



MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:12PM.

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Hawkins and Rathbone

In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 2 Members of the Public

2255: To elect a Chairman for 2023-24, 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.

2256: To elect a Vice-Chairman for 2023-24, 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' after the meeting and this was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

2257: Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr O'Keeffe.

2258: Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2259: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on 5 April 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2260: Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

2261: Chairman's annual report

The annual report was received.

2262: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 19:20 for this item.

2262.1 Resident from Brenda Crescent reported on positive and negative feedback received from shopkeepers and residents while working on the Crescent planters during the year. Members noted comments on planning and communication of activities, not everyone uses Facebook; weeding, once a month is not regular enough; watering, especially during the hot weather; damaged planters, remove or retain; colourful planters, impact positively on the visual appearance of the Crescent and wellbeing of residents.

2262.2 Resident from Lydiate Park raised objections to Cornerstone prior approval planning application (ref. no. DC/2023/00553) to build a 66ft (20m) tall phone mast 10m from residential properties on Lydiate Lane next to the cemetery (opposite 8 Lydiate Park). Members noted a petition with 100 signatures has been submitted to Sefton Council opposing the mast site on the grounds of location and visual impact. A discussion on other more appropriate alternative sites not close to residential properties ensued.

The meeting was reconvened at 19:55.

2263: 2022-23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

RESOLVED:

- 2263.1** Members approved the certificate of exemption form 2.
- 2263.2** Members approved and noted the internal auditors report.
- 2263.3** Members approved the annual governance statement section 1.
- 2263.4** Members approved the accounting statement section 2.
- 2263.5** Members noted the dates set for the exercise of public rights: 5 June to 14 July 2023.
- 2263.6** Members approved the appointment of Batten Hughes as internal auditors for 2023-24 and approved their fee of £120.00 (including VAT).

2264: 2022-23 statement of accounts

RESOLVED: Members approved the accounting schedules and summary.

2265: 2023-24 Revised budget

RESOLVED: Members approved the revised budget.

2266: Notice of vacancy

RESOLVED: Members noted that due to the uncontested May 2023 election three vacancies exist on the Parish Council, which are to be filled by co-option. The term of office will run until May 2027.

2267: King Charles III coronation tea party

RESOLVED:

- 2267.1** That a report by Cllr O'Keeffe presented by Cllr McGill be noted.
- 2267.2** Members were delighted to note the attendance of the Mayor of Sefton Cllr Clare Carragher, the Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside Julie Lawson BEM and MP Bill Esterson.
- 2267.3** Members thanked all who helped in making this event a great success, including: the 4th Crosby and District scouts, Jayne of DJ Daves, Quay Notes ukulele band, Ford Gems Morris Dancers, Rolo of Shy Lowen, the Nag's Head Bowls Club, Becca's Bites, Louise Beautique, Minchella's Hair Studio, Lady Green Ince Blundell, Ayuthaya Crosby, Da Mount Gurka Waterloo, Plaza Cinema Waterloo, Stuart of Sefton Community Markets and every single member of the public who came and joined in all of the fun.
- 2267.4** Members also thanked Cllr O'Keeffe, event organiser, for a sterling job and Jane, manager of Nag's Head, for hosting this historic event, providing a buffet, decorations and support.
- 2267.5** Members noted all funds raised to go to the charity, MacMillan Cancer Support.
- 2267.6** Members agreed £50 donations to go to Quay Notes ukulele band and Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary.

2268: New notice board at Green Lane

RESOLVED: Members noted that Cllr O'Keeffe is awaiting confirmation on planning permission.

2269: Cycle/Pedestrian route markings and signage at Edge Lane

RESOLVED: That an update on correspondence between Cllr Hawkins and Sefton Highways & Public Protection on the lack of obvious road markings at Edge Lane be noted.

2270: Keeping Thornton tidy

RESOLVED:

- 2270.1** Members noted litter pick reports by Cllrs Rathbone and McGill.
- 2270.2** Members noted that the next litter pick date is Saturday, 3 June 2023, meeting at the Crescent at 9:00am.
- 2270.3** Members were asked to double check garden sheds for mislaid litter pick equipment.
- 2270.4** That Cllr O'Keeffe to file a litter pick risk assessment for June with Sefton.

2271: Thornton community group

RESOLVED:

- 2271.1** That an update on the community cupboard by Cllr Rathbone be noted.
- 2271.2** That an update on 'In Bloom' by Cllr O'Keeffe presented by Cllr McGill be noted.
- 2271.3** That an update on the 'Spacehive' fundraising campaign by Cllr O'Keeffe presented by Cllr McGill be noted.
- 2271.4** That an update on correspondence between Cllr Rathbone and Sefton Council reporting damage to Runnells Lane park railings and gate be noted.
- 2271.5** That an update on planting out roadside welcome planters by Cllr Rathbone be noted.
- 2271.6** Members noted that Cllr Rathbone to liaise with Irene on a date for planting out the Crescent planters and to circulate to councillors for their support.
- 2271.7** Members thanked Cllr Rathbone for his work on planting out roadside planters.
- 2271.8** Members thanked Manor Ward councillors for their pledge of £300 towards the cost of new planters.

2272: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED: Members noted this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

2273: Planning Applications

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

2274: Crime alerts

RESOLVED: Members noted no crime reports received.

2275: Account paid and for payment

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

2276: Council clerk/responsible finance officer

RESOLVED: Members noted this item to be deferred to the next meeting.

2277: Correspondence

- 2277.1** Sefton Council, requesting reassurance that the existing trees including the Green Canopy tree will not be impacted by work currently taking place on Green Lane by Vodaphone Streetworks.
- 2277.2** Sefton Council, reporting the erection of a tent on Buckley Hill playing fields.
- 2277.3** Southport Road/Park View residents, requesting support in getting the landowner of the Holgate construction site to reduce excessive noise and to stick to site working hours.
- 2277.4** Sefton Council, reporting Holgate construction site noise and requesting site working hours to be enforced.
- 2277.5** Sefton Council, reporting fly-tipping next to the public litter bin on Drummond Road and reporting the fly-tipping online service portal is currently 'out of service'.
- 2277.6** Sefton Parish Council clerks, looking at training for councillors and dates tba.
- 2277.7** Merseyside Police, notification of a 'Static Event'.
- 2277.8** Mal Chislett, confirming Quay Notes ukulele band for the Coronation tea party.
- 2277.9** Sefton Council, notification of the 2023-24 precept confirmed at £9,000.
- 2277.10** Resident thank you for arranging collection of their miss green and grey bin collections.
- 2277.11** Amy Horne, Liverpool FA offering Parish Councils the opportunity to apply for 'Grass Pitch Maintenance' funding.
- 2277.12** Mayor's Office, invitation to the mayoral installation ceremony and reception to be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023.

- 2277.13** Bill Esterson MP, invitation to King Charles III coronation tea party.
- 2277.14** Mayor of Sefton, invitation to King Charles III coronation tea party.
- 2277.15** Make Me Something Special, marketing company selling King Charles III coronation benches from £699.
- 2277.16** Sefton Community Markets, hiring gazebos for King Charles III coronation tea party.
- 2277.17** Neighbourhood Police, invitation to King Charles III coronation tea party.
- 2277.18** Resident requesting that the Crescent planters be added on to the AGM agenda.
- 2277.19** Sefton Council, reporting back garden flooding issues on Hartdale Road.
- 2277.20** Sefton Council, reporting planning portal issue with DC/2023/00553 that is not allowing residents to register their comments and as a consequence, requesting an extension to the closing date for comments.
- 2277.21** Jay Francis, asking for information on becoming a parish councillor. Will attend 8 June meeting.
- 2277.22** Sefton Electoral Services, advising the commencement of the Community Governance Review has been pushed back to the end of May due to election and post-election activities. Once all electoral profiling data has been submitted to the Commission a final timetable will be made available on their website.

2278: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 7:00PM.

2279: Deadline for Agenda Items

RESOLVED: Monday, 26 May 2023.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 14 June 2023