**MOSSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**7 September 2022 at 8.00pm**

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|  | **Present**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Stephen Homer, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin.  3 members of the public were present at the meeting. | | | | | | |
| **2267** | **Apologies for Absence**  Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jack Homer, Helen Jamison and Ruth Kerfoot. | | | | | | |
| **2268** | **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 | | | | | | |
| **2269** | **Public Engagement** | | | | | | |
|  | 1. Police Update   The Clerk advised members that the Police were unable to attend tonight’s meeting for operational reasons. | | | | | | |
| **2270** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**  The Clerk advised members that there were no applications for financial assistance to consider at this meeting. | | | | | | |
| 2271 | **Egmont St**  The Chair welcomed to the meeting Mr Norman MacKie, Co-Director of Works4U and Tameside MBC Councillor Dave Sweeton, Chair of the Advisory Board.  The guests outlined the work undertaken by Works4U and specifically, proposals being developed to bring back the former Egmont St Pavilion into community use.  On behalf of the Town Council, the Chair expressed gratitude to Mr Mackie and Councillor Sweeton for their attendance at the meeting. | | | | | | |
| 2272 | **Minutes** | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 July 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. | | | | |
| 2273 | **Financial Update to 31 August 2022**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 31 August 2022 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 July and 31 August 2022 as follows: | | | | | | |
|  | Olivia Peers | | | | | £900.00 |  |
|  | M Iveson (Mayoral Robes Dry Cleaning reimbursement) | | | | | £20.40 |  |
|  | HMRC (PAYE June 2022) | | | | | £107.80 |  |
|  | ZOOM Reimbursement (July 2022) | | | | | £13.69 |  |
|  | Platinum Jubilee (Go Bouncy) | | | | | £320.00 |  |
|  | M Iveson (salary and expenses July 2022)) | | | | | £435.99 |  |
|  | Friends of Egmont St (Large Grant) | | | | | £990.00 |  |
|  | Olivia Peers | | | | | £900.00 |  |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | | | | | £40.00 |  |
|  | Childflight (Coach Hire donation) | | | | | £150.00 |  |
|  | Platinum Jubilee (Dirt factory) | | | | | £450.00 |  |
|  | Netwise (Web site contract) | | | | | £360.00 |  |
|  | Platinum Jubilee (A B Snape reimbursement) | | | | | £95.56 |  |
|  | Platinum Jubilee ( Ian Mellor reimbursement) | | | | | £100.00 |  |
|  | Gwyn Kendrick (Twinning 'Heroes' Tickets | | | | | £770.00 |  |
|  | HMRC PAYE ( July 2022) | | | | | £108.00 |  |
|  | ZOOM Reimbursement (Aug 2022) | | | | | £14.39 |  |
|  | Olivia Peers | | | | | £707.65 |  |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses (Aug 2022) | | | | | £441.19 |  |
|  | Olivia Peers | | | | | £162.50 |  |
|  | Total | | | | | £7087.17 |  |
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|  | The Clerk reminded members that they had been consulted informally about the proposal to increase in the ‘Jumelage’ budget agreed in May from £7500 to £10,000.  Members were now being invited to formally agree that.  Members were informed that the Childflight event to which the Town Council had made donations would take place on 9 December 2022. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | That the sum of £7,500 set aside at the Annual Meeting on 11 May 2022 from ‘Unallocated Reserves’ to fund the Jubilee ‘Jumelage event, be increased to £10,000. | | |
| **2274** | **External Audit of the Town Council’s Accounts for Year ending 31 March 2022**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) following the receipt of the external auditor’s report on the Town Council’s accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.  The Clerk informed the Council that on the basis of the external auditor’s review of the annual governance and accountability return, the accounts accord with legal requirements and there were no other matters which have come to their attention which give cause for concern.  There were no other matters which the external auditor wished to draw to the attention of the Town Council.  The Town Council was now required to publish a notice and documents on the website and on the Town Council's notice board before 30 September 2022. This will been actioned. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | That the Clerk be authorised to pay the fee (£240) to PKF Littlejohn LLP for their work in undertaking the external audit of the Town Council’s accounts for 2021/22. | | |
| **2275** | **External Audit of the Town Council’s Accounts**  **Option to opt out of the SAAA Central External Auditor Appointment Arrangements**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to consider whether it wishes to be part of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) arrangements for the next 5-year period, 2022-23 until 2026-27. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | That the Town Council wishes to continue to be part of the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) arrangements for the next 5-year period, 2022-23 until 2026-27. | | | |
| **2276** | **Neighbourhood Plan**  The Chair reported that Tameside MBC had:   * approved the application to designate the Mossley Neighbourhood Area’ and * agreed as Local Planning Authority to support the Town Council with Neighbourhood Planning activities in accordance with the ‘Neighbourhood Planning Service Level Framework’ as approved by Executive Cabinet (19 October 2016).   The Clerk advised members that officers from Tameside MBC had been invited to attend tonight’s meeting but had declined at this stage. The officers had advised that it would be beneficial once the Town Council have given some thought around scoping and timetable to have a project meeting with officers and members to run through issues, options, project planning and any early work undertaken as a practical way to support the Town Council.  The Clerk suggested to members the need to determine how the arrangements are to proceed and who will be leading on the significant workload which will be required.  Members acknowledged the need to engage the services of external services where necessary. | | | | | | |
| **2277** | **Tree Planting Initiative**  The Clerk advised members that he had consulted the 5 primary schools in Mossley about Year 6 cohort numbers and it was anticipated that just under 200 trees would be required. This appeared to be an achievable cost from the £1000 allocation in the budget.  Members suggested that when trees are given to the children, each tree should be accompanied by an informative advising on ‘Do’s and Don’ts’ about tree planting.  Councillor Dean Aylett undertook to source the trees. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Councillor Dean Aylett be authorised to agree terms for the procurement of the trees and that the necessary expenditure be met from the ‘Environment’ budget heading. | | | | |
| **2278** | **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. | | | | | | |
| **2279** | **Jubilee ‘Jumelage’**  This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting under the report on the Financial Update to 31 August 2022. | | | | | | |
| **2280** | **Town Twinning Event**  The Chair updated members on progress made with the initiative and paid tribute to the assistance being afforded to the Town Council by Mr Neil Morris, Managing Director of Comtec.  The Chair reminded members that the Town Council’s Budget allocation for Town twinning was £10,000 adding that it was likely that the organisation of the event was likely to exceed that amount particularly in view of the proposals to meet the cost of professional acts for the event.  The Chair suggested that the budget for the event should be increased by £3,800 to £13,800 in total, to be met from unallocated resources.  The Chair added that it was anticipated that some of the additional allocation would be offset by sponsorship for the event by local businesses currently being explored. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | That the sum of £10,000 included in the Budget for Town Twinning be increased by £3,800 (to £13,800) subject to the additional cost being met from ‘Unallocated’ resources. | | |
| **2281** | **Mossley Mapping Exercise**  Councillor James Hall reported on the initiative to provide a digital map of Town Council actions and events and the need to firstly define the terms of reference for the initiative. | | | | | | |
| **2282** | **Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 2022**  The Clerk submitted a report) copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to consider arrangements for the Mossley Remembrance Service on Sunday 13 November 2022.  The report outlined the activities associated with the event.  Conventionally, the service was conducted by a local clergy representative. In recent years, Father David Warner has officiated. Father David had now left the Town and a replacement celebrant was now required.  It was reported that a meeting of Mossley Churches Together was scheduled to take place on 15 September 2022 at which consideration would be given to the appointment of a celebrant for the 2022 event. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | That approval be given to the provision of:   * a wreath for the Town Council representative to lay; and * maroons to be fired at the start and finish of the period of silence. | | |
|  |  | | (3) | | That the necessary expenditure be authorised. | | |
| **2283** | **Planning Issues**  The Council considered the following remaining planning applications: | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | Relocate the school main entrance to provide complaint DDA access and external works for the safeguarding of children and internal alterations. Proposal includes new canopy and ramp, proposed windows reduced (Resubmission of 22/00225/FUL) at Milton St Johns Church Of England Primary School Mill Lane Mossley (22/00618/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/00412/FUL (Demolition of existing building, erection of 14 semi-detached houses and associated parking and amenity space) to alter plans to show: individual plot floor levels; external alterations to elevations (pediments); alterations to bicycle storage and bin storage and updated site levels to suit surveyed site levels and existing adjacent property levels at Jonathan Grange Nursing Home, Micklehurst Road Mossley (22/00561/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | Single story rear extension and internal alterations at 122 Stockport Road Mossley (22/00775/CPUD) | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | Proposed rear dormer loft conversion with roof lights to front elevation at 375 Manchester Road Mossley (22/00774/CPUD) | | | | | |
|  | (v) | Single storey rear extension for extra living space and internal modifications at 62 Winterford Road Mossley (22/00747/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (vi) | Two storey rear extension, single storey attached garage to the side, new roof and attic conversion with dormers to front and rear elevation at 1 Shire Mill Close Mossley (22/00749/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (vii) | Proposed two storey/single storey side extension at 1 Winterford Road Mossley (22/00725/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (viii) | Demolition of existing single storey commercial unit, and erection of two storey commercial unit (General Industrial), with roofspace at Unit Next To 6 Dean Street Mossley (22/00712/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (ix) | First floor side extension at 2 Park Street Mossley (22/00815/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (x) | Single storey rear extension, front porch extension, new pitched roof to existing side extension & new roof to front bay at 121 Staley Road Mossley (22/00852/FUL) | | | | | |
|  | (xi) | Non-material amendment to planning application 20/01253/FUL. Amendments to include; omitting the cladding to the gable elevation, Juliette balconies to be positions between the reveals, addition of cladding to part of the walkway at Holland Brothers Nield Street Mossley (22/00837/MATCH) | | | | | |
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|  | RESOLVED: | | That the applications be noted. | | | | |
| **2284** | **Chair’s Report**  No additional reports from the Chair were delivered. | | | | | | |
| **2285** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**  Britain in Bloom Inspection  Councillor 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 Dean Aylett undertook to re-plant the Planter located at Micklehurst  The Chair undertook to hold discussions with representatives of St George’s Church with a view to the Planter located at Mossley Market ground being re-planted and improved. | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | That any necessary expenditure incurred in improving the Planters at Micklehurst and Mossley Market Ground be approved subject to the cost being met from the Environment budget heading. | | | | |
|  | Fairtrade Mossley  A member of the public present at the meeting reported on measures being proposed by Fairtrade Mossley to secure greater involvement in the initiative from young people in the town. | | | | | | |
| **2286** | **Correspondence**  There were no items of correspondence to report. | | | | | | |
| **2287** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**  There were no applications for financial assistance to consider | | | | | | |

The meeting concluded at 10.10pm

Chair