

## **HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009, the following members were

PRESENT  
COUNCILLORS

Mrs. S Powell (Chairman)

Mrs. D Birch

H Birch

T Fearn

N Hogg

Mrs. S Moretta

T Powell

Mrs. S Smith

D Smithson

R Swann

Also in attendance:

J Green, Town Manager

L Joyner, Senior Administrator

Members of the Public - 2

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. Ms. C Harris and Cllr. Mrs. S J Smithson.

### **195. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Cllr. Mrs. D Birch	Agenda item 15(a) & 15(b) Planning Decisions/Applications
Cllr. H Birch	Agenda item 15(a) & 15(b) Planning Decisions/Applications
Cllr. N Hogg	Agenda item 15(a) & 15(b) Planning Decisions/Applications
Cllr. T Fearn	Agenda item 15(a) & 15(b) Planning Decisions/Applications
Cllr. D Smithson	Agenda item 15(a) & 15(b) Planning Decisions/Applications

### **196. PUBLIC FORUM**

Elwyn Drive

Mrs. M Casey and Mrs. P Hawkes addressed the Council about the problem of dog fouling in Elwyn Drive and Elwyn Gardens and reported that a small pony was being exercised in Elwyn Gardens.

Cllr. S Powell indicated that she was in agreement and that dog fouling was a problem in the area. The residents were thanked for their attendance and it was indicated that the Town Council would follow up this complaint with the Borough Council.

### **197. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009, be approved as a correct record.

### **198. TOWN MANAGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE**

The Town Manager circulated a report on recent issues appertaining to the Town Council and gave an update on the undermentioned items:-

- (i) Speed Detection Devices
- (ii) Annual Report 2008-2009
- (iii) GP/Pharmacy - Contribution towards car park repair Hollies.
- (iv) 2008-2009 Pay Award – Settlement by ACAS

- (v) Play Pathfinder – Invitation to opening ceremony.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes).

### **199. RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2009-2010**

The Committee was asked to consider the formal re-appointment of Mr. Ken Johnson as the Internal Auditor to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes)

(ii) that Mr. Johnson be re-appointed as the Internal Auditor to the Town Council for the financial year 2009-2010.

### **200. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS 2009-2010**

The Committee was asked to consider the proposed closedown for the Town Council facilities over the festive period Christmas and New Year 2009-10. (A copy of the Town Manager's report is filed with the minutes).

RESOLVED: (i) that the closedown for the festive period 2009/10 as outlined in the report, using a mixture of enforced building closure, bank holidays staff's own leave entitlement, be approved.

(ii) that the Town Councils facilities re-open after the festive period on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

(iii) that each years closedown be reviewed on an annual basis, subject to a report to the Council, early in each calendar year for members consideration.

### **201. INCREASE IN BAR TARIFF PRICES FOR 2009-10**

A report recommending price increases for a selection of bar products was considered by the Committee. It was noted that the proposed increases where necessary in order to maintain current profit margins following increases by the Brewery.

RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes).

(ii) that the increase in bar tariff prices, for the items indicated in the report, be approved with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

### **202. REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONARY USE/GRANTS**

#### (i) St. Nicholas Church Building Fund

A request for concessionary hire of Hollies Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009, to hold fund raising events, was considered.

Cllr. Mrs. S Smith gave information about the St. Nicholas Building Fund in response to questions raised by members.

#### (ii) Knowsley MBC – Dallas Cup Squad 2009

A letter was received from Knowsley MBC seeking sponsorship of Sports Bags which would display the Town Council logo. It was noted that one resident from Halewood was in this year's squad, and was one of two members, honoured by the Town Council in 2008.

- RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes)
- (ii) that free use of Hollies Hall be approved, for the dates requested.
- (iii) that a representative from St. Nicholas Building Fund group be invited to address a future meeting of the Council.
- (iv) that a donation of £100 towards personal expenses, be awarded to the Dallas Cup squad member, from Halewood.

### **203. TOWNSHIP FLORAL DISPLAYS**

The Town Manager provided two quotations for the supply of Summer and Winter floral displays.

- RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted. (a copy of the report is filed with the minutes)
- (ii) that the lowest quotation from Buckels Nursery Limited, at a cost of £1,944.65, be accepted.

### **204. HALEWOOD TOWN F.C. SPONSORSHIP – 2009-2010 (Min. General Purposes Comm. 05.03.09. refers)**

The Committee considered a request from Halewood Town F.C. for sponsorship towards the cost of kit wear for the 2009-10 football season.

- RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted. (a copy of the report is filed with the minutes)
- (ii) that the Town Council agree to continue the sponsorship for 2009-10, at a cost of £600 plus VAT, and allocated from the advertising budget.

### **205. VISIT BY BALLINASLOE – APRIL 2009**

It was reported that Ballinasloe Town Council have decided not to enter into a twinning arrangement at the present time, in view of the current economic situation, and other twinning commitments. It was noted that Ballinasloe Town Council have indicated that if the economic situation improves then they will reconsider this request.

- RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted. (a copy of the report is filed with the minutes)
- (ii) that two gifts be purchased for the Football Team and the Civic leaders in preparation for the visit by Ballinasloe to Halewood in April.
- (iii) that the time of Town Council and Youth Council meetings scheduled to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009, be brought forward to allow members to attend the presentation evening at the Arncliffe Centre.

### **206. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED: that the schedule of accounts amounting to £7,443.99 be approved for payment.

### **207. REPORTS OF CONFERENCES/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

No reports received.

## 208. CORRESPONDENCE

**Note:** Cllr. Mrs. D Birch, Cllr. H Birch, Cllr. T Fearn, Cllr. N Hogg, Cllr. D Smithson, having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of agenda item 15(a) Planning Decisions and 15(b) Planning Applications.

### **(a) KMBC - Planning Decisions**

RESOLVED: (i) that the list of planning decisions, up to week ending 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009, be noted.

(ii) that further information be requested on the following:-

Application: 05/00174/FUL Royal Mail

Proposal: Erection of Pouch Boxes Decision: Withdrawn application

### **(b) KMBC - Planning Applications**

RESOLVED: that the planning applications for the period up to week ending 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009, were considered. It was noted that there were no planning applications for week ending 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....