



MINUTES OF AN **ORDINARY MEETING** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024 AT ST WILLIAM OF YORK
PARISH CENTRE COMMENCING AT 19:00PM.

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Bundred, Fonseca, Francis and Hawkins
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), 2 Guest Speakers, 25 Members of the Public

2522: Apologies for absence
There were no apologies.

2523: Members declaration of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

2524: Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 May 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2525: Matters arising from previous minutes
There were no matters arising.

2526: Public comments

The meeting was adjourned at 19:02 for this item.

That Cllr McGill thanked guest speaker Andrew Taylor, Planning Director, Barratt David Wilson Homes North West, for a very informative whistle-stop tour on the quality of housing being developed in Thornton and the wider Thornton area. Covering biodiversity net gain, zero carbon, design, BDWH in Sefton and BDWH in the community, before taking part in a lively Q&A session.

That Cllr McGill thanked guest speaker Peter Hillsdon, Transport Planning Team Leader, Sefton Council, for attending the public forum to address specific traffic issues on Moor Lane / The Crescent / Hartdale Road and the wider Thornton area. But instead, as a consequence of the general election being called, members of the public were split into three groups to look at highway maps, to raise their personal traffic concerns, and to make comments / suggestions / ideas for improvements.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.02.

RESOLVED:

2526.1 That the clerk to liaise with Andrew Taylor, Planning Director, BDWH North West, on arrangements for cutting back overgrowth at Brooms Cross.

2526.2 That the clerk to collate and forward to Peter Hillsdon, Transport Planning Team Leader, Sefton Council, residents comments on traffic concerns received after the meeting.

2527: Thornton traffic issues
This item was deferred to the next meeting, 3 July.

2528: Friends of Thornton group and community clean ups
This item was deferred to a later date.

2529: Keeping Thornton Tidy

RESOLVED:

- 2529.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on the monthly community litter pick be noted.
- 2529.2** Members noted the date of the next community litter pick, 6 July 2024.
- 2529.3** Members noted that the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.

2530: Thornton Community Group

RESOLVED:

- 2530.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on filing an application of 'consent' with Sefton Council for permission to place the five new planters on highway land/pavement be noted.
- 2530.2** Members noted the RHS IYN entry will now be The Crescent planters as the five new planters are at a standstill awaiting consent from Sefton Council.
- 2530.3** Members noted that Cllr McGill to contact former councillor Kevin Rathbone for help in moving the five new planters to a new storage location, preferred date 8 June 2024.
- 2530.4** Members thanked resident Irene White for storing the five new planters in her garden and garage since June 2023.
- 2530.5** Members noted that Cllr McGill to contact former councillor Kevin Rathbone for help in planting out the welcome roadside planters.
- 2530.6** Members noted that Cllr McGill to spearhead two litter picking events in support of the 'Big Help Out': St Joseph Hospice on 7 June and Runnells Lane park on 9 June.
- 2530.7** Members noted that Cllr McGill to promote the two 'Big Help Out' events on Facebook.
- 2530.8** Members noted that the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.

At 20:15 Cllr Francis left the meeting room.

2531: Strategic planning

- 2531.1** That a report by Cllr Bundred on the meeting held on 11 May 2024 be noted.
- 2531.2** Members noted the next step in the process of strategic planning would be the creation of a short questionnaire/survey: to identify community groups in and around the wider area of Thornton; to establish the kind of things people would be wanting from the Parish Council; and to gain some idea of the demographic.
- 2531.3** Members noted a meeting on formulating a questionnaire will be held at the King's Church on Saturday, 15 June 2024 at 11:00am.

2532: Parish Council meeting venue

RESOLVED:

- 2532.1** Members considered a change of meeting venue from St William of York Parish Centre to the King's Church.
Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2532.2** Members thanked Fr Harrington and David Moss for hosting the Parish Council meetings at St William of York Parish Centre since September 2021.
- 2532.3** That the clerk to amend Standing Order paragraph 1.1 as follows:
From: 'Meetings will normally take place at St William of York Parish Centre, Edge Lane, Thornton L23 4UL.'
To: 'Meetings will normally take place at the King's Church, 2 Drummond Road, Thornton L23 9YP.'
- 2532.4** That the clerk to notify Fr Harrington and David Moss of the change.
- 2532.5** That the clerk to update the website Standing Orders.

2533: New noticeboard - Village Green

RESOLVED:

- 2533.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2533.2** Members noted that once Sefton Highways has received the licence fee they will then consider the licence application.

2534: War memorial and COVID memorial

RESOLVED:

- 2534.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2534.2** Members noted that once Sefton Highways has received the licence fee they will then consider the licence application.

2535: Defibrillator theft

RESOLVED:

- 2535.1** That Cllr McGill to deregister the defibrillator with the National Defibrillator Database.
- 2535.2** That Cllr McGill to contact Attic Vinyls for advice on removing vinyl posters.
- 2535.3** That Cllr Bundred to contact Tesco Express to explore the potential of fixing an external defibrillator outside their premises.

2536: Notice of vacancy

RESOLVED: Members noted an update by the clerk.

2537: Guest speakers

RESOLVED:

- 2537.1** Members noted that Vicky Blaine, National Trust General Manager, will be guest speaker at the next meeting, 3 July 2024.
- 2537.2** Members to discuss the way forward with guest speakers at the next meeting, 3 July 2024.

2538: Crime Alerts

RESOLVED: Members thanked Community Police Officer, Rob Taylor, for his crime report.

2539: Planning Applications

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

2540: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2541: Correspondence

- 2541.1** National Trust, Caroline Schofield advised that work on the chest and sampler is still under review by their registrar team who will be in touch in due course.
- 2541.2** Dominic McNabb, Manor Ward Councillor sent his apologies for tonight's meeting.
- 2541.3** Clear Insurance, received confirmation of renewal policy LCO00282.
- 2541.4** PKF-Littlejohn, received confirmation of receipt of the certificate of exemption.
- 2541.5** St Joseph's Hospice, Siobhan McLoughlin asked about arrangements for 7 June 2024.

2541.6 Neil Middlehurst forwarded an update from Mr Jonathan Ashby, LGBCE Review Officer for Sefton, advising that the calling of a general election on 4 July 2024 will have implications for the timescales for the current electoral review of Sefton.

2542: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at 7:00PM.

2543: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 25 June 2024.



Signed

(Chairman)

Date 3 July 2024