**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**13 July 2022 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Ruth Kerfoot, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.7 members of the public were present at the meeting. |
| **2250** | **Apologies for Absence**Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors James Hall and Helen Jamison. |
| **2251** | **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.Councillor Dean Aylett declared an interest in the planning application for proposed first floor rear extension on top of existing ground floor extension at 26 The Spindles Mossley (22/00454/FUL) as the applicant was a close family member. Councillor Aylett left the meeting during the consideration of the application. |
| **2252** | **Public Engagement** |
|  | 1. Police Update

The Clerk advised members that the Police were unable to attend tonight’s meeting for operational reasons but the Sergeant Ben Marsden and PC Martin Dench had each provided a Police update which the Clerk read out at the meeting, summarised as follows:* The Police had been extremely busy with recent events in Mossley. The public were reassured that the incident in Mossley was a targeted attack and the investigation was ongoing. The Police were confident that Mossley would not see a repeat.
* As a result of crime stoppers information, the Police had executed a search warrant where cannabis and equipment had been found.
* Acts of graffiti had taken place at locations around the Town. The anti-social behaviour officer at Mossley Hollins High School was addressing the issue with youths at the school.
* Dates were being considered for the use of the speed camera on Manchester Road.
* The Police would maintain high visibility patrols during the forthcoming summer holidays.
* A resident on Luzley Rd had provided information about a vehicle driving at speed. The vehicle had been located and seized.
* Britannia Mill had been the subject of a recent fire. The Police would follow up on any issues.
* Overall, crime in the Town remained relatively low and no criminal patterns were emerging.
* A Police surgery would take place on Thursday 21 July 2022 at Emmaus between 11.00am and 1.00pm.
* The Police had been present at the recent Whit Walks/Band Contest and had received constructive community feedback. A vehicle had been seized in the top Mossley Market Street Car Park. The driver of the vehicle had subsequently been prosecuted for driving without licence and insurance. 5 proactive stop searches had been carried out on the evening with one case being positive for class A drugs. The offender had been prosecuted.
* During the same weekend as the band contests, another car had been stopped and seized. The driver of the vehicle had been prosecuted for driving without licence and insurance. This result derived from Intelligence received from the Mossley residents in and around Micklehurst Rd.

A member of the public present at the meeting drew attention to youths accessing the roof of the George Lawton Hall causing possible damage with the added danger to the youths due to the presence of asbestos.  1. The Roaches Public House

Local residents attended the meeting to voice concerns they had raised via the Clerk to the Town Council about noise nuisance emanating from the Roaches Public House at unsociable times.The Clerk had suggested to the residents that they may like to consider attending the meeting to voice their concerns in person at the meeting at which their Tameside MBC ward representatives would be present.Councillor Stephen Homer undertook to progress the concerns of the local residents with officer colleagues at Tameside MBC. |
| **2253** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**1. Application for a large grant (£990) from Friends of Egmont St (FOES) to assist with a Harvest Festival Event in September

Lesley Arnold Rigby attended the meeting and responded to questions from members about the proposal.Members considered the grant at a later stage during the meeting.1. Childflight

The Clerk reminded members that the Town Council had at the last meeting agreed the conventional donation of £150 to Childflight.The town has been fortunate to receive an allocation of 9 places from each primary school in Mossley this year which was very pleasing.A request had now been received for an additional contribution towards the cost of hiring the coach to convey the children to and from the airport. The cost of the coach had risen dramatically.Irene Raddings attended the meeting and responded to questions from members about the proposal. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the award of a further donation to Childflight to assist with the cost of hiring a coach be approved in principle subject to the amount of the donation being delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair |
|  |  | (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. |
|  | (Note: Following post-meeting discussions, it had been agreed to award a donation of £150 towards the cost of coach hire.) |
| **2254** | **Proposed Mossley Neighbourhood Plan**The Chair referred to previous decisions by the Town Council about the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Mossley.The Clerk reported that Tameside MBC had advised that arrangements were in hand to progress a governance conversation at the Executive on 24 August 2022 and a response would be issued following that discussion. |
| **2255** | **Mossley Mapping Exercise**In view of the absence from the meeting of Councillor James Hall, this matter was not progressed.Councillor Pat Mullin reported upon discussions between Mossley Civic Society and the local planning authority to better inform the planning process. |
| **2256** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy – Update**Councillor Pat Mullin updated members on progress made with the proposed Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy and various associated initiatives across Greater Manchester. |
| **2257** | **Egmont St**The Chair updated members on the proposals to bring back the former Egmont St Pavilion into community use in partnership with Works4U.A considerable amount of investigation and planning work remained but it was currently envisaged that works to the premises would be completed and the premises being available for use by September 2023. |
| **2258** | **Creative Mossley and Town Twinning Event**The Chair updated members on progress made with the initiatives.Olivia Peers, the ‘Mossley Creates’ project manager attended the meeting and summarised the creative event proposals for the Twinning Weekend of 23 to 25 September 2022 which the Town Council had previously agreed to fund.Councillor Pat Mullin advised that the activities proposed for the weekend were being used as an outline basis for future events of that type for which various grant opportunities were being explored. |
| **2259** | **Minutes** |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to it being clarified that ‘most’ and not ‘all’ residents of Richmond Crescent had supported the proposed development at 21 Richmond Crescent (22/00433/FUL)  |
| **2260** | **Financial Update to 30 June 2022**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 June and 30 June 2022 as follows: |
|  | MTC Generator Hire (Jubilee Celebration postponed event) | £89.19 |  |
|  | Layershift (Domain Registratiion) | £11.88 |  |
|  | HMRC (May 22) | £108.00 |  |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | £40.00 |  |
|  | Childflight donation | £150.00 |  |
|  | Mossley School of Dance | £300.00 |  |
|  | Zoom reimbursement | £14.99 |  |
|  | Go Bouncy (Jubilee Celebration postponed event) | £320.00 |  |
|  | M Iveson (salary and exp) | £448.04 |  |
|  | BHF Donation reimbursement (Marie Milne) | £50.00 |  |
|  | SLCC | £112.00 |  |
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|  | Total | £1644.10 |  |
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|  | The Clerk referred to the arrangements currently being made for the forthcoming Mossley Creates and Town Twinning events.The events were embryonic at this stage and arrangements would invariably be subject to change. The Clerk referred also to the need to settle invoices for various services and activities for the events and the likelihood that some amounts would exceed the £500 which under the Financial Regulations, the Clerk did not have authority to settle without the approval of the Town Council.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That in respect of the Mossley Creates and Town Twinning events taking place during the weekend of 23 to 25 September 2022, the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to:* Vary any previously agreed arrangements for the events; and
* settle invoices for various services and activities for the events which exceed the £500 permitted under the Financial Regulations,
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| **2261** | **Tree Planting Initiative**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to consider revised arrangements for the Tree Planting Initiative.The revised arrangements outlined in the report were to provide trees to the children in the September 2022 Year 6 intake instead of the Year 6 leavers in 2022. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the revised arrangements outlined in the report to provide trees to the children in the September 2022 Year 6 intake instead of the Year 6 leavers in 2022, be endorsed, and that the Clerk in consultation with Councillor Dean Aylett be requested to make the necessary arrangements. |
| **2262** | **Planning Issues** The Council considered the following remaining planning applications: |
|  | (i) | Single storey side extension at 5 The Birches Mossley (22/00394/FUL) |
|  | (ii) | Proposed new pitched roof design to garage & porch at 12 Lower Hey Lane Mossley (22/00550/FUL) |
|  | (iii) | Proposed first floor rear extension on top of existing ground floor extension at 26 The Spindles Mossley (22/00454/FUL) |
|  | (iv) | Conversion of barn / storage building into a single dwelling house including associated external alterations at Sovereign Hall Farm Stamford Street Mossley (22/00667/FUL) |
|  | (v) | Two storey side, single storey rear & front porch extension at 3 Wharmton View Mossley (22/00699/FUL) |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted. |
| **2263** | **Chair’s Report**No additional reports from the Chair were delivered. |
| **2264** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**Britain in Bloom InspectionCouncillor Pat Mullin referred to the recent Britain in Bloom inspection of the town and drew attention to comments made by the inspectors about the planters at the Market Ground and at Micklehurst.Councillor Mullin added that it was his understanding that the Town Team had agreed to assume responsibility for the planting and future maintenance of both planters.Councillor Mullin undertook to pursue discussions with the Town Team outside the meeting and report further in due course.Rearranged Platinum Jubilee CelebrationsA member of the public present at the meeting expressed gratitude to the Town Council for the generous support given to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations which had taken place on Sunday 10 July 2022. |
| **2265** | **Correspondence** This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting under the Public Engagement item on the agenda. |
| **2266** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**Application for a large grant (£990) from Friends of Egmont St (FOES) to assist with a Harvest Festival Event in September  |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That a ‘large’ grant of £990 be awarded to Friends of Egmont St to assist with a Harvest Festival Event on Sunday 25 September 2022 |
|  |  | (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