



Eastwood Town Council

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2nd June 2021

Monday 7th June 2021 Meeting of Eastwood Town Council

To; The Town Mayor and Members of Eastwood Town Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Eastwood Town Council to be held at 7.00 pm, Monday 7th June 2021 in the Council Chamber, 120 Nottingham Road, Eastwood, NG16 3NP.

Please note the following arrangements to comply with COVID regulations;
Maintain a 2 metre distance
Please bring a mask – I will confirm if they will be required closer to the time
Sanitise hands on entrance
Please avoid close contact during entrance/exit etc.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this Meeting. However, again, social distancing will need to be considered and numbers will be limited.

Yours sincerely

Debra Townsend

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Town Clerk

AGENDA

Members are asked to email all declarations of interest to the Clerk before the Meeting.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

2. Prayers

3. Variation of Order of Business - (if required)

4. Declaration of Members Interests

(a) Members must ensure that they complete the Declarations of Interest sheet prior to the start of the meeting in respect of items other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and must indicate the action to be taken (i.e. to stay in the meeting, to leave the meeting or to stay in the meeting to make representations and then leave the meeting prior to any consideration or determination of the item)

(b) Where a Member indicates that they have a Disclosable Pecuniary interest but wish to make representations regarding the item before leaving the meeting, those representations must be made under item (c) of Public Speaking.

(c) The Declarations of Interests for matters other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Members will be asked to confirm that the record is correct.

5. Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

- (a) If a Police Representative is in attendance, they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.
- (b) If a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance, they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.
- (c) A period of not more than 30 minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter. Each Speaker may only speak for a maximum of 5 minutes
- (d) Members declaring an interest other than a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest who wish to make representations or give evidence under the National Association of Local Councils' (NALC) Code of Conduct shall do so at this stage.

6. To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: - "In view of the confidential nature of item () to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item."

7. To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting on 17th May 2021 (attached at Item 7).

8. To note and accept the recommendations of the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Arts and Events Committee Meeting on 26th May 2021 (attached at Item 8).

9. To Confirm and Agree June 2021 Income and Payments (attached at Item 9).

An update may be provided at the Meeting.

10. Consideration of Accounts to 31st May 2021 and Bank Reconciliation (attached at Item 10).

To consider and agree month end 31st May 2021 accounts.

11. Levelling-Up Agenda Bid for Eastwood

To receive an update on the Levelling-Up Agenda bid.

12. Noticeboards

Within the budget 2021/22, provision was included for replacement/new notice boards (£4000.00). The noticeboard outside the Police office needs replacing and Councillors are asked to consider the provision of a noticeboard at Hilltop. Council's views are sought.

13. Councillor Resignation

To report the resignation of Jayne Shepherd as a Town Councillor. Vacancy to be advertised.

14. Councillor Absence

To request that members of the Town Council consider non-attendance at Council meetings in accordance with the six-month rule. "As required by section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, where a councillor fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority, then they cease to be a member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved by, or on behalf of, the council **before** the expiry of that period."

The Coronavirus Legislation 2020 has no bearing on the above.

In addition to this, at it's Meeting on 13th July 2020, the following was considered and resolved;

TC130720/15 Council Attendance at Meetings

Elected members are expected to regularly attend meetings of the full council and any committees on which they sit. The council has a 'six-month rule' which would normally see members lose their seat on the council if they go too long without attending a meeting.

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authority, then they cease to be a member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved by, or on behalf of, the council before the expiry of that period.”

Councillors are therefore requested to consider, under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, whether it wishes to formally approve the reasons for the failure of any member of Eastwood Town Council to attend meetings of the authority. This matter should however be reviewed before the end of October 2020.”

RESOLVED Councillors voted that in light of the current Pandemic, apologies and reasons for non-attendance be accepted in respect of all Councillors who had been unable to attend the remote meetings due to technical difficulties, but that this be reviewed in October 2020.

15. Meeting Close