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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
Policy and Finance Committee
Held at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 6th August 2019

Present: Cllr D. Bagshaw, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, M. Radulovic MBE, J. Sainsbury, R. Skellett and R. Woods.
J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

PF060819/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Hannah and D. Townsend (Town Clerk).

PF060819/2 Variation of Order of Business

None

PF0608/19/3 Declarations of Members Interests

None

PF060819/4 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

PF060819/5 To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2019.

Resolved: To agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

PF060819/6 Presentation by Sally Bestwick – Citizens Advice Bureau.

Sally Bestwick gave a presentation regarding her work at the Citizens Advice Bureau. Sally explained that although there was support for vulnerable people through Broxtowe Womens Project, Eastwood Food Bank etc, these services were only able to provide assistance in the initial stages of a problem. However most of the people seeking access to these services required more long term support and services such as Broxtowe Womens Project only had funding for initial care. The individual would then need to seek further support by travelling to Beeston or further afield. Sally explained how her project would provide longer term support, which would hopefully provide positive outcomes for vulnerable people. Broxtowe Borough Council had agreed to provide £20,000 to pay for a Mind worker for one year to be based at Citizens Advice Bureau in Eastwood. Citizens Advice had provided £5,000 to fund the additional staff member required, but this meant that there was insufficient funding to provide any activities for the clients of the services or to fund the wages of the staff for the anticipated next few years of the project. Sally explained that the project was entirely dependent on independent funding. Initial case studies carried out by CAB had proved to be successful with one of the case studies being offered two positions of paid employment after being put into the project.

Councillors explained that although there was little monetary help the Council could offer, they would try to help in any other way they could. Sally said that in Eastwood they were surprised by the amount of men coming forward to seek help as this was above the national average. For this reason they had decided to form a specific 'men's' group and were looking at the possibility of acquiring an allotment. The Deputy Clerk said that an allotment was already rented to the Nottinghamshire County Co Production Project which provided people with mental health Issues and disabilities and suggested Sally contact them about sharing the plot.

Resolved that the Deputy Clerk contact Richard Sample – Nottinghamshire County Council Production Project regarding sharing the allotment with Sally Bestwick – Citizens Advice.

PF060819/7 FINANCE

- i) To Confirm and Agree July 2019 Income and Payments.

Resolved: To agree all Income and Payments (attached at Annexe A to the Minutes).

- ii) Consideration of 2018/19 Accounts to 30th July 2019.

Resolved: To agree and note these items (attached at Annexe B to the Minutes).

PF060819/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was suggested that as Part 2 of the Local Plan was due to be released by Broxtowe Borough Council on 17th September, the Neighbourhood plan be discussed after this date. Councillors suggested that after this date the Policy and Finance Committee draw up draft guidelines with a clear definition. After this a smaller committee could then be selected from the Policy and Finance Committee of 4 or 5 members to look at the plan further in depth before presenting to the Full Council for approval.

PF060819/9 PLANNING

Planning applications were sent out prior to the meeting to be noted.

PF060819/10 CRIME AND DISORDER

Councillors expressed concern about the lack of police presence at Council Meetings and the absence of the crime report for the area. Cllr J Sainsbury expressed her concerns about the level of crime in the local area, she stated that in her role of Head Teacher at Brookhill Leys School she saw first hand the issues crime in the area were causing and that she felt fearful for the future due to the lack of a police presence. Cllr D Bagshaw explained that he felt that the Police throughout the country were under great pressure because of the budget cuts over the past few years. Councillors suggested that it would be a good idea to invite the new Inspector for Broxtowe – Simon Riley to discuss the Councils concerns.

Resolved: The Clerk to invite Simon Riley to a future meeting.

PF060819/11 GRANTS

Applications for S137 Grants were coming in and would be evaluated after the closing date.

Councillor M Radulovic explained that Broxtowe Borough Council had a surplus of grants to Parish and Town Councils from last year which remained un-issued. Councillors decided that the Council should apply for a grant to help cover the cost of road closures for Remembrance Sunday 2019, VE Day 2020 and VJ Day 2020.

Resolved: Deputy Clerk to apply for a grant of £4000 to cover the cost of the above events.

PF060819/12 PERSONNEL

It was reported that the Arts and Events Committee had agreed to send the Town Clerk a hamper as condolence for her recent loss funded from the Civic Initiative fund. Members of the Policy and Finance Committee were in agreement.

PF 060819/13 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the **confidential nature** of the business to be transacted.

PF060819/14 HAZEL BRAITHWAITE AWARD

Resolved: Town Clerk to contact a nominee to request further information.

The Meeting Closed at 5.10pm.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 4.00 pm.