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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Arts and Events Committee**

Held at 11.00am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Present:** Cllrs K. Boam, R. Bullock (Interim Chair), J. Foxhall, M. Seagrave and R. Woods.  
J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

**AE300621/1 In the absence of the Chair.**  
**RESOLVED** that Cllr R Bullock act as Chair.

**AE300621/2 To Receive Apologies for Absence**  
**RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs S. Bagshaw and A. Parker.

**AE300621/3 Variation of Order of Business**  
**NONE**

#### **AE300621/4 Declarations 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 (if relevant).

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

**Cllr R. Bullock declared an interest in item 14 as trustee to Erewash Canal Towpath, but remained in the meeting.**

**AE300621/5 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**  
**NONE**

**AE300621/6 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as a true record.**  
**RESOLVED** to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

#### **AE300621/7 Blue Line Trail**

**To report on the actions from the last Arts and Events Meeting.**

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had now received several responses from her email to Nottinghamshire County Council, regarding the issues identified when Councillors performed an audit of the Blue Line Trail. The responses reported that each issue would be looked at individually and a report issued to the council once these had been resolved. Broxtowe Borough Council, Liberty Leisure on behalf of the D H Lawrence Museum had responded to say that they were looking at ways to modernise the Blue Line Trail such as a smart phone app or similar.

**RECOMMENDED** to await final reports from Nottinghamshire County Council.

#### **AE300621/8 Literary Competition**

Cllr Foxhall gave a short presentation asking if Council would consider organising a Literary Competition. The competition would have several age categories and she hoped that local schools would get involved. Councillors discussed timings for the event and decided that September would be a good time to start the

competition with an overall presentation being timed to coincide with 'Pride' month in June 2022 with the emphasis on 'Pride in Eastwood'.

**RESOLVED that this event goes ahead. Cllr J Foxhall to contact local groups such as Eastwood Historical Society to see if they were interested in taking part.**

#### **AE300621/9 D H Lawrence Statue**

**To report on a local community group who were seeking to erect a statue of D H Lawrence within the town.**

Cllr Foxhall reported that through Facebook she had become aware of a gentleman who had an online campaign to get a statue of D H Lawrence for Eastwood. The gentleman had sought the assistance of a local sculptor who had agreed that he could produce a bronze statue for £40,000 and he had several pledges of funds from local businesses in the surrounding area which he felt could cover the cost but was unsure of the next steps to take.

**NOTED**

#### **AE300621/10 Shop Shutter Painting**

**To discuss the possibility of asking artists to paint shop shutters within the town.**

Cllr Foxhall reported that at her former hometown several of the shops had their shop front shutters painted in a bid to rejuvenate the look of the town centre. This project had proved very successful and she thought this idea could potentially work for Eastwood. Cllr Foxhall had a mural painted on the side of her garage by a local artist whom she felt might be interested in the project. Councillors suggested meeting to look for prospective sites to report back at the next Arts and Events Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED Deputy Clerk to contact Broxtowe Borough Council to enquire about a similar project which took place in Beeston recently. Cllrs K. Boam, R. Bullock, J. Foxhall, M. Seagrave and R. Woods to form an informal working party to meet and report back to the next meeting.**

#### **AE300621/11 Councillor Surgeries**

**To discuss the arrangements for holding a Councillor Surgery in the town on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

It was reported that the event would take place from 9.30am until approximately 12.30. Cllr Boam reported that she would provide the gazebo and two tables. The Deputy Clerk reported that the council could provide a small number of plastic chairs. Councillors were given a quotation for a portable 'feather flag pole' which could be printed to bear the Eastwood Town Council logo for this and any future events.

**RECOMMENDED to purchase a 'feather flag pole' with the Eastwood Town Council logo. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk to ensure that the event is advertised through a press release in the Eastwood and Kimberley Advertiser, on noticeboards and through social media.**

#### **AE260521/12 Litter Pick**

**To look at quotations for litter picking equipment.**

Councillors considered several quotes for litter picking equipment. Councillors felt that the hoops for the bags were not necessary, but that they would purchase protective gloves, approximately 15 grabbers and hi viz vest, with the Town Council logo on. If more were needed in the future we could borrow these from Broxtowe Borough Council. Cllr Foxhall reported that she had seen some reasonable prices 'grabbers' on ebay and would order some for herself to check the quality of the equipment.

**RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Clerk seek further quotations for protective gloves and hi viz vests. Cllr Foxhall to report on the suitability of the equipment purchase via ebay for the council once she receives the items.**

#### **AE300621/13 Remembrance Sunday**

**To provide an update on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2021.**

It was reported that no further meetings had taken place and that this item should be carried forward to the next agenda. Cllr Boam reported that the Eastwood and District branch of the Royal British Legion now has a new Chairman and approximately 35 new members. Cllrs agreed to invite the new Chairman – Johnathon Cooper to a council meeting to talk to Councillors.

**RECOMMENDED to invite Jonathon Cooper – Chairman of the Eastwood and District Branch of the Royal British Legion to a future council meeting.**

#### **AE300621/14 Erewash Canal Towpath**

**To report on the actions from the last Arts and Events Meeting.**

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Canal and Rivers Trust stating that they would pass the email to the relevant person and report back.

**NOTED**

**AE300621/15 War Memorials**

**To discuss possible grant options for the repair/maintenance of Eastwood's War Memorials.**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the War Memorials Trust award grants based upon the memorials state of disrepair with those in the worst state of repair being most eligible and those in a good state of repair not being eligible for a grant. Councillors felt that as our memorials are in a good state of repair we would probably not be eligible for a grant.

**RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Clerk obtain a quotation for replacing the lettering on the Cadets Cross.**

**AE300621/16 Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

**To discuss the possibility of purchasing a Beacon to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.**

Councillors felt that this would be a good way to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and that the decision to purchase a beacon should be made by the full council.

**RESOLVED to put Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 onto the next Council agenda.**

**AE260521/13 Allotments**

**a) To discuss a second quotation for clearing the sheds on plot 58 Dovecote Road**

Councillors discussed the first quote from Clear Waste for £2500 and the new quote from Clearance Clarence at £945 plus VAT.

**RECOMMENDED to accept the quote from 'Clearance Clarence' to clear the sheds at plot 58 Dovecote Road at a cost of £945 plus VAT.**

**b) To appoint a new Allotment Representative.**

**RECOMMENDED that Cllr R Bullock be elected as the new Allotment Representative.**

**c) Allotment Fires.**

**RECOMMENDED to keep the ban on Allotment fires until the guidance changes.**

**d) d) To receive email replies in relation to letters sent following Minute No: TC091120/12 item d).**

**RECOMMENDED to reply to the plot holders concerned, thank them for their emails and that their replies had been noted.**

**The meeting closed at 13.15pm**

**The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11am.**