

Present: Cllrs: McGill (in the Chair), Beardwood, Bundred, Fonseca and Hawkins.
In Attendance: V Swift (Clerk & RFO), Cllr McNabb (Manor Ward), 2 Members of the Public.

2700: Apologies for absence
An apology for absence was received from Cllr Dale.

2701: Members declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest received.

2702: Minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED: That the minutes of an ordinary meeting held on the 5 February 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2703: Matters of report arising from previous minutes
There were no matters of report.

2704: Public forum
The meeting was adjourned for this item.

Resident, Hartdale Road, reported signs that Sefton Council are preparing to fill pot holes on The Crescent.

The meeting was reconvened.

2705: Keeping Thornton tidy
RESOLVED:
2705.1 That an update by Cllr McGill on the monthly community litter pick be noted.
2705.2 Members noted the date of the next community litter pick, 12 April 2025.
2705.3 That Cllrs McGill and Beardwood to promote the litter pick date on social media.
2705.4 That the clerk to file a litter pick risk assessment with Sefton Council.
2705.5 Members noted the locations of the recently installed planters (2 by the Nag's Head pub; 1 by the stocks and sundial and 1 on The Crescent, to replace the damaged planter).
2705.6 Members thanked Cllr Gill for his work on a drip irrigation system for the new planters.
2705.7 Members noted that volunteer, Irene White, is no longer able to commit to looking after the planters at The Crescent.
2705.8 Members approved a budget of £40 for a bouquet of flowers.
Proposed: Cllr Beardwood. **Seconded:** Cllr McGill. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
2705.9 That Cllr McGill to write a thank you letter to Irene White.
2705.10 That the clerk to organise a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Irene White.

2706: Friends of Thornton CIC
RESOLVED:
2706.1 That an update by Cllr Bundred on the document registration process with Companies House be noted.
2706.2 That Cllr Beardwood agreed to re-size registration documents for uploading online with Companies House.

2707: Traffic issues including public forum

RESOLVED:

- 2707.1** That Cllr Hawkins reported on Andrew Dunsmore's, Sefton Council, disappointing response when pressed for an update on the suitability of proposed dates for the public forum, in which he says: *"We did discuss proposals for Thornton with Cabinet Members at the end of last year and agreed there wouldn't be much merit in holding a public meeting as we are aware of the issues faced by the residents"*. (received 4 March 2025)
- 2707.2** Members tabled their disappointment with Sefton Council Cabinet Members for taking the best part of three months to notify Cllr Hawkins of their decision made late last year.
- 2707.3** That Cllr Hawkins to share recent exchanges of emails with Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton Council, with Manor Ward councillors.
- 2707.4** Members noted that communications are still ongoing between Cllr Hawkin's and Andrew Dunsmore, Sefton Council, with regard to early wins for delivery in the coming financial year, the timetable for sequencing the design and delivery of "various interventions" and what these interventions will look like.
- 2707.5** Members thanked Cllr Hawkin's for her work on drawing the attention of Sefton Council Cabinet Members to the traffic and public safety issues in Thornton and the wider area

2708: Community Governance Review

RESOLVED:

- 2708.1** That an update by Cllr Hawkins on communication exchanges with Neil Middlehurst, Sefton Electoral Services, be noted.
- 2708.2** That Cllr Hawkins agreed to work on an addendum to the original submission (petition submitted 21 June 2022) to be sent to Neil Middlehurst, Sefton Electoral Services.

2709: National COVID-19 day of reflection

RESOLVED:

- 2709.1** That an update by Cllr McGill on holding a short service of reflection at the Stocks and Sundial on Sunday, 9 March 2025 from 9:45am be noted.
- 2709.2** Members noted the event to follow a similar format to the Remembrance Service.
- 2709.3** Members reviewed and approved the risk assessment.
Proposed: Cllr McGill. **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins. **Agreed:** Unanimously.
- 2709.4** Members thanked Cllr Beardwood for creating a poster for the event.

2710: Strategic planning

RESOLVED:

- 2710.1** That an update by Cllr Bundred be noted.
- 2710.2** Members noted the next strategic planning meeting to be held at the King's Church on Saturday, 22 March 2025 at 10:30am.

2711: Cuppa with a copper

RESOLVED: That an update by Cllr Hawkins be noted.

2712: Storage facility

RESOLVED: That Cllr McGill confirmed one planter, defib and box, litter equipment and crib are now safely stored at Armadillo Self Storage, 9 Dunnings Bridge Road, Liverpool.

2713: National Westminster Bank complaint

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hawkins confirmed all digital signatories are now correctly uploaded to the banking system and that £300 compensation has been received for their administrative error.

2714: Notice of vacancy

RESOLVED:

- 2714.1** Cllr McGill reported on the resignation of Cllr Harrison due to family and health reasons.
- 2714.2** Members thanked Cllr Harrison for his time on the parish council.
- 2714.3** That the clerk to notify the Democratic Service Officer of the resignation.
- 2714.4** That the clerk to post a notice of vacancy on the website, noticeboards and social media.

2715: Planning applications

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

2716: Accounts paid and for payment

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

2717: Correspondence

- 2717.1** Armadillo Self Storage, requesting proof of self insurance, for example a cover note.
- 2717.2** Resident, reporting a paving stone dated 1995 placed on the boundary between Thornton and Little Crosby.

2718: Date of next meeting

RESOLVED: Wednesday, 2 April 2025 at 7:00PM.

2719: Deadline for agenda Items

RESOLVED: Tuesday, 25 March 2025.

Signed 

(Vice-Chair)

Date 2 April 2025