

## MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

### PUBLIC MEETING HURDSFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL 3 JULY 2013

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE
Brian Reed	Louise Brown
Lindsey Parton	Alift Harewood
Rose Hignett	Brendan Murphy
Cherry Foreman	Lesley Smetham

### RESUME OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. Clarification requested of the range of organisations on the Stakeholder list.	Explained that it had been drawn up with the help of the Sub Cttee and included all community organisations, businesses, housing associations, church and faith groups, LAP.  <i>Action: to confirm the inclusion of the Trustees/ Directors of the Morton Jubilee Hall.</i>
2. Is there a legal limit for the number of electors in a parished area?	Some parished areas in Crewe are almost as large as Macclesfield would be and no problems are envisaged.
3. Is there evidence that democratic engagement suffers when there are a high no of electors?  <i>The view of the questioner was that if the ratio was too large there would be no advantage over the present position with CE.</i>	1. There is guidance from the T and PC Association on the ratio to ensure people are properly represented. 2. The area could be divided into the separate wards of the parish.
4. What influence would the PC have in planning?	Would be as a statutory consultee only.
5. How much would a PC cost?	This would depend on what it did and what services it took over, at present amounts vary between £5 - £95.
6. If there was more than one PC which would take on the mayoralty?	This would only change if a TC was created; a PC could be established and then resolve to become a TC in which case mayoralty would continue - as in Crewe.
7. Bollington TC allows the public to attend and speak, is it like that everywhere?	All TC's and PC's have their own Standing Orders and it would be for the new Council to determine those rules.
8. Concern at having to pay too much for too little reward.	It is the Council itself that will determine how much has to be paid.
9. If a Council took on services, such as recycling, would there be a corresponding reduction in money paid by residents to CE?	Presumably there would be a resulting reduction in the cost borne by CE but there is no guarantee that there would be a reduction.
10. Consultation on Macclesfield TC development was a waste of time, how can you guarantee this won't be?	Assurances were given that CE was genuinely interested and that views would be taken into account and considered by the Sub Cttee.

11.	A lot of the information is on the internet but not all people can access that.	Assurances given that a wide range of media is used.
12.	What details can be given of the other options available that were mentioned in your presentation and which of those would enable Macclesfield citizens to partake in forming a neighbourhood plan.	
13.	What about deliberate budgeting for a specific neighbourhood?	
14.	Which options would enable the citizens of Macclesfield to trigger a referenda, such as on the TC redevelopment?	
15.	Publicity was appalling	Everybody will get a personal letter at the end of the consultation stage and at the voting stage.
16.	Do Parish Councillors get paid?	It is the decision of the PC itself, and it is answerable to the electorate. All PC's need a clerk and possibly other staff as well, and premises will need to be paid for.
17.	Will any money unspent by the Charter Trustees be passed onto the new Council? Would the new Council get the income from car parking for example?	The Council would get income from such as allotments and markets but CE will keep car parking revenues.
18	Is there any record of what services PC's in other area have taken on?	It is mentioned in the document 'Do You Want More Say in Macclesfield'.