to resubmission was approved with the votes of Councillors as follows:

RECORD OF VOTE

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| **For the amendment to defer the application** | **Abstaining** | **Against the amendment, and in favour of rejecting the application (subject to resubmission)**  |
| Cllr F MartinCllr C RoseCllr D Samuels | Cllr. B Dunn | Cllr. B SwannCllr. T LucockCllr. Y GravesCllr. A Hesford |

**66. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE.**

 This report outlines for Members’ attention, applications for concessionary or free use

 of the Arncliffe Sports & Community Centre or Hollies Road.

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

**RESOLVED:-** that,

1. Free use be given to ‘University of the Third Age’ on Friday 10th December 2021 at the Arncliffe Sports & Community Centre at the full hire cost of £60.00.

**67. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES.**

The Town Manageradvised that the AGM of LALC will take place on Saturday 20th November.

**68. CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications were considered.

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| Application No | Applicant | Location | Comments |
| 21/00771/FUL | Mr James Ross | 11 Woodend Avenue, Halewood. | None |
| 21/00808/FUL | Mrs Victoria McNally | 14 Talland Close, Halewood.  | None |
| 21/00740/FUL | Mr K McDougall | 75 Beechwood Avenue, Halewood. | None |
| 21/00779/FUL | Mr Simon Lodge | 6 Cherrywood Avenue, Halewood. | None |
| 21/00787/FUL | Countryside Properties | Site of Former Bridgefield, Cartbridge Lane, Halewood. | None |
| 21/00717/FUL | Leigh Ainsworth | 73 Rutland Avenue, Halewood.  | None |
| 21/00750/CLD | Constance Care & Consultancy. | 186 Mackets Lane, Halewood. | None |

It was **moved** by Cllr. D. Samuels and **seconded** by Cllr. B. Swann and,

RESOLVED:- that

1. The Planning Applications be noted.
2. The Town Manager writes to object to Countryside Properties amending the volume of the compensatory flood storage area.

***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.*

**69. STAFFING REPORT.**

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

Councillors discussed the content of the report and varying options available.

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

**RESOLVED:-** that,

(a) The report be noted, subject to the minor clarifications shared by several Councillors.

(b) The six recommendations contained within the report from the Town Manager are

 approved.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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