**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**16 June 2021 at 7.30pm**

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|  | **Present**Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison, Ruth Kerfoot,Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.Seven members of the public were present at the meeting. |
| **2136** | **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.The following declarations were made: |
|  | Councillors Jack Homer, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin | Grant/funding application by Mossley Town Team. (Agenda items 3(iv) and 18)As members of the Town Team, the Councillors took no part in the discussion and left the meeting during the consideration of this item. |
|  | Councillor Pat Mullin | Grant application by Mossley Civic Society (Agenda item 3 (i) and 18)As a member of the Civic Society, Councillor Mullin took no part in the discussion and left the meeting during the consideration of this item. |
| **2137** | **Public Engagement** |
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|  | 1. Police Update

The Clerk reported that the Police were unable to attend the meeting.  |
|  | 1. Egmont St

The Chair drew to the attention of members, reports of recent anti-social behaviour and vandalism carried out at Egmont St and in particular at the garden maintained by the Friends of Egmont St.Discussions had commenced with Tameside MBC about the installation of CCTV at the site and an update on progress made would be delivered at the next Town Council meeting.  |
| **3138** | **Applications for financial Assistance**Members considered the following applications for grants/financial assistance. Representatives of each organisation attended the meeting to respond to any questions from members.Copies of the applications or requests for financial assistance had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.The Town Council made decisions on the applications at a later stage during the meeting. |
|  | (i) | Mossley Civic Society - £300 towards 20 Anniversary CelebrationsMs Dyllis Wolinski represented the Civic Society and responded to questions from members. |
|  | (ii) | Mossley Community Association – Between £100 and £600 towards an event for Mossley families who have lost close relatives during the last 14/15 months and were unable have the funeral that they would have wished to hold.Ms Christine Frost represented the Community Association and responded to questions from members. |
|  | (iii) | ChildflightThe Clerk reminded members that over recent years the Town Council has 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 donations to Childflight at the Town Council meeting in June each year.The organisation did not entirely meet the criteria 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.Due to the pandemic, Childflight did not operate in 2020. The organisers have indicated that Childflight will not operate in 2021.Mrs Irene Raddings represented Childflight and responded to questions from members. |
|  | (iv) | Mossley Town Team – request to sponsor a three-tier planter in Top Mossley on an ongoing basis at a cost of £50 per annum.Mr Paul Dowthwaite represented the Town Team and responded to questions from members. |
| **2139** | **Minutes** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. |
| **2140** | **Mossley Neighbourhood Plan**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Town Council on the latest developments in processing the Neighbourhood Plan and inviting members to reconsider the area to be included within the Neighbourhood Plan area. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That to develop a shared vision for the Town of Mossley and to shape the development and growth of the locality through the preparation of a neighbourhood development plan, and pursuant to section 61G of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Town Council makes application to Tameside MBC for the designation of the administrative area of the Mossley Town (Parish) Council as the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan Area. |
|  |  | (2) | That the resolution adopted on 24 February 2021 (minute 2086), seeking designation of the entire Mossley Ward as a neighbourhood plan area be rescinded. |
|  |  | (3) | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to finalise the Supporting Statement for submission to Tameside MBC. |
| **2141** | **Egmont St Pavilion**The Chair referred to previous discussions about the aim to bring back to community use, the former Egmont St Pavilion.In response to the Town Council’s commitment to assist projects, four expressions of interest had been received.Discussions were progressing including with Tameside MBC as owners of the premises and it was hoped that a presentation would be made to a future Town Council meeting from any successful or preferred organisation. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report from the Chair be noted with thanks, |
| **2142** | **Annual Parish Meeting – 19 May 2021**Members considered any matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2021.Draft minutes of the meeting on 19 May 2021 had been circulated with the agenda.The following matters were discussed: |
|  | (i) | Proposed Residential Development at Jonathan Grange Nursing HomeThe Clerk reported that in response to the discussion which had taken place at the Annual Parish Meeting, the letter drafted by residents had been forwarded to Tameside MBC with a request that it be forwarded to the applicant for consideration.Tameside MBC had confirmed that a copy of the letter would be forwarded to the applicant’s agent. Tameside MBC had outlined the process required for a site visit to be requested. |
|  | (ii) | Town Centre Cycle Storage Facilities Councillor James Hall advised members that he was exploring options and grant availability with relevant agencies including rail operators and a further report would be delivered to a future meeting.  |
|  | (iii) | Involvement of Young PeopleMrs Chris Lyness advised members that a meeting to progress this issue was to take place at Mossley Hollins School on 17 June 2021. The Town Council would be represented at the meeting by Town Councillor Ruth Kerfoot. |
| **2143** | **Christmas 2021**The Clerk reported that at the Annual Parish Meeting on 19 May 2021, it had been agreed that the Micklehurst and Mossley Christmas Lights ‘switch-ons’ would take place on Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 November 2021, respectively. Tameside were proposing as in previous years, to meet the cost of a tree and lights at one of the events.Tameside MBC had since advised that Saturday 20 November clashed with the Tameside Parade as a result of which staff would not be made available. Members were invited to consider revised dates for the Mossley events. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the Micklehurst and Mossley Christmas Lights ‘switch-ons’ be held on Friday and Saturday 26 and 27 November 2021, respectively.  |
| **2144** | **Cultural Events and Strategy**Councillor Pat Mullin informed members about discussions currently taking place about future cultural events in the Town. Future arrangements were understandably dependent upon the pandemic easing and the availability of both local artists and assistance from the wider community. It was clear that there was much enthusiasm for future events to take place.Whatever events took place, it was the Town Council’s view that they should be as inclusive as possible to all residents.The Chair added that ‘Global Grooves’ had submitted a bid for funding towards a cultural strategy for the town which if successful would result in a substantial investment into the town. |
| **2145** | **Financial Update – to 31 May 2021**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 May 2021 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 April and 31 May 2021 as follows: |
|  | HMRC (March 2021) | 106.00 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and expenses April 2021) | 434.39 |
|  | Zoom Video Conferencing (April 2021) | 14.39 |
|  | Yorkshire Internal Audit Services | 300.00 |
|  | Michael Kelly Groundwork (Planter)\* | 807.25 |
|  | HMRC (April 2021) | 106.00 |
|  | Zoom Video Conferencing (May 2021) | 14.39 |
|  | Zurich Insurance\*\* | 762.73 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and expenses May 2021) | 439.39 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church (Room Hire) | 30.00 |
|  | Dean Aylett (Planting reimbursement) | 101.85 |
|  |  | **Total 3116.39** |
|  | \* - authorised 26 Feb 2020 (minute 1930) |  |
|  | \*\* authorised 5 May 2021 (minute 2132) |  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2146** | **Internal Audit of Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2021, andAnnual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - Accounting Statement 2020/21**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) informing the Town Council about the outcome of the internal audit of the Town Council’s accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021; and inviting the Town Council to approve the Accounting Statements for 2020/21 for submission to the external auditor. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the outcome of the internal audit of the Council’s accounts for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That the Accounting Statements be approved for submission to the external auditors. |
|  |  | (3) | That the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and the Chair be authorised to sign the Accounting Statements in accordance with the accounts now submitted and approved. |
|  |  | (4) | That the Accounting Statements be forwarded it to the external auditor as part of the audit of the 2020/21 accounts. |
| **2147** | **Local Government Boundary Commission Review of Tameside MBC Electoral Wards – Draft Recommendations**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) reminding members that in February 2021 a report had been considered on the Review of Tameside MBC Electoral Wards being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission.The Commission had now published draft recommendations for new wards, ward boundaries, and ward names for Tameside Borough Council, and are inviting comments on those recommendations.The consultation closed on 09 August 2021. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted. |
| **2148** | **Planning Issues**The Council considered the following planning applications: |
|  | (i) | Discharge of condition no. 7 of 18/00756/FUL (ground contamination) of approved application 18/00756/FUL at Groundsure Enviro All-in-One Report - MR-51002126299001-1558527728645 car park at Cross Street Mossley (21/00049/PLCOND) |
|  | (ii) | Proposed single storey rear extension. The length of the extension from the rear of the original house 4.2 metres. Maximum height of the extension 3.9 metres. Maximum height to eaves 2.7 metres at 53 Andrew Street Mossley (21/00475/HHPD) |
|  | (iii) | Single storey extension and porch to front elevation, two storey rear extension with balcony and associated landscaping at 5 Highfield Meadow Mossley (21/00368/FUL) |
|  | (iv) | Erection of a single storey rear extension, projecting 4 metres from the original rear elevation of the dwelling, with a maximum height to eaves of 2.2 metres and maximum overall height of 3.3 metres at 2 The Larches Mossley (21/00633/HHPD) |
|  | (v) | Erection of a first-floor extension and conversion of existing business/storage unit into two dwellings at Unit 1 Bank Mill Manchester Road Mossley (21/00558/FUL) |
|  | (vi) | Conversion of barn / storage building into a single dwelling house including associated external alterations at Sovereign Hall Farm Stamford Street Mossley (21/00493/FUL) |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted. |
| **2149** | **Confirmation of action on urgent items**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to confirm urgent decisions taken at the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 and 19 May 2021, respectively. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the report be noted, and the urgent decisions taken at the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 and 19 May 2021, respectively, be confirmed. |
| **2150** | **Chair’s Report**The Chair advised members that the items upon which he proposed to report had been raised under various items considered earlier during the meeting and no further report was necessary. |
| **2151** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**No updates or reports were delivered. |
| **2152** | **Correspondence**The Clerk reported that there were not items of correspondence to report. |
| **2153** | **Grant Applications**The Town Council considered the following applications for grant aid/ financial assistance:(Note: representatives of the various organisations were invited to respond to any questions from members earlier during the meeting.) |
|  | (1) | Mossley Civic Society - £300 towards 20 Anniversary celebrations. |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That a grant of £300 be awarded. |
|  |  |  | (2) | That in the event of demand for copies of the published work exceeding the initial print run of 50 copies proposed, the Town Council will consider awarding additional grant money to facilitate additional copies being printed without the need for a further grant application from the Society. |
|  |  |  | (3) | That the assistance of the Town Council be acknowledged on the publications including the use of the Town Council logo. |
|  |  |  | (4) | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. |
|  | (2) | Mossley Community Association – Between £100 and £600 towards an event for Mossley families who have lost close relatives during the last 14/15 months and were unable have the funeral that they would have wished to hold. |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That exceptionally, in view of the sensitive nature of the proposal, a grant of £600 be awarded. |
|  |  |  | (2) | That if required by the Association, the Town Council is willing to offer assistance in developing the event proposed and in particular exploring the possibility of additional external funding opportunities to further support the event. |
|  |  |  | (3) | That Town Councillor Helen Jamison be designated as the Town Council’s lead contact in supporting the event. |
|  |  |  | (4) | That as part of the event, the Community Association be invited to consult attending families to gauge opinion on the possible form and location of a commemorative facility to benefit families in Mossley which have lost loved ones during the pandemic. |
|  |  |  | (5) | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. |
|  | (3) | Childflight |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That a donation of £300 be awarded to Childflight. |
|  |  |  | (2) | That the donation be awarded on the basis of £150 reserved in June 2020 and an additional £150 awarded in 2021, despite the flights not taking place in either of those years. |
|  |  |  | (3) | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. |
|  | (4) | Mossley Town Team – request to sponsor a three-tier planter in Top Mossley on an ongoing basis at a cost of £50 per annum. |
|  |  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That subject to review by the Town Council at any time in the future, approval be given to the annual sponsoring of a three-tier planter in ‘Top’ Mossley at a cost of £50 per annum |
|  |  |  | (2) | That in view of the direct benefit to the area, part of the area or to some or all its inhabitants, the expenditure be met from Section 137 funding. |

The meeting concluded at 10.05pm

Chair