

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 16th July 2009, the following members were

PRESENT COUNCILLORS

Cllr S.Moretta (Chairman)

Mrs D.Birch	T.Powell
H.Birch	Mrs S.Smithson
T Fearn	D.Smithson
Mrs S.Powell	Ms.C.Harris
N.Hogg	Mrs S.Smith
R.Swann	

Also in attendance:

J Green, Town Manager

J.Clark, Arncliffe Centre Deputy Manager

Members of the Public – 10

APOLOGIES

As all Town Councillors were in attendance, there were no recorded apologies.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Cllr. Mrs. D Birch	Agenda items 18a – 18d - Planning Applications/Decisions
Cllr. H Birch	Agenda items 18a – 18d - Planning Applications/Decisions
Cllr. T Fearn	Agenda item 6 – Consultation Exercise – Proposed Torrington Playground Agenda item 7 – 2009 Away Day
Cllr N.Hogg	Agenda items 18a – 18d - Planning Applications/Decisions Agenda item 11 – Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability (SHLAA)
Cllr Ms C.Harris	Agenda items 18a – 18d - Planning Applications/Decisions Agenda item 16 – Schedule of Payments

35. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms Dawn Corrie spoke on behalf the “PACT” group from the Torrington Drive area. She stated that although the majority of the people did vote for the “Option 1”. The reason given was that according to the people who voted this way, that the rest area appeared different on the other two options. However, the people were also in agreement with “Option 3”, which has been stated as the preferred option of the Halewood Youth in the Community Club Management Committee. It was also asked whether there would be a decision on the allocation of the money tonight? The Chairman thanked Dawn for her address, and said that the first main report on the agenda would make the situation clearer.

36. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the undermentioned meetings be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

- a) Town Council Meeting -4th June 2009

37. TOWN MANAGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE

The Town Manager gave an update on the following items.

- (i) NALC Youth Study Booklet.
- (ii) Power of Well-Being – AQA supplementary submission.
- (iii) Power of Well-Being – Additional Training.
- (iv) Presentation to Year 8 pupils – Halewood College.
- (v) Barclays 4 Sport – Replacement signage.
- (vi) Pitch Maintenance – KMBC

The Chairman expressed great satisfaction at the inclusion of this Council as one of the six “study cases” in the NALC Youth Study Booklet.

RESOLVED:- that the report be noted.

38. CONSULTATION EXERCISE – PROPOSED TORRINGTON DRIVE PLAYGROUND

Note: Cllr T.Fearns, having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of minute 38, and 39, did not take part in any debate, nor any subsequent voting.

The Town Manager reported the results of the consultation exercise, and offered options for Members to consider. In addition, the Management Committee of the Halewood Youth in the Community Club had also provided a letter (contained in the agenda), which stated their preferred option.

Councillor D.Smithson thanked Ms Dawn Corrie for her public forum item, and explained the details of “Option A”, and the relevance of how it was discussed at the recent Away Day. A potential fourth option was discussed at the Away Day, but it was felt that this would have added a further un-necessary delay to the whole process. Councillor N.Hogg, interjected at this point, and offered his agreement with this summary. Councillor D.Smithson then continued, and stated that in his opinion, “Option 3”, “ticked all the boxes”, although members of his group would receive a free vote tonight. He added that because of the involvement of public money, that the project should be managed by the Town Council.

The Town Manager added that in discussions with the Halewood Youth in the Community Club Manager, arrangements could be made to allow the community to open up the playground at times when the Centre itself was not open, based upon opening times currently enjoyed at other playgrounds in the Township.

Upon a vote being taken, all members present within the room, voted in favour of “Option 3”.

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

(b) that the results of the consultation exercise be noted.

(c) Note the preferred option as a result of the consultation exercise.

(d).Note the preferred option of the Halewood Youth in the Community Club Management Committee.

(e). That “Option 3” be pursued, and that the Town Manager, working in conjunction with the Halewood Youth in the Community Club Manager, seek at least three quotations by tender on this option, with the results being brought back to the September meeting of the Town Council.

39. 2009 AWAY DAY

The Town Manager reported upon the recent Away day for Members, held in the Arncliffe Centre on Saturday 20 June 2009..

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

(b) that the briefing noted attached to the report be agreed.

(c) that the necessary actions should take place on each of the topics listed within the briefing notes.

40. UPGRADED CCTV – ARNCLIFFE & HOLLIES CENTRES

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager concerning the recommended upgrade of the CCTV recording method at both Town Council establishments.

Discussion centred on the advancement of technologies, and the possibility that a reserve be created in the future for covering such eventualities. Some concern was raised regarding potential inflexibility in the longer term, should the Town Council further commit to a link with the Borough Council with the new technology. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to investigate independent options for such a service provision, as well as the solution contained in tonight's report. Therefore it was suggested that any decision would be deferred for a period of two months.

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

(ii) that the Town Manager investigate alternative options of using independent CCTV monitoring systems other than the Borough Council, and report back to the September meeting of the Town Council.

41. POWER OF WELL BEING – UPDATE

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager regarding the process being undertaken to become compliant with the criteria in order to use the Power of Well-Being. The certificates were also distributed to those Town Councillors who undertook the recent Power of Well Being training provided by the LALC.

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

(ii) approve the Town Manager undertaking the additional training module.

(iii) request that the Town Manager seek to organise training for at least one of the remaining councillors still to undertake the training.

(iv). that the attached "Statement of Intent as to Community Involvement" be noted, and that Members be asked to feedback comments to the Town Manager.

(v). Receive a further report in the near future, once the Town Council are ready to become fully compliant.

42. NALC LOCAL COUNCIL AWARDS 2009

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager regarding the announced categories for the NALC 2009 Awards. It was noted that the Town Council could not submit an entry for the "Council of the Year" in 2009, having been prevented by the fact that the same category was won in 2008. In addition, it was also noted that

“Annual Report of the Year” award had now been abolished, in which the Town Council had traditionally done well over the last four years.

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

(ii) that the respective political Group Leaders liaise with the Town Manager in order to suggest a nomination for the category of “Council Worker of the Year”.

43. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT “STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASESMENT” (SHLAA).

Note: Cllr N.Hogg, having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of minute 43, did not take part in any debate regarding this agenda item.

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager regarding the draft document received from Knowsley MBC.

The Members present thanked the Town Manager for reducing such a large report into one of manageable proportions. There were no direct comments from the Members present regarding the suggested land contained within the report, such as the former Bridgefield Forum site. It was however felt that the Town Council should do their best to assist the Planning Authority by identifying land that may be considered for housing land. The Town Manager had identified three current pieces of land, which are all held by the Town Council under current lease. These are at Knowl Hey Road, Old Hutte Lane, and Penmann Crescent. Councillor R.Swann added that there could be some thinning of the woodland area on the Old Hutte site to accommodate any development, with there still being a retention of woodland in some part of the site.

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

(ii) that the Town Council have no observations to offer on the land contained within the report provided by the Planning Authority.

(iii) that the Town Council forward to the Planning Authority the following pieces of land identified, for consideration towards housing needs.

- Knowl Hey Road
- Old Hutte Lane
- Penmann Crescent

44. 2009 CULTUREFEST UPDATE

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager regarding estimated net expenditure incurred for the 2009 Culturefest.

The Town Manager remarked that in the absence of any grant received by the Working Group for the Culturefest, that the Town Council had borne the overall cost of staging this year’s events. An updated estimated net expenditure of £3,112.37 was then reported for the week’s events.

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

(ii). that the Town Manager arrange to write to all the participating voluntary and community bodies involved in this year’s Culturefest, thanking them on behalf of the Town Council for their involvement in making it such a success.

45. FOOTBALL PITCH APPLICATIONS 2009-2010

Applications for football pitches for the 2009-2010 season were considered. All of the teams have met the Town Council's criteria of having at least six registered players living in Halewood.

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

(ii) that the applications be allocated as follows:

Saturday

Pitch 1 Week 1 Old Holts FC
Pitch 1 Week 2 Halewood Town FC
Pitch 2 Week 1 South Liverpool FC
Pitch 2 Week 2 Old Holt Reserves FC

Sunday

Pitch 1 Week 1 English Rose FC
Pitch 1 Week 2 Halewood Derby Arms (Kingsthorpe) FC
Pitch 2 Week 1 Halewood Athletic FC

46. COMMUNITY CHEST FUND APPLICATIONS – JUNE 2008

Application No. 2009-10/4 – Good Companions Club

A grant of £622 was requested from the above, to undertake an educational trip for the membership to Llandudno. It was noted that there was no financial contribution from any other source within the body of the application, and that officers from both the Borough Council, (who helped prepare this application), and at the Town Council offer assistance in the future when groups/organisations are writing grant applications.

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

(ii) that in accordance with Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, a grant of £568 be awarded to Halewood Good Companions Club.

47. FEASIBILITY STUDY – ANIMAL AID'S COMPASSIONATE CHARTER

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager regarding the "Compassionate Charter" forwarded to the Town council by Animal Aid.

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

(ii) agree to the suggested actions contained within the report on how the Town Council may address issues contained with the "Compassionate Charter".

(iii) agree that the Town Manager write to Animal Aid outlining how the Town Council may adopt issues contained within their "Compassionate Charter".

48. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Note: Cllr Ms C.Harris, having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of minute 48, did not take part in any debate regarding this agenda item.

RESOLVED:- (i) that the schedule of payments on the interim schedule dated 20 June 2009, amounting to **£18,724.50** be approved for payment.

(ii) that the latest schedule of payments amounting to £ 14,527.30 be approved for payment.

49. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCE/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Cllr T.Powell gave a brief report on the recent Area Partnership Board meeting, which included discussions on the following subjects:- Terms of Reference for the Board, Presentation from Rupert Casey, Re-cycling food service, Refuse Collection Award for KMBC, Dog Fouling, Heart Disease, & Diabetes sufferers service provision.

50. CORRESPONDENCE

Note: Cllr. Mrs. D Birch, Cllr. H Birch, Cllr N.Hogg and Cllr. T Fearn having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of minute 50 (a) to 50 (e) regarding planning applications and appeals.

(a) KMBC -Planning Applications Registered

RESOLVED:- that the planning applications for the periods week ending 13th July 2009, be noted.

(b) KMBC – Planning Applications - Decision List

It was agreed whilst discussing this item, that as planning applications listed are already decisions made, that the Town Manager arrange in future to remove this item from future agenda, and circulate as a pdf file via the Town Council e-mail system.

RESOLVED:- the details of planning decisions for the period week ending 10th July 2009, be noted.

(c).Notice of Appeal Received – 09/00010/OUT 46-60 Barncroft Road

RESOLVED:- that as the Town Council did not register any objection to this application when it was first considered, that no correspondence be offered to the relevant Appeals Panel on this occasion.

(d).Notice of Appeal Received – 08/00711/FUL Land adjacent to The Dales, Okell Drive

RESOLVED:- that as the Town Council did not register any objection to this application when it was first considered, that no correspondence be offered to the relevant Appeals Panel on this occasion.

(e).Notice of Appeal Received – 08/00470/COU, Re-building of former Barn and Conversion (Including Outbuilding) to 1 No Dwelling

RESOLVED:- that as the Town Council did not register any objection to this application when it was first considered, that no correspondence be offered to the relevant Appeals Panel on this occasion.

(f). LALC Annual General Meeting

RESOLVED:- that the Town Manager return the representation form to LALC, with the four named delegates as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on 14 May 2009, namely Cllrs D.Smithson, N.Hogg, H.Birch and T.Powell respectively.

(g). Knowsley Disability Concern

RESOLVED:- that the correspondence thanking the Town Council for their recent donation of £100 under S.137 of the 1972 Local Government Act be noted.

(h). Liverpool John Lennon Airport

RESOLVED:- that the correspondence advising the Town Council of the consultation exercise about aircraft noise be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed

Date