

# CONFELICITY MANIFESTO MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Seafood Shack, Southend-on-Sea

**Attendees:** JH/LL/AM/SJ/LH/SV/JM/DS/MA(later)

Number	Item	Discussion
1	Petition for teaching of criminal offenses & their consequences to be compulsory in the school PSHE curriculum	<p>Presented by Aysha Moore, a criminal solicitor.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion over this. It was agreed that Confelicity would promote this cause on our social media sites and in any other way we are able.</p> <p>The petition can be signed here <a href="#">Make the teaching of criminal offences &amp; their consequences compulsory in school - Petitions</a></p> <p>Aysha will be happy to talk to children and young adults. Her email is <a href="mailto:turkishsun@hotmail.com">turkishsun@hotmail.com</a></p>
2	Prioritisation of local people in any housing development	<p>Presented by JM</p> <p>JM Referring to the 10000 new homes planned in Bournes Green and that there is no guarantee that they will go to local residents or help the homeless in Southend</p> <p>JH suggested a more voluntary approach to prioritise residents/locals</p> <p>DS asks are we in favour of any development</p> <p>LL spoke about building regs and the need to make building less expensive and more streamlined. Also spoke about prioritising repurposing of existing urban buildings/spaces</p> <p>AM suggested a % of developments to local people</p> <p>SJ is against further development in Southend at all. Too many people, too little infrastructure. Local people should be prioritised with social housing. No development ever on green belt land</p> <p>LH No development on green belt. Southend is full</p> <p>SV No development on green belt. Suggested a survey of empty properties or brown field sites that could be used for housing</p> <p>DS believes developers prioritise building in our area because high property costs mean more profit. Also spoke about shortages in concrete for building. Also, no development on green belt.</p>
3	Motion	<p>JM proposed</p> <p>We support the development of empty or derelict buildings to address housing shortages for local people.</p> <p>Vote: SJ 90/ LH 100/ SV 100/ DS 100/ JM 90/ JH 90/ LL 51/ AM 100</p> <p>Proposal carried, will be added to our manifesto</p>

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4	Tourist tax to be used to reduce parking charges	<p>Presented by LH</p> <p>Introduce a tourist tax for overnight visitors to Southend which would then be able to fund the abolition of the new 6-9pm parking charges</p> <p>SV spoke about the tourist tax in Italy</p> <p>JH is against a tourist tax. Any money taken in tax was less money that visitors have to spend in Southend. He questioned whether money from visitors is better utilised by the council or by the local businesses.</p> <p>LL suggested that if we have a tourist tax in Southend, people will choose to go elsewhere. He suggested a visitors' lottery</p> <p>AM was against citing relatives of residents having to pay when they visit and she suggested this would be difficult to 'sell'</p> <p>DS thought any additional tax is wrong and that it would soon become a large amount, rather than the few pounds at introduction</p> <p>SJ spoke about a residents' card, where residents could be entitled to reduced prices for certain amenities.</p>
5	Motion	<p>LH Proposed</p> <p>We support the introduction of a tourist tax to reduce the parking charges between 6-9pm for the benefit of residents</p> <p>Vote: AM 40/SJ 5/ LH 100/ SV 49/ JM 1/ DS 1/ JH 0/ LL 5</p> <p>Proposal not carried</p>
6		<p>Meeting closed 9pm</p> <p>Date of next meetings:</p> <p>Campaign meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7pm</p> <p>Manifesto meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7pm</p>