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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held at 7pm on Monday 12th July 2021.

Present: Cllrs D. Bagshaw, E. Benton, M. Bullock, K. Boam, J. Foxhall, M. Hannah, M. Radulovic MBE, M. Seagrave (Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

Cllr E. Cubley (Nottinghamshire County Council)

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

TC120721/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S. Bagshaw (Family Circumstances), R. Bullock (Holiday), A. Parker (Self Isolation) and K. Woodhead.

Revd D. Stevenson.

TC120721/2 Prayers

None+.

TC120721/3 Variation of Order of Business

None.

TC120721/4 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr D Bagshaw declared a personal interest in all matters relating to allotments.

TC120721/5 Public Speaking

Cllr D. Bagshaw gave an update on crime statistics for the local area. He also reported that Sergeant Bryan had left her post in Eastwood and a replacement would be announced shortly.

County Cllr Cubley attended, was welcomed to the Meeting, and congratulated on his recent election success. It was requested that he provide a monthly update on all matters relating to Eastwood from the County Council. A number of issues were raised by Town Councillors, and Cllr Cubley agreed to provide an update on these (as detailed below);

- a) Pavillion next to Sun Inn – there was no disabled access.
- b) Surface and pedestrian crossings on Nottingham Road, and the corner of Newthorpe Common, Hilltop all needed attention.
- c) Recent flooding issues on Plumptre Way needed to be investigated.
- d) Speeding on South Street. Traffic calming measures were not fit for purpose.
- e) Bus service in Eastwood was not adequate as it only ran three times a day and didn't allow people to visit town and return home at a reasonable time.
- f) The 'Fix My Street' app didn't currently allow residents to report highways issues.
- g) The bushes on Walker Street adjacent to the school were overgrown and obstructing the pavement.

Cllr Radulovic (Broxtowe Borough Council) reported that following an increase in COVID infections, the status of public events would need to be monitored very carefully. He also stated that he utterly condemned the recent racist abuse of certain members of the England football team. He added that social media regulators should be demanded to take action against this.

He also made reference to the Government White Paper on Planning Reform, and the proposals regarding zoning of planning areas. He added that this was of great concern and asked that it be included on the Agenda in September.

TC120421/6 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

NONE

TC120721/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting on Monday 7th June 2021.

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

TC120721/8 To note and accept the recommendations of the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Arts and Events Committee Meeting on 30th June 2021.

RESOLVED to note and accept the recommendations of the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Arts and Events Committee Meeting of 30th June 2021.

TC120721/9 Purchase of Portable Feather Flag

RESOLVED to purchase a feather flag and base at a cost of £100.79

TC120721/10 To Confirm and Agree July 2021 Income and Payments

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

TC120721/11 Consideration of Accounts to 30th June 2021 and Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation to 30th June 2021 as submitted be agreed.

TC120721/12 Levelling-Up Agenda Bid for Eastwood

It was reported that the Levelling Up Bid had been deferred to the next round, and would be increased from £9m to £20m. The bid submission was the responsibility of Broxtowe Borough Council, and a task and finish group had now been set up.

RESOLVED that The Mayor and Leader represent Eastwood Town Council on the Task and Finish Group, and substitutes be Deputy Mayor for the Mayor and Cllr M. Bullock for the Leader.

TC120721/13 Welcome Back Fund

The new Welcome Back Fund was explained as an opportunity to bid for money to encourage shoppers back into town centres. Various ideas were discussed and it was;

RESOLVED that Councillors submit all ideas to the Clerk for submission.

TC120721/14 Councillor Vacancy

It was reported that there had been no requests for an election following the recent Statutory Notice of Vacancy, and a Vacancy for Co-option would now be advertised.

NOTED

TC120721/15 Community Governance Review

All information had been circulated on the Community Governance Review, and all Councillors had been invited to an online Meeting to discuss this. Councillors were requested to consider if any response was to be submitted from the Town Council on these proposals. It was reported that an alternative option had been put forward at the online meeting.

NOTED.

TC120721/16 Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022 (attached at Item 16).

The purchase of a Beacon to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee was discussed, and three were considered for different locations

RESOLVED that the Arts and Events Committee reconsider this and recommend a course of action to Council.

TC120721/17 Attendance at Training Event

RESOLVED that Cllr Hannah be authorised to attend an online event on The Future of High Streets and Town Centres at a cost of £43.09 + £8.62 VAT (Payment by Invoices/BACS).

TC120721/18 Room Hire

RESOLVED that booking of the Chamber be postponed until the next Council meeting in September 2021, when it will be reviewed.

TC120721/19 Room Bookings (Council Chamber)

RESOLVED that the review of the charges and room hire policy be postponed until after the cost for air conditioning has been established.

TC120721/20 Appoint Member Representatives to Committees

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed;

- a) Arts and Events Committee (3 vacancies) Cllrs D. Bagshaw and Boam.
- b) Finance Committee (1 vacancy). None
- c) Remembrance Day Informal Working Group (2 vacancies). None

120721/21 Councillor Absence

A report was considered which detailed the failure of Cllr J. Sainsbury to attend the Council for six consecutive months.

RESOLVED that due to non-attendance of Councillor Sainsbury, the office would fall vacant without further ado, and the vacancy be declared and filled in the proper manner.

120721/22 Recording of Absences

Councillors were requested to include their reasons for absence along with apologies when submitted for a Meeting. "...reasons for absence known to the Council should be minuted. Where a Council was considering a reason for absence, some reason or explanation must be known to it and this must be approved by affirmative resolution...before the end of the six months. If at that moment the council failed to consider the question, the office fell vacant without further ado, and the vacancy must be declared and filled in the proper manner"

Source; Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration

NOTED

120721/23 Training Course

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk be authorised to do the ILCA to CiLCA Course at a cost of £144.00 including VAT.

120721/24 Attendance at SLCC Conference

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to attend the 2-day SLCC Conference at Leicester at a cost of £280.00 plus VAT.

120721/25 Hybrid Working

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk be authorised to work from home on a certain number of days per month when required. Full consideration to be given to Office opening hours and ensuring that all operational duties were fulfilled. Following the COVID pandemic, it had been established that the current systems fully supported home-working.

The Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm.

