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20th June 2013

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For the attention of Councillor Marren's Department

Town Hall
Macclesfield
Cheshire

Dear Sirs

Re: **Councillor David Marren Comments**

Councillor Marren's comments as follows: "It is very important that the **residents of Macclesfield come forward and give us their feedback** as this will ensure that the final decision we take reflects their wishes.

"Cheshire East Council is committed to giving its residents more choice and control over services and resources."

If this could provide an opportunity for Macclesfield to have its own council, free from the political ties that limit Cheshire East's ability to represent Macclesfield democratically. **I do wish to come forward and give my feedback:** "I would like to see someone like a Mr Granville Sellers (The Editor of the Community News) to take up the opportunity (if he so desires) – to run Macclesfield Council." I would prefer a man of his integrity, than the questionable Michael Jones (who was once a banker). Who appears to be making a hash of things, and yet, true to a banker's philosophy: excel at fobbing us all off by putting a positive spin on everything.

Yours faithfully



Judith Brocklehurst

` Lack of care `

It shows councillors and finance officers were not informed as the project`s estimated cost spiralled from **£650,000** to **£1.5m**.

It found there was a "serious failure of project management by some of the senior staff involved" and a "lack of due professional diligence and care".

Relationships were strained, different departments failed to work together and there was a "culture of mutual mistrust" between some officers and some councillors.

The investigator concluded there was no deliberate intention to mislead, but added it was understandable that some members of the public and councillors felt otherwise.

Resident Peter Yates, who raised concerns over the works, said: "Quite clearly in order to meet that deadline people had to sidestep a lot of the rules and regulations."

` Painful experience `

The report concludes officers failed to comply with regulations when awarding contracts for the work which started in October last year.

It recommends the council`s procurement team and legal officers ensure they are up to date with the law as the case demonstrated a "lack of basic understanding".

Despite this, some council officers were praised for trying to raise concerns over the project and urging colleagues not to go ahead without planning permission.

Council leader Michael Jones said the council has since changed systems and an agreement has now been reached in principal with local furniture retailer Arighi Bianchi to build a warehouse on the site.

He added: "**Despite its unwelcome impact on the council`s reputation, this painful experience has left a positive legacy.**"

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Beryl Houghton [beryl@uhouse.fsnet.co.uk]
Sent: 05 July 2013 15:00
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

I only moved into this area in 2005. I am very struck by the fact that so many Macclesfield people are born and bred in the area. Everyone seems to know everyone from school days. They have a very keen feeling of ownership of the town. They all grieve for the old Town council, and for the way that the special character of the old inner town streets has been undervalued and in many cases lost. They are alarmed at the fact that there are so many derelict brownfield sites.

I happened to hear about and went to the consultative meeting at Hurdsfield school on Wednesday evening. There were about twenty people there mainly retired.

As the evening went on I came to the conclusion that the whole exercise is a con. We were told that the surrounding areas, that were parished, had been complaining that Maxonians did not have to pay the precept that they paid on the top of Council Tax. So it was thought it would be a good idea to even things up by Maxonians having either a parish or a town council. The meetings are to give people the chance to say which they preferred. Which ever they choose there would be no entitlement to have a vote on anything serious. Cheshire East, in this time of hardship would be glad to off load responsibility for Public Conveniences, Christmas lights etc to the councils but not willing to relinquish car parks or anything that brought serious money in. I believe the precept would be in the region of at least £50 a year on top of council tax.

Macclesfield folk do want a say in what happens to their town, but there is nothing in these proposals that would give them any more say on the big issues than they already have. Cheshire East already consults with the locals but it ends there.

In the run up to the last local election all the candidates declared how they fully support what the local people want. However the Tory did admit that if it came to a vote he would not go against the wishes of his party leader.

There is something wrong with local government when a towns affairs are decided by outsiders.

You asked for my views and these are they.

Beryl Houghton

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Keith Williams [kwillms247@gmail.com]
Sent: 13 July 2013 21:17
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macc Governance review

I attended one of your recent consultation meetings, information on the implications of adopting any the proposed options was thin, audience was invited to speculate on the basis of very little information
Cheshire East Councillors chairing the session acted as though the council was an autonomous body divorced from its electorate. It's our council, they should be responsive to our views and Cheshire East should be open to working with whatever Macc voters decides suits them best. Across the tiers of representation Cheshire East as the higher level authority should and must work collaborative with other lower tiers. Presentation made several implied threats of significantly increased charges etc.

Given that only trully representative option is for an elected town council that is the only option I can support

Keith Williams

CHESHIRE EAST GREEN PARTY

Secretary: Walter Houston
35 Brock Street
Macclesfield
SK10 1DL

The Registration Service and Business Manager
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ

16 July 2013


Dear Mrs Parton,

I enclose a questionnaire in response to the Macclesfield governance review on behalf of Cheshire East Green Party. As the questionnaire does not include a field for respondents to state their reasons for preferring one of the given options to others, I am using this covering letter to do this.

We strongly favour the establishment of a single Town Council for Macclesfield because none of the other options are genuinely representative of the entire population. All of them are in one way or another self-selecting. Only through the establishment of a Town Council will we, the citizens of Macclesfield, be able to make our voice heard free of the filtering and distortion of special interests.

We look forward to taking part in the further stages of the consultation, and to the result, which we are confident will be in line with our views.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Hanta', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



Macclesfield community governance review

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E-mail: communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Satisfaction with your local area

1) Generally speaking, within your local area how satisfied are you with...

Please select one option only in each row

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not sure
...local democracy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...how local services are currently delivered?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...community engagement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

This question is not clear.

2) And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Please write in below

*listen to people
institute a representative town council*

Your preferred form of community governance for Macclesfield

3) Which form of local governance (as explained in the leaflet) do you think would be best for Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

- No change..... ☐
- Parish/Town council..... ☒
- Community Forum..... ☐
- Community Development Trust..... ☐
- Neighbourhood Management..... ☐
- Residents' and Tenants' Associations..... ☐
- Community Associations..... ☐
- Other (please tick and write in below)..... ☐

4) What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Please write in below

As many services as possible, subject to its powers.

5) Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Please write in below

It is important for the town to have a voice
in relation to plans imposed by Cheshire
East Council and others.

Town and parish councils

Please only answer questions 6 and 7 if you selected 'Town/Parish council' in question 3.

6) How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

- One..... ☒
- Two..... ☐
- Three..... ☐
- Four..... ☐
- Five..... ☐
- Six..... ☐
- Seven or more.... ☐

7) What area(s) do you think the new Town/Parish councils should be based on?

Please write in below

The current unparished area of Macclesfield.

About you

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No..... ☐ – Go to Q11
Not sure..... ☐ – Go to Q9

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Macclesfield East..... ☐
Macclesfield Hurdsfield..... ☐
Macclesfield South..... ☐
Macclesfield Tytherington..... ☒
Macclesfield West & Ivy..... ☐
Not sure..... ☐

10) What is your postcode?

Please write in below

SK10 1DL

Please select one option only

No..... ☐ – Survey complete

Please select all that apply

Other (Please tick and write in below).....

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13) Are you responding on behalf of any of the community groups or organisations that you are a member of?

Please select one option only

Yes..... ☒ – Go to Q14
No..... ☐ – Survey complete

14) In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?

Please write in below

Your name.....	Walter Houston.
Your role.....	Secretary
Name of organisation.....	Cheshire East Green Party

Thank You!

Thank you for taking time to complete this consultation, your response is very important to us. Full outcomes from this consultation will be available on the council's website in due course.

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Rainow Parish Clerk [rainowparish@aol.com]
Sent: 18 July 2013 22:20
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Sirs

Rainow Parish Council would comment on the review as follows:

"Rainow Parish Council would support a single parish".

Regards.

Mrs Sarah Giller
Clerk to Rainow Parish Council
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t: 01625 850532

19/07/2013

Response to the Macclesfield Community Governance Review

On the 3rd July 2013 an advert appeared in the Macclesfield Express inviting members of the public to attend meetings at various venues in the town to hear about a review of governance in the Macclesfield community. I attended the meeting at Ivy Bank School on Wednesday 9th July. I was perturbed to find only 4 members of the public present BUT the number swelled to 7 by mid-meeting. There were 3 Cheshire East councillors (from Macc wards) present plus, I think, 3 members of Cheshire East's staff. As it was such a small meeting attendees were encouraged to have a say.

I had no idea what the topic was really about when I arrived but members of staff, Brian Reed and Lindsey Parton gave excellent presentations, which helped me enormously. I am aware that the only elected area council is Cheshire East and know that no local council exists, after the abolishment of the Macclesfield Borough Council. Now that the Cheshire County Council has gone we are left with the "half county" of Cheshire East as the only local elected assembly. As was explained Cheshire East has 84 elected councillors from wards all over Cheshire East but members of the public only hear about decisions taken by the much smaller number in the Cabinet.

I was aghast to find that Macclesfield Town is the only area in Cheshire East without an elected body, or bodies. All other areas have either parish or town councils. I'm pleased that these July meetings with the public are part of a process to address this issue. However, I'm very puzzled as to why this process was not started several years ago, then, perhaps, say a town council could have officially presented views from the Macclesfield public about the controversial Local Plan. Thus far Macc Town people have largely presented their views to the council on an individual basis. It seems that this carries little weight.

It is my view that the best solution for Macclesfield Town is to have a town council. To have a number of parish councils will not work as they will pursue only "parochial" interests. The town's people want the same things, a say in how the town is run and developed plus having sensible and reasonable dialogue about the town's countryside. There is plenty of very recent evidence to have a great reduction in the number of new properties built and absolutely NO justification for building on Green Belt land. None of this is NIMBYISM, it is simply that the world has changed drastically in the last few years. Reality must reign!

To sum up:

1. The meetings should have had more publicity and certainly advertised earlier, thus the potential for more people to be present and to contribute at the review meetings.
2. My preference is for a town council. It should have "teeth" but this may take a time to achieve.
3. The overall Cheshire East council seems unwieldy, thus a local town council can feed in local concerns for serious attention.
4. Not mentioned above. I object to the separation of stakeholders and the public. The stakeholders include developers who are only interested in making money out of our area. The public who live here are the MAIN stakeholders. They must be listened to at all times.
5. I have lived and worked in Macclesfield Town for 39 years. Any changes must reflect genuine concerns and the desires of local people.

Ray Perry
31 Thirlmere
Macclesfield
Cheshire SK11 7XY

July 2013

PARTON, Lindsey

From: macclesfield clp [macclesfield.clp@which.net]
Sent: 22 July 2013 18:53
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield governance review

attn: Greg Holland and Lindsey Parton

Thank you for Including Macclesfield Constituency Labour Party amongst the official consultees to this review. We welcome the opportunity to take part in this process and have consulted members for their views. Macclesfield CLP has unanimously agreed that we would wish to see a Town Council established in the unparished area of Macclesfield. The attached questionnaire reflects this view.

Should you require any further information , please do not hesitate to contact me

regards
Pat Featherstone
Secretary, Macclesfield CLP

23/07/2013

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2) And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Please write in below

By creating a democratically elected town council for Macclesfield.

Additionally CEC should involve local councillors in decisions concerning local services.

Your preferred form of community governance for Macclesfield

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4) What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Please write in below

Markets, parks and green spaces, allotments, parking.

Co-ordinating improvements to the public realm eg. flower beds, floral arrangements and Christmas lights.

Town centre management.

Commenting on local planning applications.

Funding for community services and groups eg. Citizens Advice Bureau.

5) Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Please write in below

At the present time there is no coherent body, with legal powers and the ability to raise funds for local services, that can speak for the town of Macclesfield.

The Charter Trustees have a limited function as have the Macclesfield Forum, the Civic Society and the Silk Heritage Trust. The Macclesfield Local Area Partnership covers a wider area than unparished Macclesfield and has only a small highway budget.

Although a Local Service Delivery Committee has been created, this again has limited powers and has found itself unable to deal with issues other than that of the special levy for local services.

Following the formation of a town council for Crewe, Macclesfield is now the only area within Cheshire East which is not represented by either a town or parish council.

The Labour Party therefore strongly supports the introduction of a democratically elected Town Council, capable of raising a precept for local services, capable of long term planning for the town and capable of framing the aspirations of the people of Macclesfield in an open, accountable and responsible manner.

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The unparished area of Macclesfield.

The Labour Party has no specific view at present in relation to either details of ward or the level of precept to be levied. We are addressing general principles but would be prepared to comment on those details should a Town Council be the wish of the people.

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Not sure..... ☐

10) What is your postcode?

Please write in below **N/A**

Please select one option only

No..... ☒ – Survey complete

Please select all that apply

Political party..... ✓

Local government..... ○

School..... ○

Media..... ○

Church..... ○

Community organisation..... ○

Business..... ○

Charity..... ○

Resident/Neighbourhood group..... ○

Other (*Please tick and write in below*)..... ○

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Your name.....	Pat Featherstone
Your role.....	Secretary
Name of organisation.....	Macclesfield Constituency Labour Party

Thank You!

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Stephen Broadhead [stephen.broadhead39@gmail.com]

Sent: 22 July 2013 22:47

To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Subject: Re: Local Representation

Dear Sir

It is my opinion that Macclesfield should have elected representatives. These elected representatives should reflect the wishes and aspirations of all the residents. I think that each ward in Macclesfield should have a local rep.

It is my opinion that the election of the above should take place in 2016. If elections are held in 2015 then there will be little difference between the local elected representatives and the local political parties. If the elected local reps are elected in 2016 there will be an opportunity to elect the person on their merits instead of the political party which they represent.

Elections held in 2016 will be seen as more locally important than in the year of the General Election where Councillors will be able to state the limited authority of the local reps.

Stephen Broadhead

2 Hollands Place

Macclesfield SK11 7DD

PARTON, Lindsey

From: PARTON, Lindsey
Sent: 23 July 2013 11:35
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: FW: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Edwards [mailto:ken@molepolole.freemove.co.uk]
Sent: 23 July 2013 10:34
To: PARTON, Lindsey
Subject: Fw: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Lindsey,
I am sending this as a personal comment on the Governance Review for Macclesfield Consultation.

A Town council: A Service for the people of Macclesfield and a voice for the community.

I welcome the opportunity provided by Cheshire East Unitary Borough Council to review the governance of Macclesfield. The recent changes in the structure of local government have made such a review imperative in my view.

The creation of the large unitary Council Cheshire East coupled with stringent restrictions on local government expenditure and the consequent devolution policies followed by Cheshire East to Town and Parish Councils across the Borough have highlighted the isolated situation of Macclesfield, as now, the only unparished area in the Borough.

Whereas across the Borough in every other area there is a properly constituted democratic body capable of speaking with an independent voice for their community the situation in Macclesfield is deeply confusing.

As your document points out the current situation for local governance in Macclesfield has the following elements:

1. The Charter Trustees. This is legally constituted body with specific but very limited responsibilities for maintaining the heritage of Macclesfield. They provide the ceremonial framework of a Mayor. In our view very poorly supported and with no permanent physical home. They have no power to take responsibility for any matters other than their narrow historical remit. They are made up of the Cheshire East Borough Councillors representing Macclesfield Wards.

2. A Macclesfield local Service Delivery Committee. This is a committee created by Cheshire East out of Macclesfield representatives whose sole and limited purpose is to recommend to the CE Cabinet a special levy for local services on Macclesfield residents for local services. Its purpose is to recommend additional local taxes to avoid the situation of double taxation. This committee has found it is unable to deal with any other matters as it has been specifically prevented from so doing by the Cheshire East Constitutional committee.

3. A Macclesfield Briefing mechanism set up by Cheshire East involving Macclesfield Borough councillors with those representing surrounding parishes like Gawsworth Bollington and Prestbury. This body has no powers.

4. The Macclesfield Local Area Partnership. This is a body made up of the unparished area of Macclesfield and 16 surrounding Parishes. It has no funds with the exception of a small highway budget and acts through persuasion for the area as a whole not for Macclesfield.

There are then a number of ad hoc bodies such as the Macclesfield Forum, some Trusts such as the Silk Heritage Trust, the Civic Society that act for special groups of special interests in the Town.

As can be seen there is no coherent body with legal powers and the ability to raise funds for local services that can speak for Macclesfield as a whole.

Therefore I strongly support the introduction of a democratically elected, responsible body capable of raising a precept for local services, capable of long term planning for the Town and capable of framing the aspirations of the Macclesfield community as a whole in an open, accountable and responsible manner.

I believe a Macclesfield Town Council would fulfil this role.

Advantages:

1. Comprehensive: A Town Council would be elected every four years by all eligible voters in the current unparished area of Macclesfield.

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2. Open: All Town Council meetings are open to the public.
3. Responsible: Council activities and councillors are subject to strict codes of conduct and clear standards in the way business is conducted.
4. Powerful. A Town council can levy a precept, apply for grants, take a strong view on s106 and Community Levy expenditure, support local voluntary groups, Trusts, Community Development Trusts and Residents Associations and if designated with the power of Well being and the power of competence and Quality Status deliver any services agreed with the electorate.
5. Cheshire East would, of course, retain powers for strategic matters across the Borough but a Macclesfield Town council united with the 12 Cheshire East councillors is a far more powerful voice in relation to Cheshire East than the Cheshire East Councillors on their own.
6. Finally the electorate can change the nature of the Town Council and indeed change Town councillors should they wish to through the standard democratic process.
7. Reduce confusion: The Charter Trustees would be absorbed into the Town council; the Local Service Delivery Committee would no longer be needed. Cheshire East officers could brief the Town council on all matters relating to Macclesfield. The Town council would directly support organisations such as the Silk Heritage Trust and the Macclesfield Forum.
8. A voice for the Town Above all A Macclesfield town Council could create a local long term plan for the future of the town which would have to be taken into account in relation to all future planning considerations and would act as a guide for local councillors supporting long term projects to benefit residents.

At the present stage of the consultation I put forward no specific view at present in relation to either details of warding or the level of precept that should be levied. Your Governance Review addresses general principles and I will be prepared to comment on those details if the people of Macclesfield decide they would like to be governed locally through a Town Council, as is everywhere else in Cheshire East and in the majority of communities that recognise themselves as communities across the country.

Ken Edwards
15/07/2013

Regards
Ken

PARTON, Lindsey





From: Tim Pinder [T.Pinder@peaksplains.org]
Sent: 23 July 2013 11:51
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Peaks & Plains Response

Thankyou for providing us with an opportunity to comment on community governance in Macclesfield. We at Peaks & Plains, see ourselves as an active community player; working closely with a range of partners in a number of different governance settings; some formal, others less so.

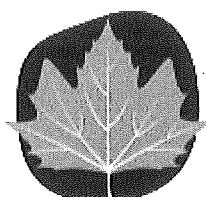
We remain committed to playing our active part in the community, whatever the governance arrangements. We shall be pleased to engage with whatever structure is determined as a result of this review.

Tim Pinder

Tim Pinder, Chief Executive

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Sent: 24 July 2013 14:40
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: FW: Macclesfield Governance Review

-----Original Message-----

From: HOBBS, Sandra
Sent: 24 July 2013 14:29
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Governance Review

Dear Sir/Madam

I live in Macclesfield, in the Broken Cross and Upton ward. Having recently moved there from the Central Ward.

I am in favour of the formation of a parish council for Macclesfield, based on the current warding arrangements for Cheshire East Council.

I would like the parish council to have sufficient representation to be effective, so I would be grateful if careful consideration could be given to the number of parish councillors (based on statutory guidelines).

I feel that the formation of the council gives good local representation to the people of Macclesfield, and I would like to think that local people will feel that they can get involved by standing as candidates at the election.

It would help if sufficient powers/services could be devolved to the parish council to allow them to become an effective council, as I feel that only transferring a handful of services would lead to an ineffective council. Could careful consideration be given to allow the transfer of services such as the car parks to allow income generation which would be retained in the Macclesfield area. I would like to think that Macclesfield Parish Council would continue to run services such as toilet facilities, allotments, Christmas displays etc with the local residents and visitors in mind, but fear that without the raising of a large precept this will not happen, so the ability to generate income from paying services such as car parks would be very welcome.

I realise that the formation of a parish council will result in the raising of a precept to fund services, but feel that so long as this was not excessive this should be encouraged. If there is some way to cap the precept level this would be most welcome, as we would not wish to see the raising of a precept far above what was needed to fund services.

Is there any ability for the parish council to have more input into local issues such as planning applications? I realise that currently there are no powers which allow a parish council to make a decision on a planning application, but feel that the view of the parish council should certainly be taken into consideration when planning applications are made, as the councillors on the parish council are going to be local residents, with local knowledge.

I do not support the splitting of Macclesfield into smaller parish councils such as Tytherington parish as was suggested at the meeting I attended, as these residents live and use services in Macclesfield. I also feel that splitting the town in this way would be divisive and would lead to even smaller less effective councils.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the review.

Kind regards, Sandra

24/07/2013

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Trevor Maddock [trevorjmaddock@googlemail.com]
Sent: 26 July 2013 11:00
To: PARTON, Lindsey
Cc: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Macclesfield Community Governance Review

Dear Lindsey Parton, (Registration Service and Business Manager),

Sutton Parish Council considered the consultation issues in respect of the above matter and resolved as follows:

That it is more appropriate to allow the residents of Macclesfield to determine, from the options available, their own means of local representation and administration.

Please include this representation within the consultation process.

Kind regards,

Trevor J. Maddock,

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,

Sutton Parish Council.

26/07/13

26/07/2013

13.
Apologies for ignorance - learning curve is steep.
(Arcane knowledge)

Notes for meeting on 8th July

Local Services Delivery Committee

Macclesfield Community Governance Review.

My Name is David Langley I own a residential property in Macclesfield Broken Cross and currently reside in Prestbury.

Thank you Chair for allowing a moment for me to put forward some questions raised by your options for localism.

I am sure that any further extension of local governance will have to be based on the people of Macclesfield having not only a say in local management but also the financial ability to adopt those policies that will reflect those wishes.

There can be no local politics on the cheap any more, will we have the funding to be able to achieve favourable changes in our local administration?

I do not want to see more parishes or community trusts I want to see a local Macclesfield town council. The funding for that will have to come from government. There should be no impost on local council taxes or our national income taxes. The government wastes billions of pounds annually and loses billions through corporate tax avoidance, thereby losing the trust of many of us in this community. Parish councils can only do so much without the financial backing to crown their efforts.

I do appreciate the efforts East Cheshire Council makes on our behalf but ever since the dissolution of Macclesfield Borough on April the 1st 2009 we have been cap in hand for funding for growth. Macclesfield looks like a train wreck. Empty shops and a miserable shopping centre struggling for cash.

I am not looking for an expensive administration, with mayors and cars and foreign twinning. I want better social services, more funding for our local health teams, cash for the over stretched and brilliant A & E. I see our town council funding local builders, apprenticeships and better planning for the development of a town in an amazing geographical position to attract business. We must reduce business regulations enforced by remote civil servants, gold plating EU dictats. Please chair,

consider a Macclesfield town council, there is some really excellent commercial and community leadership here badly neglected by the lack of an appropriately funded town council which is a problem you are now belatedly addressing.

The youth of Macclesfield need to see possibilities opening up for them, We have to show them how we have a real future here giving them a solid foundation of civic responsibility and a belief in themselves.



Macclesfield community governance review

Introduction

A Macclesfield Community Governance Review is currently being conducted to consider options for improved community engagement and local democracy - This review is expected to take 12 months to complete and will involve various stages of consultation. Information explaining the purpose and options for this review can be found in leaflets accompanying this survey - please read this before filling in the following questionnaire.

Within the first stage of the consultation we would like to know your views on what arrangements you feel would work best for Macclesfield. To influence the outcome from this first stage of consultation, **please respond by 5pm on 23rd July**. The second stage of consultation will be conducted during late September/early October 2013.

The outcome of the review and feedback received will be published on the Council's website in due course. For queries, or if you prefer to submit your comments in writing, please contact:

The Registration Service and Business Manager
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E-mail: communitygovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Satisfaction with your local area

1) Generally speaking, within your local area how satisfied are you with...

Please select one option only in each row

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not sure
...local democracy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...how local services are currently delivered?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...community engagement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2) And how could Cheshire East Council improve any or all of these things?

Please write in below

SILK ROAD DEVELOPMENT. THE CRC SHOULD RECOGNISE THE VOICE OF MACCLESFIELD PEOPLE - THE SECOND LARGEST POPULATION IN CHESHIRE EAST. WITH NO REAL VOICE.
3 out of 4 Macclesfield Councillors voted AGAINST THE BEQUEST SILK DEVELOPMENT BUT LOST BY A MAJORITY OF COUNCILLORS NEVER LIVING IN BOROUGH. GIVE US OUR RIGHTS BACK!
ABUSE THE PLANNING LOCALLY - VITAL

IT WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING NOT TO HAVE THE PUBLIC MEETING BETTER ADVERTISED - OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE ATTENDED. - WHY NOT A BIG ADVERTISEMENT IN LOCAL PRESS? A FRIEND TOLD ME AFTER THE EVENT - MOST ANSWERS -

Your preferred form of community governance for Macclesfield

3) Which form of local governance (as explained in the leaflet) do you think would be best for Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

- No change..... ☐
- Parish/Town council..... ☒
- Community Forum..... ☐
- Community Development Trust..... ☐
- Neighbourhood Management..... ☐
- Residents' and Tenants' Associations..... ☐
- Community Associations..... ☐
- Other (please tick and write in below)..... ☐

4) What role and/or services would you like this form of local governance to provide?

Please write in below

A Voice of Authority on C&C to represent the
large Macclesfield Population - e.g. the school down
closed for 12 hours after 7pm for 12 hours
only Police cover from 7pm - 7am - dangerous
Especially at night more motor way accidents

5) Are there any other comments you would like to make about future community governance in Macclesfield?

Please write in below

WITH A POPULATION AS HIGH AS MACCLESFIELD
IT IS DEMOCRATICALLY WRONG NOT TO HAVE FULL
CONTROL OF AFFAIRS
WHY WAS IT NOT PARISHES ALONG WITH OTHER AREAS
IS CITIZENSHIP CONGRUENT. SANDHURST ETC. WHEN CEC FORMED?

WE ARE A KEY AREA ON MAJOR RAILWAY LINES
COMPARED TO CREWE.

Town and parish councils

Please only answer questions 6 and 7 if you selected 'Town/Parish council' in question 3.

6) How many Town and Parish councils do you think should be created in the current un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

- One..... ☐
- Two..... ☐
- Three..... ☐
- Four..... ☐
- Five..... ☐
- Six..... ☐
- Seven or more.... ☒ 8

7) What area(s) do you think the new Town/Parish councils should be based on?

Please write in below

Based upon existing wards in Macclesfield

About you

The rest of the survey asks you some details about where you live, and any groups or organisations within Cheshire East that you may belong to. All details given here will remain strictly confidential and will be used for the purposes of analysing the responses to this consultation only. Any information you give will not be passed on to any third parties.

8) Are you a resident of the un-parished area of Macclesfield?

Please select one option only

- Yes..... ☒ – Go to Q9 *FOR 52 YEARS - Moved from South 1962*
- No..... ☐ – Go to Q11
- Not sure..... ☐ – Go to Q9

9) Which Macclesfield Ward do you live in?

Please select one option only

- Broken Cross and Upton..... ☐
- Macclesfield Central..... ☐
- Macclesfield East..... ☒
- Macclesfield Hurdsfield..... ☐
- Macclesfield South..... ☐
- Macclesfield Tytherington..... ☐
- Macclesfield West & Ivy..... ☐
- Not sure..... ☐

10) What is your postcode?

Please write in below

SK11 7EH

11) Are you a member of an existing community group or organisation in Cheshire East?

Please select one option only

- Yes..... ☒ – Go to Q12
No..... ☐ – Survey complete

12) What type of community group(s) or organisation(s) is it/are they?

Please select all that apply

- Political party..... ☐
Local government..... ☐
School..... ☐
Media..... ☐
Church..... ☒
Community organisation..... ☒
Business..... ☐
Charity..... ☒
Resident/Neighbourhood group..... ☒
Other (Please tick and write in below)..... ☐

overseas town "twin towns" for 4 years in conjunction with "Hole Centre"
- Member of Watn's Green Society Parish Group
- Member of Macclesfield Hospice Trust
- Supporter of East Cheshire Hospice
- Extra Vicar of Reform Church - Overseas/Parish Councils.
- Current Active in Macclesfield Town Affairs, - Now Police

13) Are you responding on behalf of any of the community groups or organisations that you are a member of?

Please select one option only

Yes..... ☐ – Go to Q14

No..... ☐ – Survey complete

14) In what capacity are you responding on behalf of that organisation?

Please write in below

Your name.....

J.R. SPENCER

Your role.....

ELDER

Name of organisation.....

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
FOR 45 YEARS PARK GREEN

Thank You!

Thank you for taking time to complete this consultation, your response is very important to us. Full outcomes from this consultation will be available on the council's website in due course.