

**Present:** Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Bundred, Fonseca and Hawkins  
Manor Ward Cllrs: Carragher and McNabb

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

**2566: Southport tragedy**

Members observed a one-minute silence to honour and remember the three innocent victims and all those impacted by the tragic events that took place in Southport on Monday 29 July 2024.

**2567: Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllrs Beardwood, Francis and Harrison.

**2568: Members declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2569: Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 3 July 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2570: Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**2571: Public comments**

*The meeting was adjourned for this item.*

Cllrs Carragher and McNabb highlighted one of the great advantages volunteers/friends of groups have over the council is their eligibility to access a whole range of different funding sources to fund community-based initiatives, including for example: making improvements to Runnells park, sprucing up other green spaces, clearing and developing and making a community space in the alley behind The Crescent shops or hosting community fun day events.

Further, they highlighted the introduction of a limited number of community skips to be placed across Sefton for a set period of time starting in October to help tackle illegal fly-tipping by giving residents an opportunity to dispose of large bulky items in a secure and appropriate manner.

Resident, Brenda Close, reported an area of overgrowth and discarded builders rubble adjacent to the Thornton welcome sign and the Ramblers new houses.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

**RESOLVED:**

**2571.1** Members thanked Manor Ward councillors for their attendance at this meeting.

**2571.2** That Cllr McGill agreed to go and take photographs of the area around the Thornton welcome sign and the Ramblers new build houses to support a request for clearing with Sefton Council or the Ramblers.

**2571.3** Members noted that questions on volunteerism and community initiatives have been included in the community survey, **Your Thornton, Your Say.**

**2572: Keeping Thornton Tidy**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2572.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on the monthly community litter pick be noted.
- 2572.2** Members noted the date of the next community litter pick, 7 September 2024.
- 2572.3** That Cllr McGill to promote the community litter pick date on Facebook.
- 2572.4** That the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessments with Sefton Council.

**2573: Thornton Community Group**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2573.1** Members thanked Irene White for her dedication and tireless efforts that have seen The Crescent planters looking more vibrant and beautiful than ever this summer.
- 2573.2** That a report by Cllr McGill and Irene White on meeting with the North West in Bloom competition judges at The Crescent on 6 August 2024 be noted.
- 2573.3** That an update by Cllr McGill on receiving verbal confirmation from Ronnie Stafford, Sefton Council, that the five new planters can now be sited at their agreed locations be noted.
- 2573.4** Members deferred discussions on logistical arrangements for the five new planters to the next strategic planning meeting, date to be advised.
- 2573.5** The clerk confirmed that a request for £646.85 for community litter picking equipment had been sent to David Wilson Homes for their consideration.
- 2573.6** That the clerk to contact Andrew Taylor, Planning Director Barratt & David Wilson Homes, to ask if he has any news on the site meeting, 24 July, to see what could be most effectively done at Brooms Cross.

**2574: Community Governance Review**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2574.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins, including the impact two elections have had on Sefton Electoral Services workload, be noted.
- 2574.2** That the clerk to upload the Sefton Ward Boundary Review - Final Recommendations onto the parish council website.

**2575: New noticeboard - Village Green**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2575.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins, including delivery from Greenbarnes the suppliers to Graysons the installers on 21 October 2024, be noted.
- 2575.2** Members noted there may be an additional £25 charge for a contractors work permit.

**2576: War memorial and COVID memorial**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2576.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins, including the posting of a public notice at the Stocks and Sundial site, be noted.
- 2576.2** Members noted there may be an additional £25 charge for a contractors work permit.

**2577: Strategic planning**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2577.1** That an update by Cllr Bundred on the analysis of data gathered to date on residents responses and no responses to the community survey **Your Thornton, Your Say** be noted.
- 2577.2** Members agreed new style email addresses: **cllrpaulbeardwood@thornton-pc.gov.uk**  
**Proposed:** Cllr Bundred. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.

**2578: Traffic issues**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2578.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins on traffic issues raised with Peter Hillsdon, Transport Planning, and his replies of the 26 and 30 July 2024, including: a summary of key issues raised for the '**Thornton Corridor**' that his team are currently reviewing, to which he says, "*we will add additional comments raised at the June PC meeting, in order to develop a short/medium term action plan*" - be noted.
- 2578.2** Members noted that Cllr Hawkins to share with Cllrs Carragher and McNabb the PCs ongoing dialogue with Peter Hillsdon, Transport Planning Team Leader at Highways & Public Protection.
- 2578.3** Members noted that Cllr Hawkins to email Peter Hillsdon, Transport Planning, for the timescales for the agreed additional signage for The Crescent.

**2579: Pedestrian safety concerns**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted that bollards had now been installed on the new pathway constructed by Castle Green Homes in response to reports of pedestrian safety concerns.

**2580: Defibrillator theft**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2580.1** That an update by Cllr McGill be noted.
- 2580.2** That the clerk to place an order with defibshop.co.uk for an outdoor defibrillator cabinet alarmed and heated (£654.00) and a Zoll AED defibrillator plus (£1,074.00).
- 2580.3** That the clerk to forward the defibshop.co.uk invoices for £1,728.00 to Team7 at Clear Council Insurance for reimbursement.

**2581: Hearts of Gold - Sefton at 50**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted Cllr McGill's enquiry to Sefton Heritage about entering the development of Brooms Cross historic site for the 'Hearts of Gold - Sefton at 50' initiative, sadly, the deadline date for applications had closed, 1 July 2024.

**2582: Cuppa with a copper**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2582.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2582.2** Members noted that the location and date have yet to be confirmed.

**2583: Councillor 'in house' training**

- 2583.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.
- 2583.2** Members thanked Cllr Hawkins for gathering a huge amount of information in one place for new councillors to dip in and out of as need or curiosity requires.

**2584: Christmas tree**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2584.1** Members noted that due to the impact of budgets and other priorities Manor Ward councillors are not in a position to fully fund this year's Christmas tree and have instead offered a contribution of £500 towards the cost of a tree.
- 2584.2** That the clerk to ask Manor Ward councillors to fully fund this year's Christmas tree, as agreed in 2023, and that the PC will look to fully fund a tree in its 2025/26 budget.

**2585: Remembrance Sunday service**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2585.1** Members agreed that Cllr Bundred to be Master of Ceremonies.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Hawkins. **Seconded:** Cllr Fonseca. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2585.2** Members to discuss the order of service at the next meeting, 2 October 2024.

**2586: Christmas tree lights switch on**

**RESOLVED:**

- 2586.1** Members agreed that Cllr Bundred to be Master of Ceremonies.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Fonseca. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2586.2** Members to discuss the operational plan at the next meeting, 2 October 2024.

**2587: Planning Applications**

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

**2588: Accounts paid and for payment**

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

**2589: Correspondence**

- 2589.1** Aintree PC, Civic event invitation: Sunday 27 October 2024.
- 2589.2** LALC, Conference invitation: Saturday 7 September 2024.
- 2589.3** NALC Star Council Awards: invitation to recognise someone who has made a positive impact in their community.
- 2589.4** National Trust: update that proposals for Lunt land are available to see on the Forestry Commission website.
- 2589.5** Rosie Roberts, former parish councillor: news of the safe arrival of her healthy and beautiful daughter Elizabeth Mary Roberts on 10 August 2024 at 05:06AM.
- 2589.6** Resident: making enquiries on where to obtain council sacks.
- 2589.7** Resident: reporting travellers have set up residence on Brooms Cross football field, setting campfires and racing round on motorcycles.
- 2589.8** Sean McCarten, Sefton Council: in response to the travellers report, he advised that all relevant checks had been conducted.
- 2589.9** Ronnie Stafford, Sefton Council: requesting copies of the PC public liability insurance and the name of all PC councillors as part of the application process for planter licences.
- 2589.10** Becca Bites: notice of the closure date, Saturday 14 September 2024.

**2590: Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday, 2 October 2024 at 7:00PM.

**2591: Deadline for agenda Items**

**RESOLVED:** Tuesday, 24 September 2024.



**Signed** ..... (Chairman) **Date** 2 October 2024