

HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

At a meeting of the General Purposes and Environment Committee held on Thursday 15th January 2009, the following members were

PRESENT
COUNCILLORS
T Powell (Chairman)

Ms. C Harris	Mrs. S Smith
N Hogg	Mrs. S J Smithson
Mrs. S Moretta	D Smithson
Mrs. S Powell	R Swann

In Attendance:

John Green, Town Manager
Lynn Joyner, Senior Administrator
Members of the public – 8

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. Mrs. D Birch, Cllr. H Birch and Cllr. T Fearn.

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. D Smithson	Item 12a/12b – Planning Issues
Cllr. N Hogg	Item 12a/12b – Planning Issues

143. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman invited presentations from the members of public who were in attendance at the meeting.

(i) Mr. P Brennan

Mr. Brennan, Halewood Junior League, spoke about the volume of use of the grassed floodlit pitch at the Arncliffe Centre. Mr. Brennan said that because the pitch is being used mid-week this is causing problems with the drainage and the Junior League have had to call games off of a weekend.

Mr. Brennan was thanked for his comments and it was noted that this item would be discussed later in the agenda.

(ii) Mrs. S Bersin

Mrs. Bersin thanked the Town Council for the donation and free use of Hollies Hall for the ‘Verse and Prose’ event held in December.

The Chairman thanked residents for their presentations and attendance at the meeting.

144. MINUTES

A discussion took place about the amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2008. An amendment to Minute 106 was made at the Town Council meeting on 4th December 2008 (Minute 35 refers).

Cllr. Hogg reported that he felt that the electronic version of the minutes gave no indication that the minutes had been amended, and requested that the minutes be changed to reflect this amendment.

The Town Manager indicated that he had sort advice from NALC on how the amendment should be reflected.

(The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.50 p.m. for a discussion with the two Group Leaders of the Council) Meeting re-convened at 7.55 p.m.

RESOLVED: (i) that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2008, be Approved, subject to amendment to Minute 106, made at the Town Council meeting on 4th December 2008 (Minute 135 refers).

(ii) that an insert, to reflect the amendment, be included in both the minute book copy and the electronic version of the minutes.

145. TOWN MANAGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE

A report of items arising from the minutes and daily activities of the Town Council, as detailed below, was circulated.

- (i) New Premises - The Halewood Centre
- (ii) Town Council Meeting – Revised date and venue.
- (iii) RLPO Concert – Proposed date Friday 11th December 2009

RESOLVED: that the Town Manager's report be noted.

146. ISSUES RAISED AT PUBLIC FORUM – TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 4TH DECEMBER 2008

The Town Manager presented a report on the under mentioned items that were raised during the Public Forum at the Town Council meeting on 4th December 2008, along with suggested recommendations to address the items raised.

- i. Floodlit Grass Pitches, Arncliffe – Rugby Training
- ii. Angling Facility in Halewood
- iii. Floodlit Grass Pitches, Arncliffe – Liverpool Girls School of Excellence
- iv. Proposal for the provision of a Town Council Groundsman
- v. Knowsley Older Peoples Olympics

RESOLVED:

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

(b) that the recommendation of the Town Manager be agreed, that at present the Town Council are unable to agree to the use of the floodlit grass pitches at the Arncliffe Centre for rugby training, because of fears of over-use of these pitches, which would be detrimental to the existing users.

(c) that the actions of the Town Manager be endorsed and agreed, in informing Mr Hughes that the Town Council cannot legally force access onto an

individuals private land, and note that the Town Manager has forwarded details of Mr. Hughe's group to Fiona Mather (KMBC, Green Space Strategy Manager), to see if the Pathfinder monies can include any provision for a similar angling facility within Halewood.

(d) that the recommendation of the Town Manager be agreed:- That constant review prior to use of the floodlit pitches be undertaken by the Liverpool Girls School of Excellence group, and if undue damage is anticipated because of bad weather, that games are duly moved to the synthetic surfaces, and time there extended. It is also recommended that a meeting of the Town Manager and Leader of the Majority group take place with a representative of the HJFL Committee in the near future.

(e) that the Town Managers comments regarding the provision of a Town Council Groundsman be noted, and the issue be raised with the Area Relationship Director for Halewood at a future meeting.

(f) that the success of the senior residents of Halewood in the recent 'Knowsley's Older Peoples Olympics' be noted, and all those who took part on behalf of Halewood, be congratulated.

147. TORRINGTON PLAYGROUND - WORKING GROUP

The report of the Town Manager was considered along with minutes of the Working Group held on 15th December 2008.

Councillor D Smithson reported that the composition of the Working Group had been agreed by both Group Leaders. The Town Manager reported that Fiona Mather, (KMBC, Green Space Strategy Manager) has offered to provide assistance to the Working Group.

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

(b) that the composition of the Working Group be agreed with the addition of Mark Nelson, Halewood Youth in the Community, having been omitted in error in the Town Manager's report.

(c) that a report be presented to a future meeting of the Town Council outlining all options as a result of the meetings held by the Working Group.

(d) that the minutes of the Working Group held on 15 December 2008, be noted.

148. 2009 PANTOMIMES IN THE TOWNSHIP

The Committee considered the report of the Town Manager. (A copy of the report is filed with the minutes).

RESOLVED: (a) that the four pantomimes be staged at the Arncliffe Centre, Hollies Hall, New Hutte Centre and the Reigate Club. The net cost of

approximately £2,044 being met from the Special Projects budget 2009/2010.

(b) that the ticket price of £1.25 (inclusive of vat) per child, be retained.

149. YOUTH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Halewood Town Youth Council meeting of 4th December 2008, were circulated.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Youth Council be noted.

150. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The schedule of accounts were considered for payment. In relation to the cheque for the contribution to KMBC for the festive lighting, members commented about the problems with the lights at Raven Court and also the 'wrap around' lamp post lights.

RESOLVED: (i) that the schedule of accounts amounting to £20,113.75 be approved for payment.

(ii) that a letter be sent to KMBC, and the payment towards the festive lighting be withheld, until a response is received from KMBC.

151. REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES/REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

No reports received.

152. CORRESPONDENCE

Note: Cllr. D Smithson and Cllr Hogg, having declared a non-pecuniary interest, left the meeting during agenda items relating to planning issues.

(a) K.M.B.C. - Planning Decisions

RESOLVED: that the planning decisions for the period ending 9th January 2009 be noted.

(b) K.M.B.C. - Planning Applications

RESOLVED: that the planning applications for the period ending 9th January 2009 be noted.

(c) 'Verse and Prose Event' Hollies Hall

A letter was received from Mrs. S Bersin, thanking the Town Council for free use of Hollies Hall, and for the donation of £250 towards the 'Verse and Prose Event'

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be noted.

(d) Community Achievement Awards.

A letter was received from Mrs. Freda Heron thanking the Town Council for her recent 'Community Achievement Award'.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be noted.

(e) Leathers Lane/Wood Road Community Association

A letter was received from the above, asking the Town Council to reconsider the location for the Play Pathfinder project on the Hilton Grace public open space.

RESOLVED: a) that a letter be sent advising the Association that assurances have been received from the Borough Officers in terms of risk assessment, and that the Town Council is unable to reverse this decision.

b) that the Community Association be advised to speak to Officers from the Play Pathfinder Project to address their concerns.

(f) St. Marks St. Vincent De Paul Society

A letter was received from St. Marks St. Vincent DePaul Society, thanking the Town Council for the donation of £300 towards the Christmas Hamper Appeal.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed Date