

**THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL, 2013. MINUTE NO. 72 IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN".**

## **SEFTON EAST PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING HELD AT LYDIATE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LAMBSHEAR LANE ON THURSDAY 14TH MARCH, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Carr (in the Chair)  
Councillors Atkinson, McKinley, Kermode, Murphy and Robertson.  
Parish Councillors Baker, Gill and McKeating.

Mrs. J. Kennedy, Police and Crime Commissioner,  
Councillor P. Hardy, Cabinet Member - Communities and Environment,  
2 Members of Merseyside Police,  
50 Members of the public.

#### **62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blackburn, Gatherer and Hubbard and Town Councillor Esterson

#### **63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

#### **64. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2013, be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **65. PUBLIC FORUM**

The following written questions were submitted:

- (a) Mr. Singleton submitted a question referring to School buses and parents vehicles repeatedly churning up the grass verges in Gainsborough Avenue, Maghull and referring to similar problems in Sandy Lane, Lydiate and Westway. Mr Singleton suggested that some strategic planting, similar to that implemented in Ormonde Avenue, Maghull might resolve the issue.

The Democratic Services Officer reported that the question had been referred to the Director of Built Environment and the Director of Corporate Commissioning who had provided the following response:-

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The Corporate Commissioning and Neighbourhood Coordination Team had been aware for some time of this issue of grass verge parking in Gainsborough Avenue, Maghull. The issue had been raised by both Councillors and residents.

Site visits by Sefton MBC officers had confirmed that the poor state of grass verges in the area was a consequence of both residents and/or visitors parking on the grass verge, and/or parents dropping off / picking children up from Maghull High School. During the visits, both residents and parents picking up children had been approached and asked to refrain from parking on the verge. Whilst this has had some impact, there remained a minority of residents and/or parents who continued to park on the grass verge.

Three grass verges near to the entrance of Maghull High School (Gainsborough Avenue entrance) had been identified as needing posts and shrubs to be installed, and Park Ward members had agreed to fund these works using Area Committee Funding. Approval for works had been sent to the appropriate council department, and installation was hoped to commence shortly.

- (b) Mrs. Mathers submitted a question regarding the condition of grass verges in Haigh Crescent Lydiate.

the Director of Corporate Commissioning reported that the question had been referred to the Director of Built Environment and who had provided the following response:-

The Team Leader Enforcement had requested estimates from the Council's contactors on two issues;

- (i) Reconstructing the carriageway - (narrowing of the turnaround at the bottom end of Haigh Crescent (Near to No 48)) It was hoped that narrowing the turning circle would prevent vehicles from mounting the verge; and
- (ii) The provision of "grass crete" on the edge of the existing grass verge along Haigh Crescent.

Once prices had been obtained these would be forwarded to the Director of Corporate Commissioning to secure funding from the Area Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the questions be noted.

## **66. MERSEYSIDE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The Chair welcomed Jane Kennedy, Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside and who had attended the meeting, to give information on her role and discuss issues of local concern with residents.

The Chair also introduced Councillor Trish Hardy, Cabinet Member, Communities and Environment (Community Safety Lead for Sefton).

Mrs Kennedy reported that following her election in November 2012 she had worked towards the development of a draft Police and Crime Plan, 2013 to 2017. The plan outlined her policing priorities for Merseyside which the Chief Constable would be responsible for delivering.

In determining priorities within the plan she had listened to the views that the public had expressed through engagement events and feedback questionnaires and had also spoken to partner agencies, such as community safety partnerships and the Criminal Justice Board, as well as considering the professional judgement of the Chief Constable.

Also in developing the Plan there was a statutory responsibility to have regard for the national Strategic Policing Requirement, which demanded a readiness to be able to respond to national threats from serious organised crime and terrorism. After giving careful consideration to all of the above, she had identified the following priorities within the plan:

- (i) Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour;
- (ii) Neighbourhood policing;
- (iii) Tackling serious and organised crime;
- (iv) Maintaining public safety;
- (v) Hate crime; and
- (vi) Victims of Crime.

Mrs Kennedy went on to take questions from local residents in attendance and the following issues were raised:-

- Concerns regarding serious crime in the area, particularly gun crime;
- Drugs related crimes;
- The use of covert operations to detect drugs related crime;
- Educating school children to the dangers of drug use;
- Cannabis farms;
- Cannabis use leading to further and more serious drug use;
- Gangs of young people causing fear in shopping centres;
- The levels of policing in the Maghull area;
- “visible” policing as a deterrent to crime;
- The hours of operation of Maghull Police Station;

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- Many residents in the area felt that the level of crime had increased significantly, particularly over the last few years;
- Issues around licenced premises;
- issues around the sentencing of offenders;
- Cross border issues with adjoining local authority areas;
- Residents identified a number of particular locations where they believed criminal activity regularly took place;
- The provsion of activities for young people;
- The lack of jobs in the area for young people;

Mrs Kennedy responed to the issues raised, referring in particular to action being taken in respect of recent gun crime in the area and cannabis farms. She also indicated that in conjunction with Sefton Council arrangements had been made to give the Police instant access to Sefton Council's CCTV camers which would assist in detecting crime in the area.

Mrs Kennedy referred to an initiative involving a play "The Terriers" which was an invaluable tool in making children and young people aware of issues around gangs, drugs and violence. The play was available to schools and other organisations.

She also gave details of ongoing work with partner organisations in an effort to address criminal activity within the area.

The Chair thanked Mrs Kennedy for her attendance at the meeting and she indicated that she would be happy to return at a future date to gauge residents' views on how successful the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan had been in reducing crime in the area.

RESOLVED:

That Jane Kennedy, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside be thanked for her attendance and presentation at the meeting.

**67. REPORT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD INSPECTOR - UPDATE  
ON CRIME STATISTICS AND AREA INTERVENTIONS SINCE  
THE LAST MEETING.**

Inspector P. Hatton attended the meeting and provided an update on the statistics for the Molyneux, Park and Sudell Wards for November 2012 to February 2013 together with comparative figures for November 2011 to February 2012 as follows:-

	Jan-Feb 2012	Jan-Feb 2013	Difference in expected crime figures
ASB	140	146	6
Burglary Dwelling	41	43	2*
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	12	2
Criminal Damage	42	26	16
Burglary Other	31	19	12
Robbery	2	3	1
Theft From Motor Vehicle	29	19	10
Hate Crime	1	0	1

The report also detailed the yearly crime patterns; the current neighbourhood run initiatives (Operation Hammonton, Push II, Vantage, Smartwater and Spotlight Day); and the following neighbourhood meetings:

Have Your Say meetings:

- Friday 22nd March 2013 at 1830 hrs at Maghull Town Hall.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 1830 hrs, Melling Rate Payers Club, Waddicar Lane, Melling

He also gave details of the following good news stories:-

- 6 males had been arrested in connection to 4 separate car key burglaries. One recalled to prison. 4 other males connected to Maghull burglaries had been arrested in relation to other serious offences and were in custody.
- 4 males had been arrested in relation to a nuisance scrambler bike in Sefton Lane. The bike was also recovered and seized.
- An offender had been charged with a burglary offence in the L10 area and had also admitted 5 other offences from October.
- A search warrant executed at an industrial unit in Kirkby uncovered a car-breaking operation. 15 stolen vehicles and several stolen number plates had been recovered and 2 males had been arrested to date.

RESOLVED:

That Inspector Hatton be thanked for his attendance and presentation at the meeting.

**68. MEADOWS LEISURE CENTRE & LIBRARY**

This item was withdrawn.

**69. REVIEW OF AREA COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning which sought Members' views on the future number of Area Committees and the frequency of meetings.

As part of the Council's budget option's the Cabinet had asked for consultation to take place on the following alternatives:-

- (i) to reduce the number of Area Committees from the 7 currently in place to 3;
- (ii) to reduce the frequency of meetings of Area Committees from the existing cycle of meetings to 4 meetings per year.

The Council's Calendar of Meetings for the forthcoming Municipal Year was approved by the Council each year and included the schedule for Area Committee meetings, responses were required to be submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet on 28 March 2013 in order that the new Calender could be finalised.

Members discussed the proposals and whilst some Members expressed support for the proposals, a number of Members expressed concern at the effects of reducing the number of area committees highlighting the following issues:-

- (i) a single area committee for the central area might be unweildy based on the physical size of the area;
- (ii) the logistics of Maghull residents attending a meeting in Crosby or Formby and vice versa;
- (iii) the diluting of the importance of local issues in a wider forum;
- (iv) the differing charectaristics of distinct localities within the central Sefton area and whether these could be adequately covered by a single area committee;
- (v) how decisions on the Area Committee's budget would operate based on a wider area;

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) Members of the Committee forward their individual views on the number of Area Committees and the frequency of meetings to the

Director of Corporate Commissioning to be included in the consultation responses for consideration by the Cabinet and Council.

#### **70. AREA MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning giving an update on area management activities that had taken place in the Sefton East Parishes wards since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) Members or residents be requested to contact the Director of Corporate Commissioning with any further area issues they wish to raise; and
- (3) the appreciation of the Area Committee at the works carried out by the Corporate Commissioning Directorate be placed on record.

#### **71. PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

Aintree;

Parish Councillor Gill referred to progress on installing outdoor gym equipment and also indicated that the Parish Council had arranged a meeting to discuss the future of Aintree Library.

He also referred to traffic issues in the vicinity of the shops on Altway, particularly with regard to heavy goods vehicles manouvering at the rear of the premises. He enquired as to the possibility of amending the existing waiting restrictions with a view to relieving the problems.

It was agreed that this would be forwarded to the Director of Built Environment for investigation.

Melling;

Parish Councillor Baker referred to progress with the installation of outdoor gym equipment and on discussions regarding a possible by-law in respect of dog fouling. He also requested an update on "Operation Collar" at a future meeting.

Sefton:

Parish Councillor McKeating reported that landscaping works had commenced on the Sefton Mill estate and the contractor was currently on site. She also reported that improvement works at the St Helen's well had been completed.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the updates be noted.
- (2) the traffic issues in the vicinity of the shops on Altway, be referred to the Director of Built Environment for investigation; and
- (3) Merseyside Police be requested to give an update on "Operation Collar" to a future meeting.

**72. BUDGET MONITORING**

Further to Minute No. 20 of the meeting held on 15 July 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning indicating that the balance available for the allocation of 2012/13 budget was as follows.

	<b>Balance b/f*** £</b>	<b>2012/13 Budget £</b>	<b>2012/13 Available £</b>	<b>2012/13 Commitments*** £</b>	<b>Balance Available £</b>
<b>SEPAC-wide by Ward</b>					
Molyneux	<b>7,556.74</b>	<b>9,076.46</b>	16,633.20	1,456.00	<b>15,177.20</b>
Park	<b>7,993.15</b>	<b>9,600.62</b>	17,593.77	6,544.00	<b>11,049.77</b>
Sudell	<b>7,418.93</b>	<b>8,910.92</b>	16,329.85	1,173.75	<b>15,156.10</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>22,968.82</b>	<b>27,588.00</b>	<b>50,556.82</b>	<b>9,173.75</b>	<b>41,383.07</b>

\*\*\*Balance Brought Forward as at 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and Commitments made after 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012

A committed spend of £83.03 has been put back into the Park Ward allocation. This committed spend was to fund works for a replacement sign on Bells Lane in Lydiate, but these works have been funded through Capita Symonds maintenance budget.

The 2012/13 budget is based on consolidated budgets agreed by SEPAC on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Balances brought forward are inclusive of 2012/13 commitments agreed by SEPAC prior to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

For information only – Allocations made during 2012/13 (after 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012):



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**Molyneux Ward**

	<b>2012/13 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Amount Committed</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	£400 contribution towards Christmas Tree for Aintree	04/10/2012	£400.00	£400.00	PAID
2	£430 for replacement litter bin on Station Road, Melling	25/10/2012	£430.00	£430.00	PAID
3	£123.00 for replacement sign on Hall Lane, at junction with Liverpool Road (Opposite Meadows Pub)	06/12/2012	£123.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
4	Molyneux Ward contribution to purchase of SEPAC-wide SmartWater Kits	06/02/2013	£503.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
			<b>£1,456.00</b>	<b>£830.00</b>	

**Park Ward**

	<b>2012/13 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Amount Committed</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	£250 to support Duke of Edinburgh Scheme for Youth Club based in Lydiate Parish.	01/08/2012	£168.00	£168.00	PAID
2	Warning sign for canal swing bridge on Bells Lane, Lydiate	26/09/2012	£0	£0	£83.03 put back into Park Budget
3	Installation of two chicane barriers on Cheshire Lines to the rear of Sefton Drive.	12/10/2012	£4,500.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
4	Installation of new street sign for Stangate, Maghull	21/11/2012	£123.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
5	Sefton Parish Council request for War Memorial	04/12/2012	£400.00	£400.00	PAID
6	Park Ward contribution to purchase of SEPAC-wide SmartWater Kits	06/02/2013	£503.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
7	Operation Collar	06/02/2013	£850.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
			<b>£6,544.00</b>	<b>£568.00</b>	

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**Sudell Ward**

	<b>2012/13 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Amount Committed</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Replacement sign, Chilton Close, Maghull	11/12/2012	£123.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
2	Replacement sign, Moorhey, Maghull	11/12/2012	£112.75	Unpaid	Unpaid
3	Removal of dead shrubs on Dodds Lane, Maghull	11/12/2012	£50.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
4	Replacement hedge on Dodds Lane, Maghull	11/12/2012	£384.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
5	Sudell Ward contribution to purchase of SEPAC-wide SmartWater Kits	06/02/2013	£504.00	Unpaid	Unpaid
			<b>£1,173.75</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	

For information only – Allocations made during 2012/13 (prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012):

**Molyneux Ward**

	<b>2012/13 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	£200 contribution towards costs for Aintree Pensioners Day.	17/07/2012	£200	PAID
			<b>£200.00</b>	

**Park Ward**

	<b>2012/13 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Installation of sign on Green Lane Maghull indicating Nos 70 – 72	13/07/2012	£92.25	PAID
2	Relocation of litter bin from Stafford Moreton Way, to outside Lydiate Primary School on Lambshear Lane	25/07/2012	£50.00	PAID
			<b>£142.25</b>	

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**Sudell Ward**

	<b>2012/13 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Relocation of road sign on Eastway / Deyes Lane, to a new location on Eastway	28/06/2012	£76.88	PAID
			<b>£76.88</b>	

Payment status for works completed in 2011/12

**Molyneux Ward**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Contribution to Smartwater	23/06/11	355.00	PAID
2	Replacement street sign - Brenka Avenue, Aintree	29/09/11	90.00	PAID
3	Contribution towards additional cleansing over bonfire period	29/09/11	140.00	PAID
4	Replacement street sign - Beaumont Drive outside No. 32	07/07/11	80.00	PAID
5	Contribution to Operation Collar project in Melling. Melling Parish to fund balance of cost	26/01/12	425.00	Ongoing
6	Smartwater	20/04/12	504.00	PAID
7	Replacement of missing street Sign - Monmouth Drive		80.00	PAID
			<b>1,674.00</b>	

**Sudell Ward**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Replacement litterbin at canal entrance on Hall Lane	13/06/11	380.00	PAID
2	2 x street signs Taylors Lane, junction Hall Lane	15/06/11	180.00	PAID
3	Replacement litterbin at Tree View Court	11/08/11	380.00	PAID
4	Contribution towards additional cleansing over bonfire period	29/09/11	140.00	PAID

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5	Street Signs - Kennessee Close junction with Tailors Lane	24/08/11	90.00	PAID
6	Street Signs - Foxhouse Lane junction with Deyes Lane	24/08/11	90.00	PAID
7	Smartwater	20/04/12	503.00	PAID
			<b>1,763.00</b>	

**Park Ward**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Contribution towards additional cleansing over bonfire period	29/09/11	140.00	PAID
2	Relocating litterbin from bus shelter on Southport Road to outside the Londis on Moss Lane	18/10/11	50.00	PAID
3	Replacement of missing fencing at Meadway	22/03/12	180.00	Ongoing
4	Smartwater	20/04/12	503.00	PAID
			<b>873.00</b>	

**Maghull Area Budget**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	50% contribution towards 2 vehicle actuated signs on Liverpool Road South	23/06/11	5,307.00	Ongoing
2	Contribution towards firework display - agreed to pay shortfall	29/09/11	1,349.00	PAID
			<b>6,656.00</b>	

**Sefton Area Budget**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Contribution towards St Helen's Well sign	29/09/11	175.00	PAID
			<b>175.00</b>	

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**Melling Area Budget**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Contribution towards the provision of a vehicle activated sign on Waddicar Lane	08/12/11	3,052.00	Ongoing
			<b>3,052.00</b>	

**Aintree Area Budget**

	<b>2011/12 Commitments</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Action Status</b>
1	Contribution to two Parish notice boards on Altway and Molyneux Way	13/02/12	550.00	PAID
			<b>550.00</b>	

The Director of Corporate Commissioning reported that a further request had been received from Melling Parish Council for a contribution of up to £4,250 towards the installation of a vehicle activated sign, the total cost of the installation being approximately £8,000 depending on the type of installation which was required.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the 2012/13 Ward and Parish Council Budget Allocations, considering commitments and balances for 2012/13 be noted;
- (2) the payment status for works completed in 2011/12 be noted; and
- (3) the request for funding of £4,250 from the Molyneux Ward budget as part contribution to the insatllation of a vehicle activated traffic sign be approved.

**73. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that a programme of dates, times and venues of future meetings would be produced once the consultation on the future number of Area Committees and the frequency of meetings had been completed and a stucture for Area Committees had been agreed.