

## **HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010, at the Arneliffe Centre, the following members were

### **PRESENT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith (Chairman)

Mrs D.Birch	T.Powell
H.Birch	Mrs S. Powell
T Fearn	D.Smithson
Ms. C Harris	Mrs. S Smithson
N.Hogg	Mrs S. Moretta

R.Swann

### **Also in attendance:**

J Green, Town Manager

L Joyner – Senior Administrator

Members of the Public – 16

### **ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION - PRESENTATIONS**

Prior to the meeting commencing presentations were made to the winners of this years' Annual Garden Competition:-

Best Kept Garden	Mr. L Armes, 20 Oakwood Road.
Most Colourful Garden	Mrs. A Radway, 46 Woodland Road.
Best Hanging Basket	Mrs. W Pritchard, 22 Ronaldsway.

### **APOLOGIES**

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

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

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Cllr. T Fearn	Agenda items 15a/b/c/d - Planning Applications/Appeals
Cllr. H Birch	Agenda items 15a/b/c/d - Planning Applications/Appeals
Cllr. Mrs. S Powell	Agenda items 15a/b/c/d - Planning Applications/Appeals
Cllr. R Swann	Agenda items 15a/b/c/d - Planning Applications/Appeals

### **33. PUBLIC FORUM**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 47, members of the public were invited to speak to the meeting of the Town Council on any matter concerning the Township.

#### **Mr. K Dalton – WAFTA**

Mr. Dalton, Chairman, WAFTA, asked for the support of the Town Council, to approach KHT to extend the hours that residents are permitted to use the Community Centre at the flats. It was noted that at the moment residents are only permitted to use this facility during office hours, and despite writing to KHT, they have been unable to gain a response to their request ,to use the Centre out of office hours, and at weekends.

Cllr. Mrs. S Powell indicated that she was a representative on the KHT Board, and would follow this matter up, on behalf of the residents.

### **34. MINUTES**

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

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

The Town Manager gave an update on the following items.

- (i) Ellis Whittam HR/Solicitors – Presentation at September Town Council Meeting
- (ii) Summer Flower Displays
- (iii) 2010 Annual Garden Competition
- (iv) 2010 Culturefest
- (v) The Arncliffe Centre – Painting of exterior of building.

RESOLVED:- (a) that the report be noted.

(b) that, the Council place on record their thanks to, Mr. Jeff Clark and Mr. John Ferry, for their hard work in repainting the exterior of the Arncliffe Centre.

### **36. 3 YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY - 2011-2012 to 2014-2015**

The Council considered the report of the Town Manager. It was reported that as part of the Internal Audit Plan for 2010-11, the Internal Auditor would be reviewing a Town Council 3 year strategy. The Town Manager requested that at this point the Council note the report, and that a further report will be made at the Town Council meeting in October, when the budget update report is presented.

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

(b) that a further report be presented within this financial year.

### **37. HALEWOOD COMMUNITY CHEST FUND APPLICATIONS – JULY 2010**

The following applications were considered by the Council:-

(i) HCCF Application No 2010-11/1 – 9<sup>th</sup> Halewood Scout Group

For a grant towards the cost of £929.58 for equipment for the 9<sup>th</sup> Halewood Scout Group.

Cllr. T Powell indicated that, the equipment requested by the Scout Group could be bought cheaper than the costs outlined in their application. Cllr. Powell said that he had obtained prices for similar equipment, which came to a cost of £506, which would mean a considerable saving to the Council. Cllr. Powell added that, organisations should provide three quotations, when applying for grants, and that the Community Chest Fund policy should be amended to include this condition.

After a debate about this application, and about the criteria of the Community Chest Fund, it was

RESOLVED:- (a) that, by virtue of the 'Power of Well Being' LG & PIH Act 2007, a grant of £500 be approved.

(b) that the HCCF application form be amended to include a condition that states that,

three quotations must be supplied, where applicable, with all applications.

(ii) HCCF Application No 2010-11/2 – Halewood Town Youth Team

For a grant of £900 towards the cost of playing kit, and training equipment for a new under 18's Halewood Town FC Youth team.

**RESOLVED:-** that, by virtue of the 'Power of Well Being' LG & PIH Act 2007, a grant of £750 be approved, to be met from the Halewood Community Chest (£500) and the budget for 'Advertising' (£250).

(iii) HCCF Application No 2010-11/3 – Mr. A Hesketh, Bunting Court, Halewood.

For a grant of £230 towards the cost of the organising of a local community event known as the "Bunting Court Big Lunch" aimed at establishing good neighbour relations in the Bunting Court/Warbler Close area.

**RESOLVED:-** that this application be refused, and the Association be given contact details of the Community Development Officer, who may be able to assist the residents in setting up a Community Association.

(iv) HCCF Application No 2010-11/4 – Liverpool/Halewood Taekwondo Team

For a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the Liverpool/Halewood Taekwondo Team attending the World Championship in Telford, Shropshire, in September 2010.

Standing Order 1(f) was invoked to enable members to ask the applicant, who was in attendance at the meeting, questions. Members asked questions relating to 'Club Mark' status and about the criteria for reaching the World Championships

Cllr. T Powell, spoke about 'Club Mark' status and suggested that Clubs using the Town Council's facilities should have this status and that this is a requirement used by Knowsley Borough Council and is a benchmark for quality, standard and child protection.

**RESOLVED:-** (a) that, by virtue of the 'Power of Well Being' LG & PIH Act 2007, a grant of £1000, be approved, as a contribution towards the teams entry fee into the World Championships Competition.

(b) that the Town Manager contact Knowsley MBC for further information about 'Club Mark' status, or possibly a presentation, at the future Town Council Meeting.

(v) HCCF Application No 2010-11/5 – Leathers/Wood Road Community Association

For a grant for £468.26 towards the cost of initial colour cartridges for a "Printing for the Community" project run by the Leathers/ Wood Road Community Association.

**RESOLVED:-** that, by virtue of the 'Power of Well Being' LG & PIH Act 2007, a grant of £250.00 be approved.

### **38. REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONARY or FREE USE or GRANTS – JULY 2010**

(i) Bridgefield Swimming Club

Two applications for concessionary use of Hollies Hall were considered. It was noted that the first request had been received too late to be considered at the June Council Meeting. This was for a Presentation Evening held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The full hire cost of £60 has been paid for this event.

The second application is for use of Hollies Hall for the Club's Annual Christmas Party and Fundraising Evening to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

(ii) Halewood Town Sports Association (Minute 21, TC Mtg. 03.06.10. Refers)

Following the presentation made by Mr. J McGuinness (Secretary HTSA) at the Council Meeting in June, the provision of sponsorship/advertising of the Association was considered. Members acknowledged the work of the HTSA over the last 38 years, and it was felt that an annual donation to the Association, should be considered.

(iii) Merseyside Tuesday Club

The Council considered a request for a grant of £500 towards the cost of prizes for the Club's fundraising activities. The group meets in Hollies Hall every Tuesday and is dedicated to improving the lives of adult members with learning difficulties.

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

(b) that Bridgefield Swimming Club be granted free use of Hollies Hall for both events. (A refund of hire charges to be made for the Presentation Evening on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010),

(c) that a grant of £2,000, be awarded to the Halewood Town Sports Association, to be made from the Advertising budget for 2010-2011, and that grant of £3,000 minimum be agreed from the 2011-12 Advertising budget, by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, section 11.

(d) that, by virtue of the 'Power of Well Being' LG & PIH Act 2007, a grant of £500.00 be approved to the Merseyside Tuesday Club.

### **39. ALLOCATION OF FOOTBALL PITCHES - 2010-2011 SEASON**

Applications for football pitches for the 2010-11 season were considered. It was reported that, all of the teams have met the Town Council's criteria, of having at least six registered players living in Halewood. It was noted that additional applications have been received this year, and a solution to accommodate all of these teams, was outlined in the report.

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

(b) 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 (Morning)

Pitch 2 Week 1 Old Holt Reserves FC (Afternoon)

Pitch 2 Week 2 Halewood Town U18's (Morning)

Pitch 2 Week 2 Old Holts 3<sup>rd</sup> XL (Afternoon)

Sunday

Pitch 1 Week 1 English Rose FC

Pitch 1 Week 2 Halewood Athletic FC

(c) that the four teams that play on a Saturday, sharing Pitch 2, be granted a reduction in pitch tariff, from £180 to £150.

(d) that, should the need arise to amend the existing policy for pitch allocation, then a Working Group be set up, accordingly.

### **40. HALEWOOD COMMUNITY NEWS – PRINTING OPTIONS**

The Council considered options for the future printing of the Halewood News and the potential involvement of the Town Council.

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

(b) that, a Working Group be formed comprising of 4 members (2 members from each political group), to review all available options, and report back to the Town Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

#### **41. FORMER PATHWAYS BOARDROOM, ARNCLIFFE (Min. 26(d) TC Mtg. 03.06.10. Refers)**

The report of the Town Manager was considered. It was noted that a survey of the room had now been undertaken. Details of the cost and extent of the work required, was noted.

Cllr. Hogg asked if this work could be undertaken by the staff at the Arncliffe, to reduce costs. Cllr. D Smithson indicated that in the meantime, other offices are available for rent, within the Centre.

RESOLVED:- (a) that the report be noted.

(b) that this item be deferred, pending discussions with staff about the feasibility of undertaking this job, taking into account Health and Safety regulations and insurance requirements.

(c) that, in the event that the work is carried out by staff, then the Council should consider awarding some form of honorarium to those staff, who undertake this work.

(d) that a further report be made to the next meeting of the Town Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

#### **42. BIG LOTTERY FUND – “COMMUNITY WILDLIFE FUND”**

Correspondence from Mr. P Hurst, KMBC Green Space and Development Officer, was considered. This suggested that the Town Council, together with the Borough Council’s assistance, apply for Big Lottery Funding to promote community engagement in wildlife projects.

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

(b) that the application for Big Lottery Funding be approved in principle.

(c) that the preferred site be New Hutte Community Woodland.

(d) that the Town Manager liaise with the Borough Council’s nominated officer in submitting a ‘Big Lottery Fund’ bid.

#### **43. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED:- that the schedule of payments and pre-payments, amounting to £30,867.05, be approved.

#### **44. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCE/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

(a) Cllr. D Smithson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee. At this meeting a presentation had been given on the Bird Strike Safety Strategy. Cllr. Smithson also reported that the Airport had been sold by Peel Holdings to Vancouver Airport Services.

(b) Cllr. S Moretta and Cllr. H Birch reported that they had attended a meeting of the Youth Management Committee. This meeting did not go ahead, as there was not a quorum present, due to problems with the distribution of notices for this meeting.

#### **45. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Note:** Cllr. Mrs. S Powell, Cllr. H Birch, Cllr R. Swann and Cllr. T Fearn having declared an interest, left the meeting during the discussion of minute 45(a) to 45 (d) regarding planning applications and appeals.

##### **(a) KMBC -Planning Applications Registered**

Cllr. Hogg expressed his concern about the lack of notice received in between the time of receiving applications and making any observations.

**RESOLVED:-** (i) that the planning applications for the periods week ending 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010, be noted.

(ii) that the Town Manager circulate details of planning applications to members upon receipt from the Planning Department, on the date that they are received.

(iii) that an objection be raised to the following application on the grounds that this application is in a greenbelt area and this Council opposes the conversion of agricultural buildings into dwellings:-

Application No. 10/00352/FUL – Conversion of Agricultural Barns to form 1 no. new Dwelling  
Location: Millbridge Farm, Netherley Road, Tarbock Green

##### **(b) KMBC – Notice of Appeal**

Details of a notice of appeal made to the Secretary of State by a resident against a planning decision of Knowsley MBC (10 Quintbridge Close) was received.

**RESOLVED:-** that the correspondence be noted.

##### **(c) KMBC – Notice of Appeal**

Details of a notice of appeal made to the Secretary of State by a resident against a planning decision of Knowsley MBC (Land to the rear of 46-60 Barncroft Road) was received.

**RESOLVED:-** that the correspondence be noted.

##### **(d) KMBC – Planning Application 10/00242/FUL**

A reply was received from KMBC's Development Control Officer following the Town Council's observations on the planning application relating to the proposed floodlights at the Everton F.C. Academy.

**RESOLVED:-** that the information be noted.

##### **(e) Representation – KMBC Standards Board (TC Mtg. 03/06/10 Min. 22a Refers)**

**RESOLVED:-** that Cllr. D Smithson be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the KMBC, Standards Board.

##### **(f). LALC – Autumn Conference (TC Mtg. 03/06/10 Min. 31c Refers)**

Details of the forthcoming LALC Autumn Conference to be held in Preston, on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were considered.

RESOLVED:- that the correspondence be noted and the no delegates be appointed to attend this Conference.

**(g). 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 13 May 2010, namely Cllrs D.Smithson, N.Hogg, H.Birch and T.Powell respectively.

**(h). SELRAP (Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership)**

An email from Mr. Roy St. Peirre (SELRAP) asking the Town Council to send a message of support in the campaign to re-open the Colne to Skipton rail link as part of the Liverpool to East Coast Railway.

RESOLVED:- that a letter be sent to SELRAP expressing the Town Council's support and best wishes with this campaign.

**46. EXEMPT ITEM**

RESOLVED: that under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item 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.

**47. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF REQUIRED CLEANING HOURS**

The Council considered details of a review of Cleaning hours for the Arncliffe Centre and Hollies Hall. It was noted that the review, suggested by the Internal Auditor, Mr. K. Johnson, had been undertaken by an Officer from Knowsley MBC.

Having noted the findings of the review and the options available it was,

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

(b) that the cleaning hours for Hollies Hall remain at 12 hours per week, enabling the recruitment of a replacement cleaner, to now take place.

(c) that the additional 8 hours suggested in the independent review, for the Arncliffe Centre be agreed, enabling the recruitment of an additional part-time Cleaner, to now take place.

(d) that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Robbie Bannister, KMBC, for undertaking this review.

Meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....