

**Present:** Cllr McGill (Chair), Cllr Hawkins, Cllr O'Keeffe, Cllr Pennington, Cllr Rathbone, Cllr White

**In Attendance:** V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 7 Members of the Public, 2 Representatives of Bootle Tool Shed

**2033: To elect a Chairman for 2022-23, who will then sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'**  
Nominations were received for Cllr McGill.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr McGill be elected as Chairman.

Cllr McGill signed The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and this was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

**2034: To elect a Vice Chairman for 2022-23, who will then sign the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'**  
Nominations were received for Cllr O'Keeffe.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. O'Keeffe be elected as Vice Chairman.

Cllr O'Keeffe signed The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and this was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

**2035: Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Donegan.

**2036: Members Declaration of Interest**

Cllr O'Keeffe declared that he was standing as a Manor Ward Green Party candidate in local elections.

**2037: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, 6 April 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2038: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**Item 2018:1** Community Governance Review

Change from: "...to deliver paper copies of the petition...within the Parish of Thornton"

Change to: **"...to canvass door to door, to raise awareness and to gather the requisite number of valid signatures in support of the petition within the Parish of Thornton "**

**2039: Chairman's Annual Report**

The annual report was received.

**2040: Public Forum**

*The meeting was adjourned at 19:32 for this item.*

Cllr McGill welcomed to the meeting guest speakers, Eddy Flynn and Neil Davies, to talk about the amazing community work taking place at Bootle Tool Shed, a not-for-profit organisation, based at the Strand Shopping Centre. Follow the link for more information: <http://www.bootletooshed.org.uk>.

*The meeting was reconvened at 19:50.*

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that the Bootle Tool Shed's planters to form part of a larger agenda item on community planters at the next meeting.

**2041: 2021-22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2041.1** Members approved the certificate of exemption part 2
- 2041.2** Members approved and noted the Internal Auditors Report
- 2041.3** Members approved the annual governance statement section 1
- 2041.4** Members approved the accounting statement section 2
- 2041.5** Members noted that the exercise of public rights: 7 June to 15 July 2022
- 2041.6** Members approved the appointment of Batten Hughes as Internal Auditors for 2022-23 and approved their fee of £120.00 (including VAT).

**2042: 2021-22 Summary of receipts and expenses**

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the summary of receipts and expenses.

**2043: 2022-23 Revised budget**

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the revised budget.

**2044: Community Governance Review (CGR)**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2044.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2044.2** That the formal response received from Sefton and Lunt Parish Council be noted.
- 2044.3** That the clerk to thank Sefton and Lunt Parish Council for their response.
- 2044.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe to point '[The Change .org](https://www.thechange.org/)' petition to and from the council website.
- 2044.5** That Cllr Hawkins to contact Bootle Town Hall to arrange a more detailed viewing of parish boundaries.

**2045: Defibrillator Kiosk Restoration**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2045.1** That an update by Cllr McGill be noted.
- 2045.2** Members noted receipt of the Highway Electrical Installation Certificate (HEA) and registration with the National Defibrillator Network.
- 2045.3** That Cllr McGill to contact Attic Display to ask if the interior vinyl could also include instructions on 'how to use' the defibrillator.
- 2045.4** Members noted that Cllr McGill to check the interior light bulb and to complete a risk assessment .

**2046: Keeping Thornton Tidy**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2046.1** That an update by Cllrs McGill and Rathbone on litter picking events be noted.
- 2046.2** That an update by Cllr Pennington on the unhealthy condition of the living Christmas tree planted in October 2020 be noted.
- 2046.3** That reports by Cllrs White and O'Keeffe on the condition of Edge Lane verge be noted.
- 2046.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a litter pick 'risk assessment' for June with Sefton MBC.
- 2046.5** Members agreed to keep Plantscape Ltd as the official supplier for 8 x planter boxes.
- 2046.6** Members agreed that residents reports on the general lack of planting, weeding and watering of other planters in the area to form part of a larger agenda item on community planters at the next meeting.
- 2046.7** That Cllr O'Keeffe to take up reports on the condition of Edge Lane verge with Sefton Highways and the general cleanliness around the Crescent area with Bill Esterson MP.

**2047: Community 'Give and Take' Cabinet**

**RESOLVED:** That an update by Cllr Rathbone be noted.

**2048: New Chip Shop at 6 The Crescent DC/2017/00827**

**RESOLVED:**

**2048.1** That a report by Cllr Pennington on restrictive opening hours be noted

**2048.2** That Cllr Pennington to write to Sefton Planning for clarity on why Militsa Procopiou's application for a variation to conditions on opening hours had been refused.

**2049: Covid Commemorative Plaque**

**RESOLVED:** That an update by Cllr. Hawkins be noted.

**2050: WWI and WW2 War Memorial**

**RESOLVED:** That an update by Cllr. O'Keeffe be noted.

**2051: Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**RESOLVED:**

**2051.1** That updates by Cllrs O'Keeffe and McGill be noted.

**2051.2** Members approved a revised payment of £62.40 for the Queen's Green Canopy Plaque.

**2051.3** That Cllr McGill confirmed details on the 'beacon lighting ceremony': registration, brunopeek@mac.com; date, Thursday, 2 June 2022 at 9:45PM; venue, farmer's field, adjacent Broom's Cross Wayside Cross.

**2051.4** Members approved the running of an advert in the Champion Newspaper.

**2051.5** Members noted that, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair on the night, Cllr Pennington to take the lead as the event organiser and Cllr Rathbone to take the lead in the beacon set up and security, ably assisted by other councillors.

**2051.6** That the clerk to check all permissions are in place with Forestry England and public liability insurance.

**2051.7** Members noted that Cllr Pennington to run a Facebook campaign for nominations for the oldest resident to light the beacon in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**2052: Stocks and Sundial**

**RESOLVED:** That an update by Cllr. Pennington be noted.

**2053: Establishing a 'Community Group'**

**RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred and form part of a larger agenda item on community planters at the next meeting.

**2054: Planning Applications**

**RESOLVED:**

**2054.1** Members considered the planning applications set out in the schedule circulated and also available on Sefton MBC website.

**2054.2** Members noted an update by Cllr Pennington on the archaeological dig at Holgate.

**2055: Merseyside Police Crime alerts**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2055.1** That an update by Cllr Pennington on dangerous traffic on Hartdale Road be noted.
- 2055.2** That Cllr Pennington has written to Mr Marrin, Sefton Highways, for the results of the traffic study carried out Hartdale Road be noted.

**2056: Account Paid and For Payment**

**RESOLVED:** That the payments set out in the schedule of payments circulated be agreed.

**2057: Correspondence**

- 2057.1** Forestry England asking for information on a memorial plaque placed without permission on the old bench on the opposite side of Broom's Cross wayside cross.
- 2057.2** Merseyside Fire Service promoting the next round of Prince's Trust Team courses.
- 2057.3** Community Environment Fund confirming a parish council is an approved organisation.
- 2057.4** Rimrose Valley Friends asking for representation from Thornton Parish Council.
- 2057.5** Resident letter of dismay pointing out the poor condition of planters in the area.

**2058: Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 7:00PM.

**2059: Deadline for Agenda Items**

**RESOLVED:** Monday, 30 May 2022.



Signed .....

(Chairman)

Date 8 May 2022