**FORMBY PARISH COUNCIL**

# MINUTES OF MEETING

**4 October 2022**

**Present:** Councillors: Bob McCann (Chairman)

Colin Appleton

Derek Baxter

Sandra Baxter

Maria Bennett

Dawn Brodie

David Dutton

David Irving

Yvonne Irving

Susan McCann

Carol Richards

Joe Riley

Mike Weild

Paul Wiencke

**In Attendance:** Claire Jenkins (Clerk)

0 Members of public

## **50.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Prescott.

## **51.0 Members Declaration of Interest**

51.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## **52.0 Public Forum**

*The meeting was adjourned for this item.*

There were no members of the public in attendance.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

## **53.0** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

53.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6 September 2022

**It was resolved that** the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **54.0 Matters of Report from Previous Meeting**

There were no matters of report.

## **55.0 Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman said “Since the September meeting we must record the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Both Councillor Prescott and I were proud to follow the protocol in flying the flags and received thanks from members of the public for doing so. Our Clerk also organised the book of condolence in the library as part of Operation London Bridge. Both Cllr Susan McCann and I were pleased to represent the Parish Council at a Merseyside wide civic ceremony held at the Liverpool Cathedral on the eve of the Queen’s funeral which was both moving and enjoyable.

On a lighter note, I am happy to report that the Pride of Formby awards night was a great success, and our thanks must go to Cllrs Bennett and Brodie, and Claire and Jill for organising the night and making it a successful, smooth run event. The Mayor of Sefton, Cllr Clare Carragher, was in attendance and played a welcome part in handing out some awards and giving a vote of thanks at the end of the proceedings.”

## **56.0 Planning Applications**

56.1 Altcar Lane – it was noted that the developer is building on a plot-by-plot basis, and they have submitted a certificate of lawfulness. It was agreed to enquire with the Head of Planning what the situation is with this site.

56.2 Brackenway – a further reserved matters application has been submitted and there is a further consultation period. It was agreed to re-submit our response to the previous reserved matters application asking for a Master Plan for this site. It was also agreed to ask AECOM whether another comment is necessary? Members noted that Planning have only given 2 weeks for consultation, not the usual 21 days.

56.3 41 Chapel Lane – it was noted that this is a resubmission for a change of use from a bank to a Coffee shop/wine bar (previously granted). Note the resubmission is for extended opening hours.

56.4 Ravenmeols Ward – an application for a development opposite Lady Green refused.

56.5 Site adjacent to football club –Members are awaiting information from the enforcement officer regarding removal of the waste from the site.

56.6 To note that a Motion at Sefton MBC to support the call for legislation to ban disposable barbeques was passed.

## **57.0 To discuss and approve the following:**

57.1 To approve funding of £8,836.75 for the supply of five halo units to provide additional illumination of the beacons on the pedestrian crossings on Church Road – Finance and General Purposes minutes refer.

**It was resolved to** approve the funding of £8,836.75 for the supply of five halo units.

57.2 To approve funding of approximately £1,000 plus vat, as a joint funded project with the Ward Cllrs, to remove the Viking sculpture, overhaul it and reinstate outside the Post Sorting Office. The quote includes stump grinding to prepare the tree pit for a new tree to be planted.

**It was resolved to** approve the funding of £1,000 to remove, overhaul, and reinstate the Viking sculpture and associated preparation of the tree pit.

57.3 To approve funding of £4,332 for two mobile speed units – Finance and General Purposes minutes refer.

**It was resolved to** refuse the funding.

57.4 To approve funding of £1,740 plus vat for supply, install, decorate, dismantle and removal of a 23-25ft real Christmas tree for the village centre.

**It was resolved to** approve funding of £1,740 plus vat for the real Christmas tree.

57.5 To approve funding of £550 plus vat for replacement lights for the real Christmas tree.

**It was resolved to** approve funding of £550 plus vat for replacement lights for the Christmas tree.

57.6 To approve a community fund application for a grant of £1,500 towards the £10,000 cost of extensive repairs and renovation needed on the Formby Rotary Carol Wagon to make it roadworthy.

Members discussed the application and noted that the Rotary Club have so far raised £2,200 and have further events planned. They have made an application to the Sefton Community Transition Fund, and they need to raise at least £5000 to obtain the maximum match funding. They also need to upgrade the Christmas lights on the wagon with led lights at an estimated cost of £400. It was agreed that the Carol Wagon has been a Formby tradition for generations and with the proposed refurbishment will hopefully be a tradition for generations to come. Members discussed giving the maximum amount applied for and an additional amount for the new lights.

**It was resolved to** approve a community funding grant of £1,500 for the Formby Rotary Carol Wagon and an additional £400 for new lights to decorate the wagon.

## **58.0 Payments**

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| employer expenses |  | 1497.28 |
| Office lease | Sefton MBC | 250.00 |
| Office phone and broadband | BT | 59.94 |
| grant for Heritage centre carpet | Formby Civic Society | 1000.00 |
| room dressing | Parties for you | 562.00 |
| Mayor flowers | Bloom Room | 30.00 |
| Tablecloth | Dunelm | 16.00 |
| buffet refreshments Pride of Formby | individual name | 419.16 |
| Floral display for the Queens condolence table | Bloom Room | 40.00 |
| professional fees | Birkett’s | 720.00 |
| planting maintenance | JC Landscape and Horticulture | 1650.00 |
| Compere | individual name | 150.00 |
| Internet security Subscription | Bitdefender | 69.99 |
| Union flags | House of Flags | 91.80 |
| 50% payment for installation of Xmas lighting | Illumidex UK Ltd | 1900.80 |
| Domain renewal | Krystal Hosting Ltd | 9.59 |
| Christmas tree | Illumidex UK Ltd | 1188.00 |
| Grant for Santa wagon repair and new lights  Replacement lights for real Xmas tree | Formby Rotary Club  Illumidex UK Ltd | 1900.00  660.00 |
|  | Total | 12214.56 |

**It was resolved to** make the payments as listed above.

## **59.0 The following reports were noted (circulated with Agenda)**

Finance and General Purposes Group minutes

Environment Group minutes

## **60.0 Date of Next Meeting:**

The next Ordinary meeting of Formby Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 1 November 2022**, 7pm, at Formby Library, Duke Street, Formby.