**HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, 16th March 2023 (7.00 pm), at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, the following Members were:-

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. B. Dunn (Mayor/Chairperson)

Cllr. C. Rose Cllr. F. Martin

Cllr. A. Hesford Cllr. J. Harvey

Cllr. Y. Graves

**Also in attendance:-**

G. Allen - Town Clerk.

S. Edwardson – Democratic Services and Administration Officer.

Members of the Public - 2

**112. APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted from Cllr. S. Harvey and Cllr. D. Samuels

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

Cllr. J Harvey - Agenda Item 10 - Planning

Barbara Dunn – Agenda Item 10 - Planning

**114. PUBLIC FORUM.**

Vicki Berry:- Raised the question ‘Can Halewood request Village Green Status with Knowlsey Metropolitan Borough Council with reference to a meeting the Town Council had in June 2019, and a follow up meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on 10th May 2018. Has anything been done, if not, why not?

Town Clerk:- We did take this forward for discussion with Knowsley MBC, regarding village green status, the view from that was that Halewood town council, wasn’t the type of organisation that could take forward such a request. We looked at taking this forward as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. I had a conversation with former Councillor Bob Swann at the time, who was going to develop a group out of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, who would take forward the request for Village Green Status. The answer to the question is, yes, we did make the queries, and certainly made that through some of the meetings we had with Knowsley MBC over a couple of years. Some of the advice they gave to us wasn’t really for us as a Town Council, to lobby for Village Green Status and Bob Swann was part of those meetings.

We did make progress with this, but it hasn’t got any further. This cannot be done before Purdah, as it is only a week away and it a difficult proposition.

Cllr. J. Harvey:- Are we saying that the Town Council can’t get Village Green Status?

Town Clerk:- Formally yes, that’s what I was advised, it shouldn’t be an entity like the Town Council applying for Village Green Status. I think that what I’m saying is that I did everything that was needed to do as Town Clerk, and quite rightly put that into the hands of some of our politicians, who then essentially did not take it any further.

**115. MINUTES.**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Council meetings listed below:-

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

**RESOLVED** that,

1. the minutes of the Policy & Finance Meeting held on 31st January 2023,
2. the minutes of the Interim Personnel Committee held on 14th February 2023,
3. the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 16th February 2023,
4. the minutes of the Interim Personnel Committee held on 7th March 2023

to record a change to the Policy & Finance Meeting to include Cllr. Y. Graves as a present Councillor. The above was then approved as true and correct records and be signed by the Chairperson.

**116. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK.**

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

1. Levelling Up
2. Grounds Maintenance
3. Purdah Guidance
4. Election Information
5. Arncliffe Refurbishment
6. Personnel Committee
7. Task & Finish Group on Bars/Functions
8. Imminent Meetings

**RESOLVED:-** that

1. the Town Manager’s verbal report be noted.

**117. REGISTER OF ASSETS – WRITE-OFF.**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk and were asked to consider the recommendations.

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

It was **moved** by Cllr. Y. Graves, **seconded** by Cllr. A. Hesford and, all agreed.

**RESOLVED** that,

1. the report be noted
2. Members authorised the ‘write-off’ items listed in appendix 1.

**118. INTERREGNUM COMMITTEE.**

The Town Clerk presented a verbal report to Members to consider recommendations.

It was **moved** by Cllr. C. Rose, **seconded** by Cllr. J. Harvey and all agreed,

**RESOLVED** that,

1. the report be noted.
2. Members agreed that if the Town Council needed to meet for any important items of business, then a Special Meeting should be summoned as the Council already have powers to do this but should be mindful around the rules of Purdah.

**119. HALEWOOD COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND - APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk gave members direction on the applications received for the Community Grants Fund.

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| Application No | Applicant | Purpose of Application | Amount Requested | Proposed Grant Award |
| 22/23 - 12 | Halewood Park Volunteers | Enhance Bird Feeding Stations | £500.00 | £350.00 |
| 22/23 – 13 | South Liverpool Diamonds Majorettes | Day-to-Day support | £500.00 | £200.00 |

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

**RESOLVED** that,

1. the report be noted.
2. In accordance with the local Government Act 1972 s.145 a grant of £350.00 be awarded to Halewood Park Volunteers.

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

**RESOLVED** that,

1. the report be noted.
2. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s.145 a grant of £200.00 be awarded to South Liverpool Diamonds Majorettes.

Cllr. C. Rose and Cllr. J. Harvey advised that our Community Development Team offer support to South Liverpool Diamonds Majorettes to advertise their organisation so as to reach out to the Halewood community to make this more visible and hopefully boost the numbers from Halewood.

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

To receive any verbal reports from the Town Clerk and/or Members present who have attended conferences or representative bodies on behalf of the Town Council.

Town Clerk – Culturefest – Programme for June is well underway and has been well organised. They have received funding from Knowsley Culture, and as in previous years Halewood Town Council is offering our support.

**121. CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

Note:- Cllr. B. Dunn and Cllr. J Harvey, having declared an interest in this item, left the room and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

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| Application Number | Applicant | Details |
| 23/00057/PDE | Mrs Deborah Burke  28 Pendleton Green, Halewood. | Erection of Single Storey rear extension |
| 22/00504/FUL | Mrs Stephanie Greenland  3 Goldfinch Close, Halewood. | Erection of single storey rear extension and high fence to side boundary |
| 22/00009/OUT | Mr. Mike Leary  The Bungalow, Foxhill Lane, Halewood | Demolition of existing bungalow, barn and part demolition of Foxhill Farmhouse. The erection of 3No. dwellings and renovation of existing 2No. dwellings including landscaping. |
| 22/00059/FUL | Mr. Jack Child  14 Chevasse Walk, Halewood | Erection of single storey rear and side extension. |
| 22/00026/FUL | Ms Karen Jones  3 Stokes Close, Halewood | Erection of single storey rear and side extension. |
| 22/00074/FUL | GB Architecture  258 Higher Road, Halewood | Erection of 2No. outbuildings to rear garden area. |
| 23/00052/FUL | Mr David Thompson  33 Heron Court, Halewood | Erection of single storey rear and side extension |
| 23/00060/FUL | Mrs Eva Daly  51 Grassington Crescent, Halewood. | Erection of single storey side extension |

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

On closing the meeting, the Chairperson, Cllr. B. Dunn, thanked all the Councillors for taking part during the past year, for their contribution and their enthusiasm. She also thanked the Town Council staff who have given everything they can, to be supportive and we are really grateful for their efforts this year. And to Gerry Allen, our Town Clerk, who has put everything he’s got into his work and has gone above and beyond. I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for your contribution. Thanks also to our Public Forum who attended on a regular basis because without these people we wouldn’t be able to take onboard the communities comments.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

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