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| **Mossley Town Council** |
| **19 October 2022 at 8.00pm** |
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|  | **Present:**Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Jack Homer, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison, Ruth Kerfoot, Idu Miah and Pat Mullin. |
|  | 7 members of the public were present at the meeting. |
| **2288** | **Apologies for Absence**An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Dean Aylett. |
| **2289** | **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: |
|  | Councillor Helen Jamison as the partner of the applicant for a large grant for Livingstone Primary School (£825) |
|  | Michael Iveson as Clerk to the Town Council in respect of that part of the Financial Update to 30 September 2022, inviting the Town Council to contribute to the cost of a replacement laptop. |
|  | Councillor Jamison and the Clerk left the meeting during the consideration of these items. |
| **2290** | **Application for Financial Assistance - Large Grant Application from Livingstone Primary School (£825)**Members were invited to consider an application from Micklehurst Primary School for a ‘large’ grant to fund performances by the professional touring theatre company and local Tameside community interest company, ‘2 Boards and a Passion’. The 3 Christmas performances would be hosted by the school for Early Years (including nursery), Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes.Simon Wilde, Deputy Chair of Micklehurst Primary School Governing Board attended the meeting to respond to questions from members.Members advised Mr Wilde that a decision on the application would be made at a later stage during the meeting. Mr Wilde then left the meeting. |
| **2291** | **Public Engagement**Members of the public were invited to address the meeting. Mossley ‘Time of Your Life’ ClubBarbara Anderton attended the meeting as a representative of the Mossley ‘Time of Your Life’ Club, to express gratitude to the Town Council for the £300 grant awarded to the club and to outline the ways in which the grant had been utilised resulting benefit to the club.Litter Collection and Prevention in MossleySally Hamer invited the Town Council to consider a "litter summit" to look at ways to reduce littering in Mossley; and to refurbish community notice boards. Ms Hamer also voiced concern about the notice of Town Council meetings on the website.In response to the concerns, the following points were made:Members shared the concerns expressed about litter and highlighted some of the reasons for litter within the town:* The Clerk had corresponded with Ms Hamer about accessing meeting dates and undertook to look into the issue; and
* In the meantime ask the local press to publicise meeting dates.

In concluding the debate on the issues raised, the Chair suggested that officer representatives from Tameside MBC as the responsible authority, should be invited to the next or a future meeting.  |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the Clerk be requested to invite to the next or a future meeting, officer representatives from Tameside MBC responsible for litter receptacles and collection. |
|  | Closure of Mossley Park Bowling Green3 Representatives of Mossley Park Veteran’s Bowling Club attended the meeting to voice concerns about the closure of the bowling green in Mossley Park on what appeared to be health and safety grounds. It was alleged that the closure had taken place on the eve of a final fixture leading to concern from bowlers.There had been suggestion of a ‘rock fall’ but this appeared to be on the nearby footpath remote from the green itself and there appeared to be confusion about the need to close the bowling green. Town Councillor Stephen Homer undertook to investigate the bowling club’s concern Britain in Bloom AwardsAt the request of the Chair (Paul Dowthwaite) of The Friends of Mossley Park, the Clerk reported on the following RHA Britain in Bloom awards.There had been a strong showing from Mossley Voluntary Groups at the Awards Ceremony held at the Bolton Stadium on 19 October 2022.Friends of Mossley Park, Mossley Town Team and Mossley Community Centre had all been awarded level 5 “Outstanding” . Friends of Egmont Street on their first attempt had gained a creditable level 3 “Advancing.”The North West had the largest number of entries of any UK region.On behalf of the Town Council, the Chair extended congratulations to all the award recipients.PoliceThe Clerk advised members that neither PC Martin Dench or Sgt Ben Marsden were available to attend the meeting.The Chair advised members that he had held telephone conversations with Sgt Ben Marsden about a number of issues in the locality.Councillor Stephen Homer reported on action taken in consultation with the Police over speeding traffic on Mountain St/Argyle St and Hanover St |
| **2292** | **Minutes**The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject under minute 2271 (Egmont St), to the correct spelling of Councillor Dave ‘Sweeton’. |
| **2293** | **Neighbourhood Plan**The Chair informed members that it was intended to arrange an informal exploratory meeting between members of the Town Council, interested parties and Abbie Miladinovic.The Chair undertook to circulate in due course an informative, identifying actions required and allocating responsibilities.Members endorsed the action proposed by the Chair. |
| **2294** | **Tree Planting Initiative**In the absence of Councillor Dean Aylett, the Clerk advised members on action taken by Councillor Aylett to procure trees.Members expressed their desire to see this initiative progressed and urged Councillor Aylett to ensure that the trees were procured as soon as possible.The Clerk confirmed that the cost of the number of trees required (approximately 200) could be met from the ‘Environment’ budget heading.  |
| **2295** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy – Update**Councillor Pat Mullin reported upon progress made to date on this initiative. It was hoped that an action plan would be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Town Council. |
| **2296** | **Jubilee ‘Jumelage’ and Town Twinning Events**The Chair reported on the outcome of these events and invited members to request the Clerk to convey sincere thanks to Neil Morris, Managing Director of COMTEC and Olivia Peers of Mossley School of Dance for their professional assistance afforded to the Town Council in organising the events and making them so successful.Members also expressed gratitude to the Chair for his outstanding contribution to the success of the events. |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the Clerk be requested to convey sincere thanks to Neil Morris, Managing Director of COMTEC and Olivia Peers of Mossley School of Dance for their professional assistance afforded to the Town Council in organising the events and making them so successful. |
| **2297** | **Application for Financial Assistance - Large Grant Application from Livingstone Primary School (£825)**Members considered the application from Micklehurst Primary School for a ‘large’ grant to fund performances by the professional touring theatre company and local Tameside community interest company, ‘2 Boards and a Passion’. The 3 Christmas performances would be hosted by the school for Early Years (including nursery), Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes.Simon Wilde, Deputy Chair of Micklehurst Primary School Governing Board had attended the meeting earlier to respond to questions from members. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That a grant of £825 be made to Micklehurst Primary School for a ‘large’ grant to fund performances by the professional touring theatre company and local Tameside community interest company, ‘2 Boards and a Passion’. |
|  |  | (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. |
| **2298** | **Mossley Mapping Exercise**In the absence of Councillor James Hall, members deferred this item to the next meeting. |
| **2299** | **Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 2022**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating members on arrangements for the Mossley Remembrance Service on Sunday 13 November 2022.The Clerk added that Reverend Rob Balfour from Mossley Methodist Church has agreed to act as celebrant. |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the report be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That in consultation with the Chair and the Town Team Steward representative, the Clerk be authorised to procure a first aid kit for the event. |
|  |  | (3) | That any necessary expenditure be authorised. |
| **2300** | **Christmas 2022**The Chair reported on the arrangements made to date for the forthcoming Christmas Light switch-ons at Micklehurst and Mossley.The Chair confirmed that the Mossley switch-on would this year be a scaled-down family orientated event between the hours of 4.00pm and 6.00pm. |
| **2301** | **Childflight**The Chair advised members that he had been approached by Jean Caldwell the organiser of ‘Childflight’ with a view to the future administration of the initiative being transferred.No members indicated that they had capacity to take on the future administration of the initiative. |
| **2302** | **Planning Issues**The Council considered the following remaining planning applications: |
|  | (i) | Single storey rear extension at 2 Clifton Villa, Stamford Road Mossley (22/00914/FUL) |
|  | (ii) | Proposed drop kerb to front of property to enable new direct vehicular access via Stockport road and also external alterations including new external steps to the front of the property. (Re-submission of 21/01082/FUL) at Woodlands View, 52 Stockport Road Mossley (22/00904/FUL) |
|  | (iii) | Garage conversion including new flat roof at 12 Alphin Close Mossley (22/01009/FUL) |
|  | RESOLVED: | That the applications be noted. |
| **2303** | **Chair’s Report**The Chair reported on progress made on the initiative including the position on the planning application to develop the premises. |
| **2304** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**No updates were delivered. |
| **2305** | **Correspondence**There were no items of correspondence to report. |
| **2306** | **Financial Update to 30 September 2022**The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 September 2022 and including a list of invoices paid between 1 September and 30 September 2022 as follows: |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | £40.00 |
|  | Olivia Peers (MTJJ005) | £175.00 |
|  | PKF Littlejohn | £240.00 |
|  | Zoom (September 2022) | £14.39 |
|  | PAYE August 22 | £107.80 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and expenses Sept 22) | £440.99 |
|  | Microsoft | £79.99 |
|  | COMTEC | £1080.00 |
|  | COMTEC | £5070.00 |
|  | Kyla Brox Band | £450.00 |
|  | Idu Miah Reimbursement. | £104.07 |
|  | Olivia Peers | £2400.00 |
|  | Olivia Peers | £1303.00 |
|  | Frank Travis reimbursement | £51.00 |
|  | Sub Pressure Studio | £150.00 |
|  | New Start Education | £200.00 |
|  | Pauline Town (Morris men donation) | £40.00 |
|  | TMBC (bins) | £265.00 |
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|  | **Total:** | **£12211.24** |
|  | The Clerk updated members on the actual figures to date (19 October 2022) on the Jubilee ‘Jumelage’ and Town Twinning initiatives:JumelageTotal expenditure amounted to £8448.15. This amount was within the budget allocation of £10,000Town TwinningExcluding VAT, the total expenditure amounted to £14895.81. After deducting sponsorship monies of £2,550 this reduced to £12,345.81. However, the actual cost in this financial year represented a shortfall of £1,095 over the budget allocation of £13,800.The Town Council would need to consider virement within the budget this amount from the unallocated budget. The £2550 sponsorship money would be added to the unallocated budget.The £2469 vat paid on the event will be received in the 2023/24 VAT return.Members were invited to note that the sponsored Gala Dinner tickets amounting to £770 had been met from the more appropriate Community Action budget.The Chair invited the Town Council to meet the cost of a reciprocal gift to the Town of Hem on the occasion of the forthcoming visit to the Town.And finally, the Council was invited to consider whether it wished to make a contribution towards the cost of the Clerk purchasing a new laptop for which the principal use is Town Council business.(Note: The Clerk left the meeting during the consideration of a contribution towards the cost of the Clerk purchasing a new laptop.) |
|  | RESOLVED: | (1) | That the report be noted. |
|  |  | (2) | That in consultation with the Chair, the Clerk be authorised to vire monies within the budget to accommodate overspending on the Town Twinning initiative |
|  |  | (3) | That approval be given to the Town Council meeting the full cost (£429.99) of the replacement laptop device to be purchased by the Clerk and that the cost be met from the unallocated budget. |
|  |  | (4) | That the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorised to procure a suitable gift for the Chair to present to the Town of Hem on the occasion of the forthcoming visit to the Town, and that the cost be met from the unallocated budget. |
|  | The meeting closed at 10.08pm. |