



# Southend Confelicity Manifesto Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Present

Present: James Miller, Luis Lancos, Debbie Pang, Carla Petrina, Michael Mynard, Simon Jones, Lee Clark, Jon Humphrys, Melissa Aylott, Lee Clark, Jean de Tourtoulon, Jolene Hills, James Hills, Helen Miller and Aruna

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## 9.1 Do you support the continuation of the Leigh Community Centre?

All that were present voted 100% unanimously. The pledge will go into the manifesto.

## 9.2 Do you support the enforcement of the affordable housing quota on property developers?

### **Voting**

James Miller - 100

Luis - 50

Debbie Pang - 100

Carla - 100

Michael Mynard - 90

Simon Jones - 100

Lee Clark – 100

Lee Houghton - 100

Jon Humphrys - 100

Melissa Aylott - 100

Lee Clark - 100

Jean - 100

Jolene Hills - 100

James Hills - 100

Helen Miller - 100

Aruna - 100

### **Results**

The strength of the vote was 95% indicating extremely strong support for this pledge, with 100% of members voting in favour. This has passed and will go onto the manifesto.

## 9.3 Do you support retaining all 12 Dementia Navigators and the family centre in St Luke's?

### Comments

Both these services could be kept open by reducing the parking charges reduction in the high street of 11% in the recent amendments, to whatever figure is required. For example, the reduction could be 5%.

### Voting

James Miller - 90

Luis - 51

Debbie Pang - 100

Carla - 100

Michael Mynard - 90

Simon Jones - 100

Lee Clark - 100

Jon Humphrys - 100

Melissa Aylott – Abstained

Lee Houghton - 100

Lee Clark - 100

Jean - Abstained

Jolene Hills - 100

James Hills - 100

Helen Miller - 100

Aruna - 100

### Results

The strength of the vote was 94% indicating extremely strong support for the policy, with 100% of members voting in favour. This will go onto the manifesto.

## 9.4 Do you support keeping all the Libraries that are in Southend open ensuring they are evolving and being modernised?

### Voting

James Miller - 100

Luis - 70

Debbie Pang - 100

Carla - 100

Michael Mynard - 90

Simon Jones - 100

Lee Clark - 100

Jon Humphrys - 90

Melissa Aylott – 100

Lee Houghton - 100

Lee Clark - 100

Jean - Abstained

Jolene Hills - 100

James Hills - 100

Helen Miller - 100

Aruna - 100

### Results

The strength of the vote was 95% indicating extremely strong support for the policy, with 100% of members voting in favour. This will go onto the manifesto.

## 9.5 Do you support building more affordable housing on brownfields sites?

The principle of build more affordable housing was agreed upon, however, we already have voted in favour of not building on greenbelt land, so the discussion was agreed to be reconvened at a future meeting.

9.6 It is accepted that planning applications have to be considered on their own merits, however, we would pursue planning and regulation that whenever a new development is being considered, provision of the necessary infrastructure must be included as part of it.

All members voted 100% and this will go into the manifesto.

## 9.7 Do you support the continuation of Leigh Town Council as a body outside of party politics?

Whilst the consensus was in agreement, some members raised issues surrounding whether a political entity could in fact ever be truly apolitical. For this reason, this will be put on an agenda in a future meeting.