**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**3 June 2020 at 7.30pm**

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|  | **Present** Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Ruth Kerfoot, Pat Mullin, Martin Stimson and Maggie Thomas. |
| **1964** | **Apologies for Absence**An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Idu Miah. |
| **1965** | **Declarations of Interest**Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.No declarations were made. |
| **1966** | **Public Engagement**Two members of the public were present at the meeting to address the Council and respond to any questions about the funding application for Childflight.Police AttendanceThe Clerk advised members that despite attempts made to contact the Police a response to invitations to join the meeting had not been received.Councillor Stephen Homer undertook to contact PC Martin Dench in order to establish whether the Police would join a future meeting of the Town Council.Councillor Dean Aylett referred to the continuing nuisance of speeding traffic on Huddersfield Road and for the need for the police to conduct speed enforcement measures on the road.Councillor Stephen Homer added that it was his understanding that the use of speed cameras on the road had taken place earlier during the day. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the Clerk be asked to contact PC Martin Dench in order to secure Police attendance at the next Town Council Meeting.  |
| **1967** | **Minutes** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Friday 1 May 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.  |
| **1968** | **Matters Arising**There were no matters arising which did not appear elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting. |
| **1969** | **Financial Update – to 31 May 2020**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 May 2020 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 April and 31 May 2020 as follows:. |
|  | HMRC (March 2020) | 103.20 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses – April 2020) | 428.34 |
|  | Zurich Insurance\* | 752.92 |
|  | Yorkshire Internal Accounting Services | 275.00 |
|  | HMRC (April 2020) | 103.20 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses –May 2020) | 421.39 |
|  | NALC/LCR | 40.00 |
|  | SLCC | 109.00 |
|  | Layershift | 59.94 |
|  | “Missing Patch Project”\* | 500.00 |
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|  |  | Total £2792.99 |
|  | \*- authorised 1 May 2020 |  |
|  | The Clerk added that the first instalment of the Precept had now been received.At the suggestion of the Chair, a bouquet of flowers had been delivered to former Mayor and Town Councillor Lesley Bill following the untimely death of her husband and former consort Mr Dave Bill.The Chair informed members that Mr Bill’s funeral cortege had been an outstanding occasion and had publicly displayed the respect and esteem which Mr Bill had commanded within the community. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the report be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That the action taken to deliver a bouquet of flowers to former Mayor and Town Councillor Lesley Bill be endorsed. |
| **1970** | **Childflight**The Clerk invited members to consider a request for a funding contribution from the Town Council to Childflight.Over recent years the Town Council had awarded an annual donation of £150 to Childflight.The organisation did not entirely qualify for a grant under the Town Council’s small grants scheme but in view of the benefit gained by children in Mossley, the Town Council had, in recent years awarded an annual donation of £150 to Childflight.At the meeting in June 2017, the Town Council had agreed that consideration would be given to the making of future awards to Childflight at the Town Council meeting in June each year.In light of the pandemic, the Clerk had approached Childflight representative, Ms Jean Caldwell to enquire whether the project would operate this year.Ms Caldwell had provided an email from the organisers which the Clerk read out to members as follows:“I doubt if this year’s Santa flight will be taking place due to Covid 19 issues. Hopefully all will be OK from next year. Fund raising has taken a big downturn. This year’s planned fund raising events have had to be cancelled.”Despite this, Ms Caldwell had asked that the Town Council considered the donation request.Former Town Councillors Chris Lyness and Irene Raddings were present at the meeting and responded to questions from members about the project. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That a donation of £150 to Childflight be approved from the ‘small grants’ budget heading but that the amount be transferred to the ‘Earmarked Reserve’ budget heading for release upon the initiative resuming. |
|  |  | (2) | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all of its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. |
| **1971** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy**Councillor Pat Mullin reported upon progress made with the Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy as follows:* An application for funding from the ‘Greater Manchester Moving’ Grant Application Body had been deferred in light of the pandemic;
* Alternative smaller grant opportunities were being explored also;
* All walking and cycling routes under consideration involved existing routes and were accessible by public transport;
* Other groups operating within Mossley could be involved in the initiative;

Councillor Mullin advised members that as the initiative developed, further updates would be delivered to future meetings.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That thanks be expressed to Councillor Mullin for his report. |
| **1972** | **Mossley ‘Rainbow Festival’**Councillor Pat Mullin submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated with the agenda) setting out progress made and ideas being pursued for the Mossley ‘Rainbow Festival’.Councillor Mullin expressed gratitude to the Mossley Independent Newspaper for their coverage of the proposed initiative in the recent edition.Global Grooves had expressed interest in working alongside the Town Council with the event and an application for grant funding from Global Grooves was anticipated. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That Councillor Mullin be thanked for his report and update.  |
| **1973** | **Egmont St Changing Rooms**Councillor Stephen Homer reported on progress made with regard to the proposed improvement of the Egmont Street Changing Rooms and their use for community purposes.A meeting was scheduled with representatives of Tameside MBC on 17 June in order to consider options. A range of multiple uses including a community cafe and the establishment of a community group to manage the premises were under consideration and would be explored further. It was hoped that any uses finally agreed would result in the premises becoming financially self sufficient in time.It was anticipated that draft proposals would be available to bring to the Town Council for consideration at the next meeting. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That Councillor Homer be thanked for his report. |
| **1974** | **Commemorative Planters**Councillor Dean Aylett reported on progress made with the proposal to install commemorative planters at Micklehurst and Hem Place.Work on the construction of the planters had been delayed as a result of ‘Lockdown’ but would continue apace once restrictions were lifted and work was permitted.. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That Councillor Aylett be thanked for his update. |
|  |  | (2) | That the Clerk be requested to seek confirmation from the Town Team that they will, as previously indicated plant up and maintain the commemorative planter at Hem Place.  |
| **1975** | **Tree Planting Initiatives and Wildflower Planting Update**Councillor Dean Aylett submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) suggesting a revised tree planting initiative for implementation within the town.The scheme proposed the planting of 1000 trees within the town over a 10 year period with the cost of individual trees not exceeding £10 inclusive of any fees. It was proposed that 100 trees would be planted each year over the 10 year period (i.e. a cost of £1000 per annum unless otherwise agreed by the Town Council).Members were fully supportive of the initiative and suggested that in order to move the scheme forward, a Tree Planting Advisory Group might be established in order to fully explore and subsequently advise the Town Council on ways in which the scheme can be implemented on a fully inclusive basis focusing in particular on young people and school children in the town. The Clerk advised members that an amount of £250 was included within the budget in the current year and each of the next 2 years for tree planting initiatives and it would therefore be necessary to allocate additional expenditure to accommodate the initiative. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the scheme to plant 1000 trees in the Town over the next 10 years, with the aim of planting 100 trees in the town in each of the years be approved. |
|  |  | (2) | That budget provision of £1000 be made available in each of the next 10 years to accommodate the initiative financially. |
|  |  | (3) | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all of its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. |
|  |  | (4) | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to vire £750 from an alternative budget heading (to be determined) to the ‘Environmental Tree Planting’ budget heading. |
|  |  | (5) | That a ‘Tree Planting Advisory Committee’ be established comprising Town Councillors Dean Aylett, Jack Homer and Martin Stimson, a representative of the Mossley Schools Partnership and any other parties which the committee may consider appropriate in order to fully explore and subsequently advise the Town Council on ways in which the scheme can be implemented. |
|  | Councillor Maggie Thomas updated members on the Wildflower Planting initiative which the Council had previously authorised.Despite the recent spell of fine and dry Spring weather, the wildflowers planted earlier during the year were beginning to show and it was hoped would now flourish with the advent of forecast rain.At the end of the Summer season, it would become necessary for the planted areas to be cleared and made tidy and a number of volunteers would be required to assist with the work.Members noted the update provided by Councillor Thomas and suggested that the local press might include a feature in a subsequent edition publicising the need for volunteers to come forward to assist with any necessary works. |
| **1976** | **Grant Applications** The Clerk reported that there were no applications for grant aid to be considered at this meeting. |
| **1977** | **Planning Issues**The Council considered the following planning applications: |
|  | (i) | Refurbishment of existing decking and construction of new decking to side and rear of property with balustrade and external steps at 15 Beechwood Drive Mossley (20/00278/FUL) |
|  | (ii) | Erection of a single storey shed/outbuilding in rear garden with pitched roof to include velux windows and a side window (Retrospective) at 19 Cemetery Road Mossley (20/00280/FUL) |
|  | (iii) | Application for the approval of reserved matters of outline planning application 19/00729/OUT seeking approval of details for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for a 3-storey 4-bedroom residential dwelling including associated car parking and landscaping at 114B Manchester Road Mossley (20/00255/FUL) |
|  | (iv) | Demolition of existing garage and construct a two storey side extension at 9 Clarendon Street Mossley (20/00335/FUL) |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted |
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| **1978** | **Correspondence**The Clerk read out to members the content of an email received from Global Grooves expressing gratitude to the Town Council for the contribution of £500 made to the Global Grooves “Supporting the Missing Patch” initiative. |
| **1979** | **General items**There were no items to report. |
| **1980** | **Date of Next Meeting**The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting of the Town Council would take place on Wednesday 8 July 2020 at 7.30pm remotely using Zoom video conferencing. |

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Chair