

THORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on Monday, 2nd December 2019 at Holy Family High School

Present: Cllrs: McGill (Chair), Dixon, Donegan, O'Keeffe and White
In Attendance: Anne-Marie Clegg, Sefton Environmental Officer
Mrs V Swift (Clerk)

1477: Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Atkinson and Pennington.

1478: Declaration of Interest - Members are requested to give notice of any pecuniary interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None

1479: Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 4th November 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1480: Matters arising from Minutes (for information only)
None

1481: Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05 to allow public participation. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting 10 members of the public and Guest Speaker Anne-Marie Clegg, Sefton Environmental Officer.

Anne-Marie Clegg delivered an inspired presentation on the impact of climate change and adaptation locally, nationally and across the world. Outlining the local challenges and benefits of improving air quality, providing more green spaces, low carbon transport and energy generation, to name a few. She spoke of Sefton's net-zero target to go fully carbon neutral by 2030 with ambitious plans to remove as much carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as it put puts in to it - the Sefton 2030 Vision. Residents raised the following questions:

- Has Sefton come up with an approach to tackle climate change through the planning system?
- Do planning case officers have an agenda item within the case report to record climate change issues?
- What are you doing to mitigate the loss of elm trees?
- What are you doing to improve air quality in traffic hotspots?
- Can we request a NO₂ tube monitoring station for traffic hotspots?
- Are there initiatives within Sefton for energy efficient passive housing?
- How do we make transitioning to electric cars affordable?
- Business as usual is no longer an option!

The meeting was reconvened at 19:45 pm.

1482: Remembrance Sunday Service Review

Cllr. O'Keeffe thanked residents for taking the opportunity to pay their respects to the fallen in what was only the second Remembrance Service of its kind to be held in Thornton. Before a two-minute silence and the wreath laying, there were readings and prayers from local churches: Moor Lane Methodist, King's Church, St William of York and All Saints & St Frideswyde's. With the 4th Crosby & District Scouts on parade. Well done to all for a very moving Remembrance Service.

1483: Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Review

Cllr. McGill congratulated everyone who participated in turning the Christmas tree lights switch on at the Nag's Head car park in to a '**spectacular success**', not even the rain could dampen spirits. In particular, he thanked:

- Crosby Ukulele Band
- Rotary Club of Crosby for Santa and a Float
- King's Church Choir
- Carmen Maria Academy of Dance
- Shy Lowen's Horse and Pony Sanctuary for Rolo
- Rimrose Valley Friends
- Alec Kelly and Ged Moyles for the Nativity Scene

Special thanks went to Guests of Honour for the big switch on:

- Louis Henry, the hero of the night who suffers with cerebral palsy, epilepsy and a rare and as yet undiagnosed Neuro-genetic disorder.
- Mayor of Sefton Councillor June Burns
- Local MP Bill Esterson.

Noted: That Cllr. Pennington who has been on the Council for some 20 years or so but was not able to attend tonight's meeting requested that the following message be recorded in the minutes:

"Friday night's switch on of the Christmas tree was the best to date...May this event continue to grow in strength as we go forward." George

1484: 'Access Only' Sign for the Crescent Update

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe to chase a response from Sefton Highways regarding 'Access Only' and issues on the Crescent.

1485: Maintenance of Brooms Cross Path, the Wayside Cross and Inscription

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr. Donegan to chase a response from Sefton Highways regarding responsibility and actions for the maintenance of Brooms Cross path.
- (b) That the Clerk to write to Andrew Sawyer, Sefton Highways, for an update on the report of Japanese Knotweed on Holgate from the gate to Brooms Cross.

1486: Roll of Honour WW1 and WW2

Cllr. O'Keeffe led discussions on how to take forward the idea of a Roll of Honour for Thornton for those who lost their lives during WW1 and WW2 following an enquiry received from local resident Barbara Thomas.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr. Pennington to report at the next Parish Council meeting on a 12 month research project that he carried out on the feasibility of creating a Roll of Honour for Thornton for WW1 and WW2.

1487: Liverpool Ramblers AFC, Moor Lane, Planning Applications

Cllr. McGill led discussions on the merits and objections of the Liverpool Ramblers AFC planning applications:

- (1) DC/2019/02102 Certificate of lawful development for the proposed change of existing tennis courts from recreation sports use to car park.
- (2) DC/2019/02088 Outline planning application for the erection of 6 dwelling houses with associated gardens, car parking and access with all matters reserved.

Noted: That as a matter of principle past and present councillors would only ever look at planning applications based on its merits.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr. McGill proposed a vote on Liverpool Ramblers AFC planning applications. All those in favour 0, against 4, abstentions 1.
- (b) That Cllr. Donegan to draft a letter of objection in response to planning applications DC/2019/02102 and DC/2019/02088 on the grounds that the land is protected by a covenant, the loss of green space, the increase in traffic congestion and air pollution.

1488: Link between Virgins Lane Thornton and Battle

Noted: That the Battle & District Historical Society near Hastings made an enquiry regarding the origins of Virgins Lane in Thornton. They thought that they had the only '**Virgins Lane**' in the UK until one of their members decided to check this out and then they found Virgins Lane in Thornton. To the amusement of everyone present Cllr. McGill said, "This must have been one in the eye for Battle."

RESOLVED: That Cllr. O'Keeffe to continue in correspondence with Steve Nicholls, Battle & District Historical Society and Hugh Hollinghurst, Sefton Author of History Books, to trawl through history to try to discover the thinking behind the naming of Virgins Lane in Thornton and its links if any with Virgins Lane in Battle.

1489: Merseyside Police Crime Alerts

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Merseyside Police. For information only.

1490: Planning Applications

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Sefton's Planning Department.
For information only.

1491: Accounts for Payment

Payments Out				
20/12/2019	000676	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Salary Dec. 2019	£230.75
20/12/2019	000677	Mrs V Swift	Clerk Exps. Dec. 2019	£20.00
02/12/2019	000675	Champion News.	Advert TPC Meetings	£259.20
02/12/2019	000675	Champion News.	Advert Xmas Lights Switch On	£259.20
02/12/2019	000674	Sefton Comm. Mkt.	Gazebo Hire	£45.00
02/12/2019	000673	Indy Visuals Ltd	7 Hi-Vis Vests with TPC Logo	£77.00
Total Amount				£891.15

RESOLVED: That the accounts set out in the schedule above be paid.

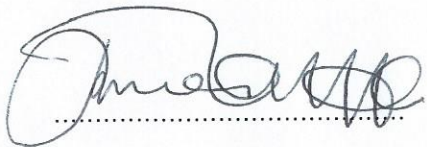
1492: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 6th January 2019 at Holy Family High School at 7:00pm.

1493: Deadline for Agenda Items

Monday, 30th December 2019.

Signed



Date

6/1/20

(Vice-Chair)