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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 14th December 2020.

Present: Cllrs D. Bagshaw, S. Bagshaw, E. Benton, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, A. Parker, M. Radulovic MBE, M. Seagrave, K. Woodhead and R. Woods

Cllr A. Harper (NCC)

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

Revd David Stevenson

TC141220/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Hannah and J Holmes.

TC141220/2 Prayers

Revd D. Stevenson gave opening prayers.

TC141220/3 Variation of Order of Business

None

TC141220/4 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs S Bagshaw, D Bagshaw and K. Woodhead declared personal interests in Minute Number TC14122020/13, as allotment holders.

TC141220/5 Public Speaking

a) Cllr D. Bagshaw read the police crime report from Sgt Ali Bryan. Cllr Woodhead thanked the Police for the recent action in Eastwood as part of Operation Reacher. He reported that there was still an issue with drugs adjacent to Hopkins Court. Cllr Bagshaw agreed to report this to Sgt Bryan.

b) Councillor Harper (NCC) provided a report on street lighting, pothole repairs and tree cutting which had taken place in the Eastwood area during the year. He reported that he and Cllr Radulovic had identified areas of concern and that there was a program of planned works in place for 2021. Cllr Harper also agreed to progress gully cleansing if a list, identifying problem areas was provided. Cllrs R. and M. Bullock agreed to provide this.

Councillor Radulovic (Broxtowe Borough Council) gave an update on the current COVID situation within the area and provided details on HMRC Business Support grants which would be distributed. He also reported that there had been an increase in fly tipping in Eastwood and that Broxtowe Borough Council had purchased 2 mobile CCTV cameras in bid to catch the culprits and these should be operational early in the New Year. The Chair thanked Cllr Radulovic for his hard work during this difficult time.

TC141220/6 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

TC141220/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 9th November 2020.

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

TC141220/8 To Confirm and Agree December 2020 Income and Payments.

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

TC141220/9 Consideration of 2020/21 Accounts to 30th November 2020 and Bank Reconciliation.

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

TC141220/10 2019/20 External Audit Report

RESOLVED to accept the External Audit Report and Certificate 2019/20, and all matters were noted.

TC141220/11. Eastwood Funding Bid

Cllr Bagshaw reported that he had approached Cllr Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire County Council), regarding the possibility of utilising part of the Walker Street site for the provision of a Leisure Facility in the town. Cllr Cutts had responded that Nottinghamshire County Council would provide funding towards the cost of 9000 consultation documents, to be distributed to Eastwood residents. Cllr Radulovic reported that the proposed location for the Leisure facility would either be on the Walker Street site or an alternative site of Coronation Park would be considered. It was reported that two possible sources of funding would be explored; a) the Levelling Up Agenda fund or b) the 2nd round of the New Towns fund. A 10-point plan had been prepared for the bid as follows;

1. A swimming pool, training pool, hydrotherapy treatment centre, fitness suite be developed on the Walker Street site or Coronation Park (dependant on availability of land), to include additional parking. These sites have excellent public transport and access links.
2. To replace the existing Library building with a new Medical Centre, Library and Voluntary Sector Hub to also include a Fire Service Station and up to 100 additional parking spaces.
3. To form a new road access from Nottingham Road to service the new development at Walker Street, with appropriate traffic control systems.
4. To create an additional town centre space for events.
5. Construct additional starter small business units and have larger, 'move on' facilities to boost jobs and opportunities within Eastwood.
6. To secure business support grants to improve the high street appearance and access to local shops and businesses.
7. To improve the road network and layout to give better public service access to the proposed upgrade to Langley Mill Station, in conjunction with the wider East Midlands Connect programme.
8. To establish a new country park, linking Eastwood and Brinsley to protect the DH Lawrence historic countryside from further development, and environmental improvements to the Canyons site.
9. To provide education and training opportunities for adults and young people to access new employment opportunities arising from the growth at the HS2 site and other sites across the region.
10. To preserve, promote and celebrate our local heritage, culture of our community and the DH Lawrence connection. To develop a North Broxtowe Community Health Facility and Hub especially for dementia care at Durban House, utilising it to its full potential.

Cllr Bagshaw reported that this plan would require the efforts of all Councillors to implement but that the rewards for Eastwood would be great. It was suggested that the '10-point plan' form the basis of public consultation, and that Eastwood Town Council work with their local MP – Lee Anderson and others to secure the funding for these projects.

RESOLVED that the '10-point plan' be approved, and that it be used to form the basis of a public consultation. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this proposal.

TC141220/12 S137 Grants

RESOLVED to extend the date for S137 grant applications until 31.12.2020.

TC141220/13 Allotment Report

An allotment report was considered at the Council Meeting (14.9.20). On 12th October, Council agreed to set up an informal working group to further consider the report and make recommendations to Full Council. A Meeting of this working group was held on 5th November, and recommendations were put to Council

RESOLVED that recommendations be agreed as follows

- **Enforcement of overgrown plots.** The status quo to remain. The Allotment Representative to carry out regular inspections, and report to the Deputy Clerk when any further action required.
- **Vehicles on site.** No vehicles to be allowed on site between November 1st and March 31st. At all other times, strictly when necessary for deliveries only. No parking at any other time.
- **Burning.** There is currently a six month ban on bonfires. This will be reviewed in April 2021.
- **Water Usage.** Rules to be amended. No use of sprinklers, and water to be used sparingly. Any abuse of the use of water will result in termination of allotment agreement.
- **Livestock.** The status quo to remain and no livestock, bees etc. to be kept on the allotment sites.
- **Composting Toilet.** The status quo to remain. Toilets not to be pursued on the allotment sites.
- **Derby Road Car-parking.** Cllr K. Woodhead to speak to Morrisons.
- **Derby Road Storage Container.** This was considered not feasible at the current time due to cost implications.
- **Derby Road Maintenance Issue.** The taps at Derby Rd require maintaining. Cllr K. Woodhead to look into attaching them to a reinforced bar.
- **Derby Road hedges.** Cllr K. Woodhead to ask allotment holders to cut hedges back adjacent to their plots as per the rules.

TC141220/14 Skips for Allotment

It was reported that both sites had now had skips delivered. The Clerk reported that the existing contract for provision of skips was for 6 months of green waste and that a new quotation would need to be sought if Councillors wished to change these to brown waste skips.

NOTED

TC141220/15 To Agree the next Meeting date as Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.00 pm (Budget Meeting).

RESOLVED that the next Meeting date be Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

The Chair wished everybody a happy Christmas and a healthy 2021.

The Meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

