**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 27th January 2022 (7.00 pm), at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, the following Members were present:

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. K. Dalton (Mayor/Chairperson)

Cllr. B. Swann Cllr. C. Rose

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

**81. APOLOGIES.**

Cllr. T. Lucock, Cllr. B. Dunn, Cllr. Y. Graves, Cllr. D. Samuels and Cllr. S. Harvey.

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

None

**83. PUBLIC FORUM.**

There were three questions asked at the meeting of the Council.

Mrs. D. Corrie. – Gave feedback on the Christmas event that was held over the Christmas period. She also thanked Cllr. K. Dalton for the grant of £200 from the Mayors Charity Account.

Mr. G. Tyrell. – Mr. Tyrell requested the Town Council support a campaign to reinstate the right for our children to attend 6th form in Halewood.

Cllr. K. Dalton replied to Mr. Tyrell, that unfortunately education is not within the Town Council’s remit, but the Council will support the campaign where possible.

Mrs. A. Caine. – Spoke to the Town Council about a Planning Application which is on the Town Council Agenda for tonight. Mrs Caine informed the Council that the building work has already started, and the Planning Application hasn’t been approved.

**84. MINUTES.**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council.

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

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th December 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**85. ANNOUNCMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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

1. Covid-19
2. Staffing
3. Co-Option
4. Councillors Away Day – 15th December 2021
5. Mayor’s Charity Activities
6. Unite Union – Advising on Strike Ballot
7. Knowsley Borough of Culture
8. Arncliffe Refurbishment
9. Imminent Meetings

**RESOLVED:**- That,

1. The report be noted.

**86. UPDATE FROM COUNCIL LEADER.**

The Council Leader, Cllr. B. Swann gave a verbal report on issues appertaining to the Council – KMBC, Volair and Education

**RESOLVED:-** That,

1. The report be noted.

**87. REQUEST TO SITE ‘OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT SCULPTURES (KNOWSLEY BOROUGH OF CULTURE).**

The Town Manager presented a report to seek approval to site sculptures of the ‘Owl and the Pussycat’ on Town Council land, as part of the activities for the 2022 Knowsley Borough of Culture programme.

It was **moved** by Cllr. B. Swann and **seconded** by Cllr. A. Hesford and,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. That the sculptures be sited on Hollies Field adjacent to Church Road, at the discretion of the Town Council.

**88. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY GRANTS SYSTEM & PROPOSALS FOR 2022/2023.**

Members received a report from the Town Manager to seek approval to create a new process and Grant Form for Halewood Town Council Community Grants system.

A discussion took place between the Councillors and the Town Manager and, several comments were made.

It was **moved** by Cllr. B. Swann and **seconded** by Cllr. F. Martin and,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. Review the current format with the current system, but reformatted for groups and individuals, and not bring in a new grant form.
3. That the Community Grant decision making discussions, take place at every Town Council Meeting within the annual calendar of Meetings.
4. To defer the Community Grant form to the next Town Council Meeting.
5. To reduce the community Grants budget and develop a plan around funding support to the provision of Christmas Hampers.

**89. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**.

To receive a report from the Town Manager that provides Councillors with a comprehensive list of all council spending between 1st October and 31st December 2021.

Several discussions took place between the Councillors.

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

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. Approval be given to the spending as detailed in the appendix.

**90. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY USE.**

None.

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

To receive any verbal reports from the Town Manager and/or members present, who have attended conference or representative bodies on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr. B. Swann – Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

Town Manager – LALC – Advised on the retirement of Marion Gelder.

**92. CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications were considered.

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| Application No | Applicant | Location | Comments |
| 21/00928/FUL | Plus Dane Housing | 1-8 Ashford Close, Halewood | None |
| 21/00940/TWA | Mrs Tara Davin | 2 Cherrywood Avenue, Halewood. | None |
| 21/00944/FUL | Mrs Sheryl Curran | Sunnyside Cottage, Tarbock Green, Halewood. | None |
| 21/00864/FUL | Mr Baris Coskuncay | 9 Baileys Lane, Halewood | None |
| 22/00011/FUL | Mrs Dorothy Graham | 12 Shycamore Avenue, Halewood. | None |
| 22/00009/FUL | Mr David Hughes | Newpale Farm, Whitefield Lane, Halewood. | None |
| 22/00005/FUL | Cowley | 42 Stanford Crescent, Halewood. | None |

Planning Application Number 21/00864/FUL - The Town Manager to contact Knowsley Borough Council that building work is already being carried out at 9 Baileys Lane, Halewood, without planning permission.

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

**RESOLVED:-** That;

1. The planning applications be noted.
2. The Town Manager contact Knowsley Borough Council regarding Planning Application Number 21/00864/FUL.

**Exempt Item.**

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.

**93. BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT.**

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

It was **moved** by Cllr. B. Swann and **seconded** by Cllr. F. Martin and,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. The Precept amount agreed for each household be increased.

**94. STAFFING REPORT.**

The Town Manager presented a report on the update of staffing issues and developments and requested the approval of several recommendations.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. A. Hesford and,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be noted.
2. Approval be given for the Job Roles with the proposed salary enhancements and timescales.
3. Approval be given to the temporary appointments of 1.2 full-time staff to backfill the new job roles within the Council.

**95.** **ARNCLIFFE REFURBISHMENT.**

The Town Manager presented a report for members’ approval of two decisions related to the development of plans for the refurbishment of the Arncliffe Centre. The report had not been shared with Councillors prior to the meeting but the Mayor had agreed it could be tabled for discussion/agreement.

There was a discussion between Councillors.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose and **seconded** by Cllr. A. Hesford and,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. The report be deferred until a future meeting to allow the information to be properly assessed by Councillors (subsequent to this decision, a Special Meeting was scheduled for 10th February).

Meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

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