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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 at 7pm on Monday 13th July 2020.

Present: Cllr S. Bagshaw (Mayor) and Cllrs D. Bagshaw, Cllr M, Bullock, Cllr R, Bullock, Cllr A, Parker, Cllr M, Radulovic MBE, Cllr R. Skellett and R. Woods.

D. Townsend (Town Clerk), J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

Cllr T. Harper (Nottinghamshire County Council)

TC130720/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E. Benton, P, Hamilton, M. Hannah, J. Sainsbury, M. Seagrave, K. Woodhead.

TC130720/2 Variation of Order of Business

None

TC130720/3 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs S Bagshaw and D Bagshaw declared personal interests in Minute Number TC130720/10, as Cllr S. Bagshaw is an allotment holder.

Cllr D. Bagshaw declared a personal interest in Minute Number TC130720/14 as a member of Broxtowe Borough Council's Planning Committee.

TC130720/4 Public Speaking

Councillor Radulovic Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC) reported;

- that the Secretary of State had confirmed plans for the movement of the 'East Midlands Development Engine' and infrastructure plans would start to be implemented.
- an update on the Covid-19 situation in the Broxtowe Borough Area, including the devastating impact this has had on the local community. He reported that Broxtowe were in the process of implementing a Covid-19 Post Recovery Strategy. The disease had heavily affected the extremely vulnerable in Broxtowe and the Council had been co-ordinating with local community groups to ensure that they were receiving adequate essential resources. Broxtowe Borough Council had also commissioned an Economic Risk Assessment to assess community needs. The Broxtowe Partnership had redefined its food poverty strategy for the lead up to winter to prepare for assisting the vulnerable in the event of a second lockdown.
- that Broxtowe Borough Council were developing a fuel poverty strategy
- that Broxtowe Borough Council had also commissioned a Mental Health Review of people living in the Borough which had found that:-
200 people requested the support through the NCC hub
2800 people were defined as extremely vulnerable
516 of the those vulnerable people had been unable to obtain supplies from shops etc.
56 food parcels had been delivered to vulnerable individuals within 24 hours of request.
All referrals had been contacted, and Broxtowe had continued activity at all its support schemes (foodbank etc), cross party newsletters had been delivered and there had been 1114 small business grants issued.
- that efforts to provide a Leisure Centre in Eastwood were being re-doubled.
- that the VJ Day celebrations would be a scaled down due to the pandemic but that this important date would still be marked.
- that all BBC staff who could work from home were doing so, and that all meetings were now live-streamed.
- that all play-areas across the Borough were now opening.

Councillor Harper (NCC) thanked Broxtowe Borough Council and Eastwood Town Council for the support given to the local community over the period of the pandemic. He reported that NCC had attended a flooded cellar in Chewton Street and that Via were starting road improvement works in the Owlston Close/Greenhills Road area. Cllr Harper had been to a site meeting with the Police Partnership on Mansfield Road to consider speed mitigation. It was reported that negotiations for the access to the Walker Street Site were continuing, and that this was due to be considered at a meeting of the Planning Committee.

TC130720/5 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

TC130720/6 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 2nd June 2020. (Attached at Annexe A).

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

TC130720/7 To Confirm and Agree July 2020 Income and Payments

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

TC130720/8 Consideration of 2020/21 Accounts to 30th June 2020 and Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation as submitted be approved.

TC130720/9 To Agree the next Meeting date as Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.00 pm.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.00pm.

TC130720/10 Allotments.

A report was circulated on the management of the Allotment sites. The Town Clerk explained that the purpose of this report was for the Council to give approval to look at the issues surrounding the allotments in further detail.

RESOLVED that Cllr R Bullock, visit the allotments, gather information and, in consultation with the Town Clerk, prepare a report for Council on the issues raised.

TC130720/11 Councillor Resignation.

To report the resignation of Councillor Wilcockson.

RESOLVED Town Clerk to advertise the position, as per current legislation.

TC130720/12 Qualification Success.

It was reported that the Deputy Town Clerk had successfully completed the ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) qualification.

NOTED

TC130720/13 Correspondence

- a) **Correspondence was received from the Police thanking the Town Council for the use of the Council Chamber, and their understanding in the difficult times that had been experienced. The Chamber was now unoccupied, and the Police had completed a deep clean of all areas.**

NOTED

- b) **A letter was received from a neighbour concerning 20/00236/ADV. 18 Brookhill Leys Road, Eastwood, Notts, NG16 3HZ. Change of use from A1 to A4 micro pub house with side extension and covered seating area.**

NOTED

Cllr Radulovic agreed to contact the Planning Team at BBC to see if the application could be conditioned in regard to possible noise attenuation, screening and hours of opening. However, it was agreed that there were no planning grounds for objection to the application.

TC130720/14 Planning FR3/447. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Construction of new highway junction and modifications to junction at Walker Street/Three Tuns Road.

This item was being considered at a meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee on 14th July 2020 at 10:30 am. Council were asked to nominate a representative to speak on their behalf and agree a response. Councillors agreed that they strongly objected to this application as the location at the junction of Three Tuns Road with Walker Street was the worst option for access to the Walker Street site due to the location of the

school and access into Walker Street from Nottingham Road. It was also agreed that access from Nottingham Road/Wellington Court would be preferable and provide minimal alteration to the existing road layout, this access would provide for a better usage of the available land. The Council had already made an objection to the plans and a nomination was requested for a Councillor to attend the planning meeting and speak on behalf of Eastwood Town Council.

RESOLVED Cllr D Bagshaw was nominated to speak on behalf of the Council at the Planning and Licensing Committee Meeting on 14th July 2020.

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.

"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."

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.

TC130720/16 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.

TC13072020/17 Completion of PDR's

It was reported that PDR's had been completed for the Deputy Town Clerk and Caretaker. During completion of these, it was identified that the Deputy Town Clerk needed additional hours to complete her workload. It was also requested that paperwork for the Town Clerk's PDR be completed and reported to Council. (Exempt due to being a staffing matter).

RESOLVED that completion of PDR's be noted and additional hours agreed.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

