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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held at 7.00 pm on Monday 3rd February 2020

Present: Cllr S. Bagshaw (Mayor) and Cllrs D. Bagshaw, E. Benton, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, P. Hamilton, M. Radulovic MBE, J. Sainsbury, M. Seagrave, R. Skellett, D. Wilcockson, K. Woodhead and R. Woods.
D. Townsend (Town Clerk) and J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

TC030220/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Hannah and Cllr T. Harper (NCC).

TC030220/2 Prayers

Reverend David Stevenson gave opening prayers.

TC030220/3 Variation of Order of Business

None

TC030220/4 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs D. and S. Bagshaw and Woodhead declared non-pecuniary interests in TC030220/8, as allotment holders, and remained in the Meeting.

Cllr Skellett declared a non-pecuniary interest in TC030220/9, as a local developer, and remained in the Meeting.

TC030220/5 Public Speaking

Cllr D. Bagshaw gave an update on crime figures, provided by Sgt Andy Browning who was unable to attend the Meeting. He also reported that access to the Police Counter was limited, and he had asked if they might consider a time-lock to allow residents access.

Cllr Radulovic provided a report as a District Councillor, and reported that;

- all arrangements were in place for celebrating VE Day, and initial meetings with all parties had recently taken place. Publicity would start closer to the event.
- A visit had taken place to the Attenborough Nature Reserve and Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC) had proposed to contribute £75k to purchase this site, which was hoped to be completed by Summer 2020.
- Officers from BBC had been instructed to establish the ownership of sites in the Erewash Valley, which may become the biggest nature reserve in the country.
- Plans were also being considered for the DH Lawrence Country Park in the Local Plan.
- Work was also ongoing on the Neighbourhood Plan, which BBC were also contributing to, and Officers had been instructed to consider including a proposal for a Small Towns Bid.
- BBC had published a guide of what was on in Broxtowe, and included many events in Eastwood.

Cllr D. Bagshaw thanked Cllr Radulovic for his work in Eastwood, and asked that everyone support the many activities that were currently taking place.

TC030220/6 To determine which additional items on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

TC030220/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 16th December 2019.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

TC030220/8 To note the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Arts and Events Committee Meeting on 14th January 2020 and agree the recommendations therein.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations therein and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

TC030220/9 To note the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee Meeting on 21st January 2020 and agree the recommendations therein.

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations therein and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

TC030220/10 Town Mayor Announcements

None.

TC030220/11 Reports of the Town Clerk

It was reported that letters of thanks for S 137 Grants had been received from;

- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Age Concern
- Parkinsons Exercise Group

A letter of thanks had also been received from Leisure for the financial contribution and support of the Christmas Lights Switch on Event 2019.

TC030220/12 Co-opted Member

A Councillor vacancy had been advertised in the Eastwood Hall Ward, following the resignation of a Councillor. An application had been received, and the prospective candidate was asked to address the Town Council stating their suitability for the position.

RESOLVED that Abigail Parker become a Councillor of Eastwood Town Council in the Ward of Eastwood Hall. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed which was signed and Cllr Parker joined the Meeting.

TC030220/13 Budget 2020/2021

A budget for consideration was submitted. This had previously been considered by Council in December 2019 (Minute Number TC161219/13).

Councillor D. Bagshaw presented the budget proposals. Each budget area had been examined to ensure they were as accurate as possible. It was anticipated that there would be a healthy amount of reserves at the end of the current financial year due to the measures that had previously been put into place.

Cllr Bagshaw was thanked for his efforts.

RESOLVED that the proposed budget be accepted (Attached at Appendix A to the Minutes)

TC030220/14 To agree and set the Precept for the ensuing year 2020/2021

RESOLVED that the Precept for 2019/20 be set at £103,200 (One hundred and three thousand, two hundred pounds), and the Precepting Authority be advised accordingly. This represented no increase in Council Tax.

TC030220/15 Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that Jo Taylor be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the accounts 2019/2020.

TC030220/16 Computer Updates

RESOLVED;

- a) **To add an Office 365 Essentials Account for the Caretaker to allow for reliable access to the Room Bookings calendar. £54.72 p.a.**
- b) **To Upgrade existing Office 365 Accounts for Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk from Business Essentials to Premium to allow access to Publisher, an essential tool for desktop publishing. £161.28 p.a.**

TC030220/17 To consider a funding request for Radford Care Group

A letter had been received from Radford Care Group who were running an information programme for carers of people with dementia, and were looking for funding to enable them to deliver a programme in Eastwood.

It was suggested to refer the organisation to the Memory Café to see if there was any collaborative work that could be carried out.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until the Broxtowe Borough Council Healthcare Strategy was agreed and published.

TC030220/18 Committee Membership

No changes were required at this time.

TC030220/19 Co-Option Policy

RESOLVED that the Co-Option Policy attached as an Annexe to the Agenda be agreed and adopted.

TC030220/20 Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund 2020 – 2021

It was discussed that the possibility of either a flag-pole or a statue of DH Lawrence be considered for a future grant proposal.

TC030220/21 NCC (Eastwood Footpath Nos 11,12 and 13) Extinguishments Order 2020

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) were proposing to make the above named Order to remove anomalies from the Definitive Map in Eastwood.

Noted

TC030220/22 Purchase of Guidance

The Clerk requested that the following two books be purchased;

- a) The Law Of Allotments £24.80 (SLCC Members Price)
- b) The Clerks' Manual 2019 £47.50 (SLCC Members Price)

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to purchase the above books.

TC030220/23 To Declare a Climate Emergency

Cllr Woods introduced a Motion to declare a climate emergency.

RESOLVED to

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. To lead by example by pro-actively reducing our CO2 emissions as an organisation. Commit to Eastwood Town Council being carbon neutral by 2027, in line with Broxtowe Borough Council's commitment.
3. For the Planning and Finance Committee to complete a draft plan setting out the immediate actions the Council can take to address this emergency and regularly report on progress towards the 2027 target.
4. Seek ways to facilitate and encourage our community in reducing direct and indirect CO2 emissions to less than 2 tonnes per person per year by 2027. This will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. We will take active steps where possible to encourage:
 - More sustainable transport and more local facilities to reduce the need to travel.
 - Reductions in energy use in homes, businesses and elsewhere
 - Co-operation with organisations seeking to develop low carbon and community-led affordable housing
 - Use and development of renewable energy sources
 - Production, sale and consumption of locally sourced food
 - Reduction in consumption of animal products
5. To work with partners across the town and beyond to influence the policies of other organisations to encourage them to reduce their emissions.
6. Actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2027 target.

TC030220/24 To Confirm and Agree January 2020 Payments

RESOLVED that all payments be noted and agreed (attached at Appendix B to the Minutes).

TC030220/25 Consideration of 2019/20 Accounts to 30th January 2020 and Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED that these items be noted and agreed (Attached at Annexe C to the Minutes).

TC030220/26 Correspondence from Heanor and Loscoe Town Council re East Midlands Railway Consultation

A letter had been received from Heanor and Loscoe Town Council regarding a timetable amendment consultation at Langley Mill Train Station, which proposed to cancel services from Alfreton and Langley Mill to London St Pancras. It was reported that the Town Council had previously supported the re-opening of Langley Mill Station in 1986. Members agreed that if HS2 went ahead, it was imperative to make sure that the local community had access to reliable and regular public transport, and regeneration proposals would then be forthcoming. It was agreed that all local services must be retained, and hopefully improved. Local residents must have access to mainline services. It was also agreed that Langley Mill Station needed upgrading and improving, particularly in regard to disabled access, and if this was not done it would present huge challenges not only now but for future generations.

RESOLVED

- a) to respond to the consultation letter, including the response included above**
- b) to write to The Rt Hon Grant Shapps, including a copy of the above response**
- c) to write to the local MP asking for his support**

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm