

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 2010**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor M Fearn) (in the Chair)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Cummins) (Vice
Chair)

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Booth, Bradshaw,
Brady, Brennan, Brodie - Browne, Byrne, Byrom,
Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cuthbertson, Dodd,
Doran, Dorgan, P. Dowd, Dutton, Fairclough,
Lord Fearn, Fenton, Friel, Gibson, Glover,
Gustafson, Hands, Hardy, Hough, Howe, Hubbard,
Ibbs, Jones, Kelly, Kerrigan, Larkin, Maher, Mahon,
C Mainey, S Mainey, McGinnity, McGuire, Mclvor,
Moncur, Papworth, Parry, Pearson, Porter, Preece,
Preston, B Rimmer, D Rimmer, Robertson, Sumner,
Tattersall, Tonkiss, Tweed, Sir Ron Watson,
Weavers and Webster

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Dowd, Griffiths,
Hill, Shaw and Veidman.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

40. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

North West in Bloom Awards 2010

The Mayor reported that at the North West in Bloom Awards Ceremonies
held on 20 and 21 October 2010 at the Floral Hall, Southport, the following
awards were given to the Borough of Sefton:

Regional Awards:

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| Southport | - Judge's Discretionary Environmental Award for
Local Authorities |
| Southport | - Silver Gilt Award for Best Large Coastal
Category and Southport Flower Show Trophy for
the same category |
| Crosby and Waterloo | - Silver Gilt Award for Small Coastal Resort
category |

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Wesley Street - Commendation Award
Traders Association,
Southport

Neighbourhood Awards:

Best Large Neighbourhood Trophy and Best in Show Trophy - Maghull Station

Level 5 - 'Outstanding'

- Maghull Station
- Formby Parish Council

Level 4 - 'Thriving'

- Peel Road Residents, Bootle
- Tree View Court, Maghull
- Central Square, Maghull
- Maghull Gateway
- Churchtown Village
- Birkdale Village
- Birkdale Station
- Bedford Park, Birkdale
- Wesley Street Traders, Southport

Level 3 - 'Developing'

- Deyes Lane, Maghull
- Church Ward, Seaforth
- Leeds Liverpool Canal, Maghull

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated all of the organisations and individuals concerned upon their success in winning the above mentioned awards.

'Fairtrade Status

The Mayor reported that Sefton had been awarded Fairtrade Borough status by the Fairtrade Foundation and would join 500 other Towns, Cities and Boroughs in Britain which have been awarded this accolade. The award is not to the Council, but to the people of Sefton; and it recognises that a significant number of businesses, outlets, schools, faith groups, voluntary organisations, and the general public, provide, or buy, or use Fairtrade goods.

Remembrance Sunday

The Mayor reported that this year's Remembrance Sunday would be held on 14 November 2010 and many Services would take place across Sefton.

This year the Mayor will attend the Service at Southport, the Deputy Mayor will attend the Service at Bootle and Councillor Webster will be the Mayoral representative at Waterloo.

Gdansk Stilt Walkers and International Day

The Mayor reported that on 10-12 September 2010, the Borough was visited by the Stilt Walkers from our twin town of Gdansk. The visit was hosted by the Anglo Polish Society and Civic and Mayoral Services. The culmination of the visit was their taking part, rather spectacularly, in the Southport International Festival on Sunday 12 September 2010.

The Mayor indicated that she would like to take this opportunity to publicly record her appreciation to the Leisure and Tourism Department for the manner in which they execute their role, as she was regularly approached by members of the public, both local and visiting, who wished to state how impressed they are with Sefton's approach to attracting and hosting visitors. Sefton has earned a marvellous and well deserved reputation which can only benefit the Borough as a whole.

Mayoral Ball

The Mayor reported that her Charity Ball would be held on 11 February 2011 in the Floral Hall Southport. The theme for the evening would be '*A Night on the Ocean Waves*' to hopefully invoke the evocative elegance of a cruise liner and tickets would be on sale from next month at a cost of £45 per person."

41. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 September 2010 be approved as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION

42. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that following the decision taken by the Cabinet Member - Children's Services on 5 October 2010, to approve the commencement of the statutory consultation process relating to the proposal to close St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School with effect from 31 August 2011 (Minute No. 44 refers), a public petition with 3,591 signatures had been submitted requesting the Council to "reconsider the proposals to close St. Wilfrid's High School, Litherland and commit to explore all other options including the amalgamation with Savio High School".

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Mr. E. Bernard, the lead petitioner, presented the petition to the Council and gave a statement on the content of the petition.

It was then moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and

RESOLVED:

That the petition be referred to the Cabinet Member - Children's Services for consideration as part of the statutory consultation process on the proposal to close St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School.

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION

43. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor reported that Members of the Council had not submitted any questions.

44. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2010/11

Councillor Blackburn proposed the following changes.

Members ICT Steering Group

Councillor Hands to replace Councillor Dodd as a Member of the Steering Group.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care)

Councillor McGuire to replace Councillor Larkin as the Vice Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Ibbs proposed the following change:

Planning Committee

Councillor Barber to replace Councillor McIvor as the Substitute Member for Councillor Jones on the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed changes detailed above be approved.

45. NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLORS P DOWD AND FAIRCLOUGH

It was moved by Councillor P. Dowd, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

"This Council recognises the importance of and support by the people of Sefton for the Thornton Switch Island Link Road.

It also recognises that the delay by the Coalition Government in supporting the investment in the road is damaging to Sefton and recognises that decisions are made by Ministers and not by Civil Servants.

This Council calls upon the Coalition Government to reaffirm support for the building of the link road given by the last Labour Government."

An amendment was then moved by Councillor Robertson and seconded by Councillor Parry that the motion be amended by the deletion of all of text from the word 'by' in line one of the second paragraph and the substitution of the following text:

"In taking the project forward is frustrating to all who have campaigned for the road to be built.

Council notes that the project was given the status of "Programme Entry" by the previous Government. In line with this Sefton Council has continued to develop and promote the Link Road and is happy to reaffirm its support for the project.

Council calls on the Government to do all it can to try to find the funding to move the project forward despite the previous Government signalling that the road was at significant risk in February 2010."

During the debate, on a show of hands, it was agreed by 39 votes to 21 that the amendment be put to the vote.

The requisite number of Members having then signified their wish that the voting on the amendment should be recorded in accordance with Rule 18.4 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the voting was duly recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Booth, Brodie-Browne, Byrne, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Doran, Dorgan, Dutton, Lord Fearn, Fenton, Gibson, Glover, Hands, Hough, Howe, Hubbard, Ibbs, Jones, Larkin, C. Mainey, S. Mainey, McGuire, McIvor, Papworth, Parry, Pearson, Porter, Preece, Preston, B. Rimmer, D. Rimmer, Robertson, Sumner, Tattersall, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brady, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed and Webster.

ABSTENTION:

Councillor M. Fearn.

The amendment was carried by 39 votes to 21 with 1 abstention.

A further amendment was then moved by Councillor Moncur and seconded by Councillor Maher that the Substantive Motion be amended by the deletion of all the text from the word 'despite' in the second line of the final paragraph.

The requisite number of Members having signified their wish that the voting on the amendment should be recorded in accordance with Rule 18.4 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the voting was duly recorded and the Members of the Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Bradshaw, Brady, Brennan, Byrom, Carr, K. Cluskey, L. Cluskey, Cummins, P. Dowd, Fairclough, Friel, Gustafson, Hardy, Kelly, Kerrigan, Maher, Mahon, McGinnity, Moncur, Tweed and Webster.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Barber, Blackburn, Booth, Byrne, Cuthbertson, Dodd, Doran, Dorgan, Dutton, M. Fearn, Lord Fearn, Fenton, Gibson, Glover, Hands, Hough, Howe, Hubbard, Ibbs, Jones, Larkin, C. Mainey, S. Mainey, McGuire, McIvor, Papworth, Parry, Pearson, Porter, Preece, Preston, B. Rimmer, D. Rimmer, Robertson, Sumner, Tattersall, Tonkiss, Sir Ron Watson and Weavers.

The amendment was lost by 39 votes to 21.

Following further debate, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Substantive Motion was carried by 39 votes in support of the Motion, no votes against and 22 abstentions and it was

RESOLVED:

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It also recognises that the delay in taking the project forward is frustrating to all who have campaigned for the road to be built.

Council notes that the project was given the status of 'Programme Entry' by the previous Government. In line with this, Sefton Council has continued to develop and promote the Link Road and is happy to reaffirm its support for the project.

Council calls on the Government to do all it can to try to find the funding to move the project forward despite the previous Government signalling that the road was at significant risk in February 2010.