**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**11 May 2022 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors, James Hall, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.  Two members of the public was present at the meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2285** | **Apologies for Absence**  An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Ruth Kerfoot. | | | | | | |
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| **2286** | **Election of Chair** | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That Councillor Frank Travis be elected Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23. | | |
|  | Councillor Frank Travis then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office required to enable him to act as Chair. | | | | | | |
| **2287** | **Appointment of Deputy Chair** | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That Councillor Idu Miah be appointed Deputy Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23. | | |
| **2288** | **Minutes** | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 6 April 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. | | |
| **2289** | **Review of Town Council Procedural Documents**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to review the following procedural documents:   * Statement on Internal Control * Various documents required under the General Data Protection Regulations * Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. * Risk Assessment   The documents had been considered at the meeting on 6 April 2022 and had been commended to the Annual Meeting for adoption. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That the following documents be re-adopted without amendment:   * Statement on Internal Control * Various documents required under the General Data Protection Regulations * Standing Orders and Financial Regulations * Risk Assessment | | |
| **2290** | **Appointment of Representatives to Serve on Outside Bodies**  The Council considered the appointment of representatives to serve on various outside bodies. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That the following appointments to the bodies indicated be approved: | | |
|  |  | | | | **Body** | | **Appointee(s)** |
|  |  | | | | Tameside MBC Standards Committee | | Councillor Frank Travis  (Deputy) Councillor Stephen Homer |
|  |  | | | | Mossley Town Team | | Councillor Pat Mullin |
|  |  | | | | Fairtrade Mossley Steering Group | | Councillor Jack Homer  Vacancy |
| **2291** | **Dates of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2021/22**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Council to set dates for meetings of the Council during the Municipal Year 2022/23.  The dates had been considered at the meeting on 6 April 2022 and had been commended to the Annual Meeting for adoption. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That meetings of the Council take place on the following dates commencing at 8.00pm at the Mossley Methodist Church:  ‘Ordinary’ Meetings  Wednesday 8 June 2022  Wednesday 13 July 2022  Wednesday 7 September 2022  Wednesday 19 October 2022  Wednesday 7 December 2022  Wednesday 18 January 2023  Wednesday 22 February 2023  Wednesday 5 April 2023  Annual Meeting in 2023  Wednesday 17 May 2023 | | |
| **2292** | **Application for Funding – ‘Mossley Time-of Your Life Club’**  Members had been invited to consider an application (copies of which had been circulated) for funding received from ‘Mossley Time-of Your Life Club’ to assist with the running of the Club.  Mrs Barbara Anderton, the Club Secretary attended the meeting to respond to any questions from members about the application.  Members considered the awarding of a grant at a later stage during the meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2293** | **Police Presentation**  PC Martin Dench delivered a presentation on Policing activity in the town.  The following points were made:   * The Police were acting upon concerns made by a local resident at the last meeting about activities in the Luzley Road area of the town; * Action had been taken about anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the George Lawton Hall with individual offenders being referred to the Youth Offending Team; * No further reports of anti-social behaviour at the former Jonathan Grange Nursing Home had been received; * PC Dench undertook to investigate the issue of youths congregating and resulting anti-social behaviour at the Earnshaw Clough development site; * PC Dench expressed gratitude to the owners of the Britannia Mill premises for their swift action in securing fencing to the premises through which youths had gained access to the mill; * Investigations were under way into the fire which had taken place at the former printing mill at Queen St; * No major criminal activity had taken place in the town over recent weeks; * The Police had investigated anti-social behaviour and criminal damage at Cecil St with one of the offenders being identified; * The Police would undertake traffic speeding activities on roads in the town identified by members. PC Dench undertook to investigate the possibility of speed cameras being obtained for use in Mossley; * Unauthorised parking on the ‘School-Keep Clear’ markings outside Livingstone Primary School would be investigated; * In response to a question from a member, PC Dench outlined the benefit of CCTV to the Police in dealing with anti-social behaviour. Members endorsed the need for additional provision in the town; and * Alleged criminal activity on Waterton Lane was referred to together with the apprehension felt by some residents in raising concerns for fear of reprisal from offenders.   Members expressed gratitude to PC Dench for his report and attendance at the meeting. | | | | | | |
|  | **Adjournment**  At this point, the meeting adjourned to enable the Annual Town Meeting to take place.  The Annual Meeting resumed at the rising of the Annual Town Meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2294** | **Planning issues**  Members considered the following planning applications: | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | | Construction of 9, 3 bed dwellings including ancillary works/excavation at land on Stamford Rd, Mossley (22/00262/FUL) | | | | |
|  | (ii) | | Fell one tree and remove branches overhanging fence 2nd tree at Woodend Mill Manchester Road Mossley (22/00039/TPO) | | | | |
|  | (iii) | | Two storey side extension, garage conversion and changes to the garage roof at 12 Roaches Way Mossley (22/00375/FUL) | | | | |
|  | (iv) | | Proposed Change of Use from Use Class C3(a) - Dwellinghouses to Use Class E(e) - Commercial, Business and Service at The Old School House 18 Carrhill Road Mossley (22/00345/FUL) | | | | |
|  | (v) | | Relocate the school main entrance to provide complaint DDA access and external works for the safeguarding of children and internal alterations at Milton St Johns Church of England Primary School Mill Lane Mossley (22/00225/FUL) | | | | |
|  | (vi) | | Outline application for a detached bungalow (with means of access, layout and scale to be considered, all other matters reserved) on land adjacent 11 Roughtown Road Mossley (22/00182/OUT) | | | | |
|  | In respect of the application for construction of 9, 3 bed dwellings including ancillary works/excavation at land on Stamford Rd, Mossley (22/00262/FUL), the Chair had circulated to members prior to the meeting, a draft objection to the application suggesting the following reasons for refusing the application:   1. Inappropriate siting and layout 2. Inadequate parking provision 3. Impact on local commercial and residential amenity 4. Potential for unsafe parking and turning on a main road   The draft objection included a statement justifying the reasons. | | | | | | |
| RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That this Council recommends that the application for construction of 9, 3 bed dwellings including ancillary works/excavation at land on Stamford Rd, Mossley (22/00262/FUL), be refused for the following reasons:  1. Inappropriate siting and layout  2. Inadequate parking provision  3. Impact on local commercial and residential amenity  4. Potential for unsafe parking and turning on a main road. | | | |
|  | | (2) | | That the Clerk be requested to submit the reasons and supporting statement to Tameside MBC as the Town Council’s response to the consultation on the application. | | | |
|  | | (3) | | That the remaining applications be noted. | | | |
| **2295** | **Internal Audit of Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2022**  **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - Accounting Statements 2021/22**  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 2022.  The report invited the Town Council to approve the Accounting Statements for 2021/22 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 2021 to 31 March 2022, 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 Statement in accordance with the accounts now submitted and approved. | |
|  |  | | | | (4) | That the Accounting Statement be forwarded to the external auditor as part of the audit of the 2021/22 accounts. | |
| **2296** | **Budget Considerations**  The Clerk reminded members that the Town Council had approved the final Budget for the current year at the meeting on 6 April 2022.  It was acknowledged that additional items of expenditure may be brought forward by members for consideration.  This item had been included on the agenda to afford members an opportunity to suggest suitably costed proposals for consideration at the meeting.  Creative Mossley  The Chair had circulated to all members the following documents:   * A ‘Creative Response’ to the Mossley Jubilee Fringe Festival as part of the Mossley Twinning Jubilee Celebration; and * A project breakdown with costings of between £5800 and £7500 for the project;   prepared by potential Project Manager Ms Olivia Peers.  The basic project cost amounted to £5800, increasing to £7000 with project management fees and further to £7500 with the addition of graphic design fees.  The Chair suggested that subject to the endorsement of the Town Council, the ‘Creative Response’ initiative as outlined should be funded as a ‘stand-alone’ project separate to the Twinning Jubilee.  This would involve the £10000 allocated by the Town Council for the Twinning event being retained solely to fund twinning activities during the weekend of 23 to 25 September 2022. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | (1) | That the ‘Creative Response’ to the Mossley Jubilee Fringe Festival as part of the Mossley Twinning Jubilee Celebration, be approved. | |
|  |  | | | | (2) | That the sum of £7500 be set aside from ‘Unallocated Reserves’ to fund the event (to include basic project cost (£5800); project management fees (£1200) and graphic design fees (£500). | |
|  |  | | | | (3) | That Ms Olivia Peers be appointed to project manage the event. | |
|  |  | | | | (4) | That he £10000 allocated by the Town Council for the Twinning event be retained solely to fund twinning activities during the weekend of 23 to 25 September 2022. | |
|  | Platinum Jubilee Event  The Chair referred to the decision by the Town Council to allocate in the budget for 2022/23 the sum of £3000 to meet the cost of staging a Platinum Jubilee event to be organised on behalf of the Town Council by Mossley Community Association.  The Chair reported that the organisers may require the purchase or hire of additional equipment to assist the event and that a contingency sum of an additional £500 was likely to be required. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That an additional sum of £500 be added to the ‘Platinum Jubilee’ budget heading. | | |
|  | Christmas 2022  The Clerk reported that Tameside MBC had approached the Town Council to set dates for the Christmas Light switch-on events in Micklehurst and Mossley in 2022  The following dates had been suggested:  Micklehurst Friday 25 November 2022  Mossley Saturday 26 November 2022 | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That the following dates for Christmas Light switch-on events in Micklehurst and Mossley in 2022, be approved:  Micklehurst Friday 25 November 2022  Mossley Saturday 26 November 2022 | | |
| **2297** | **Chair’s Announcements**  There were no further announcements from the Chair. | | | | | | |
| **2298** | **Application for Funding – ‘Mossley Time-of Your Life Club’**  Members considered the application for funding received from ‘Mossley Time-of Your Life Club’ to assist with the running of the Club.  Mrs Jacqueline Healey, the Club Secretary had attended the meeting earlier to respond to any questions from members about the application. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | (1) | That a grant of £300 be awarded to ‘Mossley Time-of Your Life Club’ to assist with the running of the Club. | |
|  |  | | | | (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 10.00pm

Chair