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| **Mossley Town Council** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **7 December 2022 at 8.00pm** | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **Present:**  Councillor Frank Travis (Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dean Aylett, James Hall, Stephen Homer, Helen Jamison, Ruth Kerfoot, and Pat Mullin. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | 15 members of the public were present at the meeting. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2307** | **Apologies for Absence**  Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jack Homer and Idu Miah. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2308** | **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: | | | | | | | | | |
| **2309** | **Public Engagement**  Members of the public were invited to address the meeting.  **Litter Collection and Prevention in Mossley**  Following the attendance of an interested member of the public (who volunteers with “Litterbugs”) at the October 2022 meeting to discuss litter and fly-tipping issues in Mossley, the Clerk was requested to invite to the next meeting, officer representatives from Tameside MBC responsible for litter receptacles and collection.  The following officers representing Tameside MBC were present at the meeting:  Nick Sayers (Head of Operations and Greenspace)  Mike Robinson – (Regulatory Services Manager)  The meeting was attended by interested residents, including representatives of the Town Team, Friends of Mossley Park and Friends of Egmont Street.  The Officers from Tameside MBC outlined their respective service delivery methods, collection timetables and enforcement successes.  Reference was made to the success of the Mossley Litterbugs, noting in particular that where a collection of bagged litter was deposited at a location and notified to Tameside MBC, the local authority would organise the pick-up and disposal of the collected refuse.  An important point made by the officers was the establishment by Tameside MBC of a “Litter Hubs Network”. The network enabled residents or groups to book out free equipment, including high visibility jackets, litter pickers, gloves and black bags, from community places. Council officers would then arrange for the collected rubbish to be disposed of appropriately. Participants would be provided with a safety checklist and asked to sign out the equipment.  Thereafter the following points were made during the open discussion:   * Contamination occurred to the content of recycling bins when left on-street thus defeating recycling objectives. This may be lessened by education/publicity * Commercial waste bins had a locking facility * Increased publicity on which type of material could be placed in each bin would assist in reminding/educating residents * Different coloured bags used by community groups to collect litter would assist in displaying the volume of litter collected by the groups * There was little correlation between the size of receptacles in the town centre, the amount of litter deposited and frequency of emptying. This often led to litter being deposited in the location of the bins left open to vandalism and vermin etc. Abuse of on street facilities by some residents and businesses may exacerbate the problem. Officers from Tameside MBC undertook to address any specific locations drawn to their attention * The possibility of locking devices being manufactured or installed on household bins left on-street was considered. It was acknowledged that this was a significant issue to address bearing in mind the numbers of properties in Tameside as a whole, but this may be considered on bins where residents had no option other than to leave their bins on street * The reissuing, possibly on a more regular basis of recycling bin collection days may assist residents and therefore recycling objectives * The sharing by residents of bin capacity could be encouraged * Fly-tipping often occurred because residents did not have facilities to access civic amenity facilities. Bulky waste collection facilities made available by Tameside MBC should be more widely publicised * Tameside MBC occasionally made skips available in some areas to enable residents to dispose of bulky items but this service had reduced significantly during the pandemic * Tameside MBC had a limited budget to deal with litter collection and recycling etc and had to make the most of the scarce resources available * Several litter and fly-tipping hotspots were cited by residents. Tameside MBC officers undertook to consider action in any cases specifically referred to them subject to budget considerations   In concluding the debate and expressing gratitude to the officers from Tameside MBC for their attendance, the Chair suggested that further informal discussions would take place to co-ordinate, in partnership with the Litter Hubs Network, community activity on litter collection in the town and thereafter to develop formal arrangements. Those discussions would involve all interested parties and all parties would be invited to participate and informed of progress and future arrangements.  A fully co-ordinated plan of action to tackle litter was considered to be the most successful way of tackling litter nuisance.  A grant application for litter collection items from Mossley Hollins School was to be considered at the meeting. Regrettably the student who was to present the item was unwell and could not attend. However, in light of the discussions noted above the Council thought that the school should, in the first instance be included in the follow up work described above. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | | (1) | | | That the Clerk be asked to circulate and publicise the discussion from the meeting via appropriate media. | |
|  |  | | | | | (2) | | | That further consideration be given to this matter and progress made at the next meeting. | |
|  | **Mossley Skatepark Initiative**  A member referred to the £5000 earmarked in the current budget by the Town Council as a contribution to the improvement of the skatepark at Mossley Park and enquired about the progress of the initiative.  The officers from Tameside MBC present at the meeting undertook to investigate progress and advise the Town Council.  **Police**  The Clerk advised members that neither PC Martin Dench or Sgt. Ben Marsden were available to attend the meeting.  Councillor Stephen Homer reported that the 3 Tameside MBC Mossley Ward members had met with the Police during the last evening to consider Policing matters in Mossley.  The following points were made:   * With the exception of prestige car theft, no significant increases in crime in Mossley had been recorded. The Police had invested additional resources into car theft and some improvements had now occurred * A significant number of stolen motorcycles had been seized, impounded and subsequently destroyed * Campaigns were underway to promote personal safety when participating in the night-time economy and for householders to prevent burglary * A detailed statistical breakdown of the types of crime committed in Mossley had been requested * The Police had reiterated requests that all residents be encouraged to report crime via any available means. Failure to report crime resulted in the crime not being recorded * The Police had focussed on speeding at various locations and officers trained in high-speed pursuit had been deployed in Mossley * Speed indicator signs designed to encourage speed reduction had been installed at various locations   **Egmont St**  The Chair advised members that he was scheduled to attend a meeting the following day with representatives of ‘Works 4 U’ to consider progress with the initiative. Discussions were also continuing with Tameside MBC. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2310** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**  Friends of Egmont St (£300)  Members considered an application (copies of which had been circulated) from the Friends of Egmont St for a grant to fund the cost of a new greenhouse, the former having been destroyed by wind and vandalism.  Lesley Arnold Rigby attended the meeting to respond to questions from members.  Mossley Hollins High School (£527)  Members considered an application (copies of which had been circulated) from Mossley Hollins High School for a grant to fund the cost of litter picking apparatus for children at the school when engaged in litter picking activities.  Regrettably, a student representative of the school was unable to attend the meeting to respond to questions from members.  Bearing in mind the discussions earlier during the meeting, members agreed that the school should in the first instance be included in the follow up work outlined above. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2311** | **Minutes**  The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 19 October 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject under minutes 2290 and 2297 (Application for Financial Assistance – Large Grant Application from Livingstone Primary School) to the substitution of “Livingstone Primary School” for “Micklehurst Primary School” wherever it occurs. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2312** | **Financial Update to 30 November 2022**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) showing the financial position as at 30 November 2022 and listing all bills paid since the last meeting as follows: | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Frank Travis Reimbursement | | | | | | | | | 60.00 |
|  | Phil Patrick Entertainment | | | | | | | | | 100.00 |
|  | Comtec | | | | | | | | | 8526.00 |
|  | Utopian Attempt | | | | | | | | | 150.00 |
|  | Stepford Wives | | | | | | | | | 250.00 |
|  | Sweet Vintage | | | | | | | | | 180.00 |
|  | Hatstand Band | | | | | | | | | 150.00 |
|  | The Valleys | | | | | | | | | 150.00 |
|  | Jon Mambo | | | | | | | | | 250.00 |
|  | Madame Claude | | | | | | | | | 150.00 |
|  | Olivia Peers | | | | | | | | | 700.00 |
|  | McAfee (Internet security reimbursement) | | | | | | | | | 20.00 |
|  | PAYE (Sept. 22) | | | | | | | | | 108.00 |
|  | ZOOM Reimbursement | | | | | | | | | 14.99 |
|  | M Iveson (salary and expenses October 2022) | | | | | | | | | 438.19 |
|  | Olivia Peers | | | | | | | | | 1200.00 |
|  | Global Grooves | | | | | | | | | 48.00 |
|  | Mossley Methodist Church | | | | | | | | | 40.00 |
|  | Livingstone Primary School | | | | | | | | | 825.00 |
|  | MTC Laptop | | | | | | | | | 429.99 |
|  | M Iveson reimbursement (micro disk) | | | | | | | | | 9.99 |
|  | Vere North (Posters etc) | | | | | | | | | 190.00 |
|  | Mossley Community Association (Room Hire) | | | | | | | | | 48.00 |
|  | MediKit reimbursement | | | | | | | | | 65.27 |
|  | RBL Wreath | | | | | | | | | 25.00 |
|  | PAYE (October) | | | | | | | | | 107.80 |
|  | Zoom Reimbursement | | | | | | | | | 14.39 |
|  | Dean Aylett (Reimbursement - planter) | | | | | | | | | 90.84 |
|  | M Iveson (Salary and Expenses Nov. 2022) | | | | | | | | | 723.93 |
|  | TMBC | | | | | | | | | 265.00 |
|  | Kieran Whitrow (Maroon) | | | | | | | | | 330.00 |
|  | Dean Aylett (Trees Reimbursement) | | | | | | | | | 337.55 |
|  | Shelly Wood Ceramics | | | | | | | | | 85.00 |
|  | Help in Hands | | | | | | | | | 50.00 |
|  | Challenge Site Services (WCs) | | | | | | | | | 342.00 |
|  | Minuteman Press | | | | | | | | | 80.00 |
|  | Help in Hands | | | | | | | | | 50.00 |
|  | Dave Kendrick | | | | | | | | | 250.00 |
|  | About Tameside | | | | | | | | | 380.00 |
|  | Back Stage Pass | | | | | | | | | 150.00 |
|  | Comtec | | | | | | | | | 4380.00 |
|  |  | | | | | | | | |  |
|  | Total | | | | | | | | | £21764.34 |
|  | The schedule showed actual expenditure against budget provision for the entire year to date.  Members were asked to note that the account from Comtec (£4380) which exceeded the £500 for which the Clerk has delegated authority to pay had been settled in advance of this meeting. This had been discussed with the Chair and approval given to pay Comtec so as not to admit of delay.  Members were invited to endorsed that action.  The Clerk sought approval from the Council to settle the account from Rachel Summerscales for the lantern making workshops amounting to £570.  Members asked that gratitude be placed on record to the Chair in particular, other members of the Town Council and volunteers for their assistance in making the Christmas events so successful.  The Chair advised members of initial discussions which had taken place with staff at Tameside MBC about the potential to use existing ‘living trees’ at Micklehurst and Mossley for future Christmas lighting. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | (1) | | | | | That the report be noted. | | |
|  |  | | (2) | | | | | That the action of the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to settle the account in the sum of £4380 payable to Comtec in advance of approval of the Council so as not to admit of delay, be endorsed. | | |
|  |  | | (3) | | | | | That the Clerk be authorised to settle the account in the sum of £570 received from Rachel Summerscales for the Christmas lantern making workshops. | | |
|  |  | | (4) | | | | | That the Clerk be requested to write to Comtec and Rachel Summerscales expressing gratitude on behalf of the Town Council for their assistance in making the Christmas events in Mossley and Micklehurst such a success. | | |
| **2313** | **Salary of the Clerk**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Council about the pay settlement for Local Government staff, the settlement so far as the salary of the Clerk to the Council is concerned and inviting the Council to endorse action taken to pay the settlement and backpay in the Clerk’s November salary. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | | That the report be noted. | | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | | That the settlement so far as the salary of the Clerk is concerned and action taken to pay the settlement and backpay in the Clerk’s November salary, be endorsed. | | | |
| **2314** | **Draft Budget 2023/2024**  The Clerk submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Town Council to consider the draft Budget for 2023/24 through to 2025/26.  The report included some observations on the budget but at this stage it was difficult to predict final outcomes on the policy options included in the current year’s budget.  The Council would be required to set the precept at the next meeting in January so that it could be fed into the Tameside MBC Budget Council meeting in February.  The Clerk added that it was unlikely that Budget expenditure on:   * Community Action (£10K) * Egmont St (£10K) * Neighbourhood Plan (£5K)   would be spent during the current year. However, the Town Council may decide to reallocate these amounts into next year’s budget.  The Town Council should also bear in mind that in the current draft Budget for 2023/24 a precept of £32K would leave approximately £10K for other policy options which include grants and Christmas Lights etc.  The position would be more-clear at the next meeting in January at which the precept must be set. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | | That the report and information presented by the Clerk be noted. | | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | | That further consideration be given to the Budget for 2023/24 to 2025/26 and the setting of the 2023/24 Precept at the next meeting. | | | |
| **2315** | **Neighbourhood Plan**  The Chair informed members that it had not yet been possible to arrange an informal exploratory meeting between members of the Town Council, interested parties and Abbie Miladinovic to progress action on the Mossley Neighbourhood Plan.  The Chair undertook to circulate in due course an informative, identifying actions required and allocating responsibilities.  Members endorsed the action proposed by the Chair. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2316** | **Egmont St**  This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting under Community Engagement. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2317** | **Tree Planting Initiative**  Councillor Dean Aylett advised members that sufficient trees had now been procured and would be delivered to schools for handing over to year 6 children in due course.  The Chair drew attention to the need to provide the children receiving a tree with a simple guide to tree planting. Members endorsed the suggestion made by the Chair.  Councillor Dean Aylett invited the Council to consider the possibility of planting a tree to mark the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | (1) | | | That the report be noted. | | | |
|  |  | | | (2) | | | That approval be given to the provision of a simple guide to tree planting for issue to children receiving a tree and that any necessary expenditure incurred in printing the guide be authorised. | | | |
|  |  | | | (3) | | | That members be asked to consider potential sites in Mossley at which a tree to mark the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth might be planted for consideration at a future meeting. | | | |
| **2318** | **Mossley Walking and Cycling Strategy – Update**  Councillor Pat Mullin reported that there were no developments to report at this stage but updates would be delivered at future meetings. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2319** | **Mossley Mapping Exercise**  Councillor James Hall delivered a brief update and members considered the potential benefit to not only the Town Council but also other community based organisations in the Town. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2320** | **Christmas 2022**  This item had been dealt with earlier during the meeting under the Financial Update report. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2321** | **Planning Issues**  The Council considered the following planning applications: | | | | | | | | | |
|  | (i) | Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Construction Management Plan), 5 (Vehicle charging points), 6 (Secured cycle storage), 7 (Highways details), 8 (Visibility splay), 9 (Servicing & turning facilities), 10 (Condition Survey), 13 (Ground investigation reports), 14 (Surface water drainage), 15 (Foul drainage), 16 (Landscaping), 18 (Biodiversity), 20 (Physical security treatment), 21 (Side windows) of planning permission 22/00561/FUL at Jonathan Grange Nursing Home Micklehurst Road Mossley (22/00085/PLCOND) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (ii) | Construction of single storey rear extension to a dwellinghouse. Conversion of existing garage and associated external alterations including new window and brickwork to front elevation at 46 Spring Mill Drive Mossley (22/01074/CPUD) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (iii) | Tree Works at 7 Tudor Close Mossley (22/00075/TPO) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (iv) | Tree works (T14 Beech) at 3 Springfield Cottages Micklehurst Road Mossley (22/00085/TPO) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (v) | Listed Building Consent: Replacement of timber windows at 1 Hillside Farm Quickedge Road Mossley (22/01118/LBC) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (vi) | Discharge of condition 13 (contamination) of planning permission 20/00136/FUL at Garage Site Off Roughtown Road Mossley (22/00090/PLCOND) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (vii) | Proposed single storey extension to link main house to detached garage and conversion of garage to living accommodation at 1 Crown Hill Mossley (22/01102/FUL) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (viii) | Outline application for the erection of one detached dwellinghouse (including details of access only) (re-submission further to 21/01225/OUT) at 373 Manchester Road Mossley (22/01076/OUT) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (ix) | Proposed construction of single storey side extension (mezzanine) with raised roof terrace above, including external access steps to the north facing side elevation. Construction of single storey extension to west facing rear elevation at the ground floor level at The Royal Bank Of Scotland Plc Stamford Road Mossley (22/00877/FUL) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (x) | Rear dormer with balcony at 125 Manchester Road Mossley (22/01139/FUL) | | | | | | | | |
|  | (xi) | Single storey side and rear extension at 56 Hanover St. Mossley (22/01150FUL) | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That the applications be noted. | | | | | |
| **2322** | **Chair’s Report**  The Chair indicated that there were no other reports to deliver. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2323** | **Updates and reports from Town Team and Other Agencies**  Councillor Pat Mullin advised members about various Town Team events currently under consideration and possibilities of involving local businesses in supporting activities.  Councillor Stephen Homer undertook to canvass the opinion of local business via the previously established ‘WatsApp’ group. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2324** | **Correspondence**  There were no items of correspondence to report. | | | | | | | | | |
| **2325** | **Applications for Financial Assistance**  Friends of Egmont St (£300)  Members considered the application from the Friends of Egmont St for a grant to fund the cost of a new greenhouse, the former having been destroyed by wind and vandalism.  Members drew attention to the donation of £54 to be made by a group member from personal finds and suggested that this amount should be included in the grant | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | (1) | | | That a grant of £354 be made to Friends of Egmont St. to fund the cost of a new greenhouse, the former having been destroyed by wind and vandalism. | | |
|  |  | | | | (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. | | |
|  | Mossley Hollins High School (£527)  Members considered the application from Mossley Hollins High School for a grant to fund the cost of litter picking apparatus for children at the school when engaged in litter picking activities.  Members referred to the discussion which had taken place earlier during the meeting on litter collection and the proposal to involve Mossley Hollins High School in future discussions. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESOLVED: | | | | That consideration of the application from Mossley Hollins High School for a grant to fund the cost of litter picking apparatus for children at the school when engaged in litter picking activities, be deferred. | | | | | |
|  | The meeting closed at 10.20pm. | | | | | | | | | |

Chair