

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 3rd June 2010, at the Halewood Centre, the following members were

PRESENT
COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mrs. S Smith (Chairman)

Mrs. D Birch

N Hogg

H Birch

Mrs. S Moretta

T Fearn

R Swann

Ms. C Harris

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. Mrs. S Powell, Cllr. T. Powell, Cllr. S J Smithson and Cllr. D Smithson.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Cllr. H Birch Agenda item 13(a) - Planning Applications

Cllr. T Fearn Agenda item 13(a) - Planning Applications

21. PUBLIC FORUM

Halewood Town Sports Association

Mr. Joe McGuinness, Secretary, addressed the Town Council on behalf of Halewood Town Sports Association. He reported that the Association has supported young people from Halewood for over 38 years. It currently has 12 football teams, 2 ladies netball teams and in all, over 200 members. The success of the Association is attributable to the dedication of volunteers who fundraise, to help meet the high running costs, and the costs involved with visits to Ballinasloe.

Mr. McGuinness expressed his fear that, since Halewood Town Council has been supporting Halewood Town FC (adult team), the Association is not receiving any sponsorship, and he feels that the children are missing out. It was requested that, the Town Council consider providing sponsorship to the Halewood Town Sports Association, and to also ensure that, any future applications for financial assistance, that bear the name 'Halewood Town' have been submitted by the HTSA Committee. Mr. McGuinness explained that, the Committee are currently addressing the problem of people making applications, and representations for use of facilities, in their organisations name.

Mr. McGuinness also made it clear that, HTSA does not support teams using the name 'Halewood Town' who do so, with the intention of gaining preference, for the allocation of a pitch at Hollies, over other Halewood teams who have been using those facilities, and who may subsequently be refused re-allocation.

In accordance with Standing Order No.1(k) the Chairman invited questions from members.

Members asked for clarification of certain points that were raised by Mr. McGuinness, in relation to the running costs and the Associations relationship with other organisations.

The Town Manager indicated that he would present a report to the next meeting of the Town Council regarding consideration of sponsorship to the Association.

With reference to the allocation of adult football pitches, the Town Manager reported that the Town Council has a policy in place for allocation of football pitches. It was noted that Hollies pitches would be allocated, for the 2010/2011 season, at the next Town Council Meeting, on 15th July 2010.

The Chairman thanked Mr. McGuinness for his attendance, and paid tribute to him, Edna Finneran, and all the other volunteers involved in running the Halewood Town Sports Association.

22. MINUTES

(a) Annual Town Council Meeting – 13th May 2010

Min. 8 – Representation on Outside Bodies

The Town Manager reported that he had received a letter from Democratic Services, KMBC, indicating that Cllr. N Hogg could not be appointed as a representative on the Standards Board, as he is a Knowsley Borough Councillor.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting, held on 13th May 2010, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

“That the appointment of a representative to the Standards Board be referred to the next meeting of the Town Council on 15th July 2010”.

(b) Town Council Meeting – 13th May 2010

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting, held on 13th May 2010, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

23. TOWN MANAGER’S INFORMATION UPDATE

The Town Manager gave an update on the following item:-

a) ‘Help the Heroes’ – Charity Football Match, Hollies 5th June 2010

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

24. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2010-2011

The report of the Internal Auditor, Mr. K. Johnson, was considered.

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

(b) that the Internal Audit Plan for 2010/11 be agreed.

25. BEST PRACTICE POLICY STATEMENT

The Council considered the eighth ‘Best Practice Policy Statement’ for the Town Council.

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

(ii) that the eighth 'Best Practice Policy Statement' for the Town Council be adopted, and reasons for the change of name of the policy be noted.

(iii) that the document be published on the Town Council's web-site on "Best Practice" page.

(iv) that members contact the Town Manager should they require hard copies of the supporting documents.

26. CONSIDERATION TOWARDS CREATING FURTHER SPECIFIC RESERVES FOR ARNCLIFFE CENTRE WORK

The Town Manager requested that consideration be given to the transfer of General Reserves to fund repairs and upgrading work of the Ladies and Gents toilets at the Arncliffe Centre.

Cllr. Swann indicated that, given the comments of the Internal Auditor about Arncliffe, it is important that the Centre is well maintained in order to maximise income potential. He also suggested that the Council should be given feedback on the steps being taken by the Centre Manager and staff, to maximise the income of the Centre.

Cllr. Hogg asked why, the back Office and Board Room, had not been tidied and cleared with a view to being rented out, possibly under a similar arrangement, as that previously held with the Pathways Board. Cllr. Hogg indicated this proved to be a good source of income, and has a potential income of £3000, per annum.

The Town Manager confirmed that the office is currently being used as a store room and the Board Room is still being used on occasions. Cllr. Harris asked if it was safe to use the Board Room, because as a former Pathways Board Member, she was aware that the flooring was only safe for up to 13 people.

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

(b) that the transfer of funding, from additional general reserves, be approved, to cover the cost of emergency repairs to the Ladies toilets, at a cost of £580 + VAT instead of using the 'Repairs and Maintenance' budget.

(c) that the funding of upgrading work to the Gents toilets from the general reserves be approved, at a cost of £1560 plus VAT.

(d) that a safety survey of the Board Room be arranged.

27. "BIG TEA PARTY" & CAR BOOT SALE – ARNCLIFFE CENTRE

The Town Manager requested that the Council consider proposals by Arncliffe Centre Manager to hold a 'Big Tea Party' and 'Car Boot Sale' on Thursday 8th July 2010 and Sunday 11th July 2010, in aid of the 'Marie Curie Centre'. It was noted that no monetary input was required for either event from the Town Council and that no additional staffing costs would be incurred.

Members wholeheartedly welcomed this initiative as a way to raise money for charity, and promote the facilities available at Arncliffe.

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

(b) that approval be granted to hold the 'Big Tea Party' and the 'Car Boot Sale' on Thursday 8th July 2010 and Sunday 11th July 2010 respectively.

(c) That full concessionary hire of the Centre be granted for these events, and staff be

permitted to work these events as part of their normal rostered week.

(d) that the Centre Manager contact Mr. Gerry Allen, with a view to using the Surestart Car Park on the day of the Car Boot Sale.

28. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE – RENEWAL OF THREE YEAR AGREEMENT

The Town Manager reported that the Town Council's website, which is hosted by E-Mango Limited, will be coming to the end of its initial three year licence. Details of renewal costs were outlined in the Town Manager's report and it was noted that there were no increase in costs.

RESOLVED: (a) that the Town Manager's report be noted. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes)

(b) that the hosting agreement with E-Manager Limited be renewed for a further three years.

(c) that the Town Manager review the website hosting agreement, and costs, prior to the expiry of this three year agreement.

29. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: that the schedule of payments amounting to £16,006.28 (including pre-payments), be approved.

30. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCE/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

None received.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

Note: Cllr. H Birch and Cllr. T Fearn having declared an interest, left the meeting during the following item.

(a) KMBC -Planning Applications

Members considered planning applications for the current period and it was

RESOLVED:- that the planning applications for the period week ending 1st June 2010, be noted subject clarification of the points raised in respect of the undermentioned applications:-

Application: 10/00204/FUL – Railway Cottage, Lower Road, Erection of Detached Garage

Cllr. Hogg requested further information about this application, having noted that an earlier application had been refused.

Application: 10/00242/FUL – Everton Football Club, Floodlights to Pitch 1

That further details be requested about any time restrictions in place, for use of the proposed floodlights.

Application: 10/00199/FUL – High Park Farm, Dacres Bridge Lane – Erection of 2 Storey Extension

As there are two farms at this location, details of which farm this application relates to, be sought.

(b) KMBC – Dog Control Orders

Correspondence was received from the Environmental Officer, KMBC, which included draft Dog Control Orders, for the consideration of the Town Council.

Cllr. Fearn spoke on this item and members expressed their support to KMBC's proposals to introduce these orders throughout the Borough.

RESOLVED:- that the correspondence be noted.

(c) Lancashire Association of Local Councils - Autumn Conference

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

RESOLVED: that this item be referred to the next meeting of the Town Council on 15th July 2010.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed

Date