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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL Arts and Events Committee

Held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Present:** Cllr P. Hamilton (Chair), S. Bagshaw (Mayor), E. Benton, M. Seagrave, D. Wilcockson and K Woodhead.

**In attendance:** Cllr D. Bagshaw and J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

### **AE14012020/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr R. Bullock, R. Skellet and R. Woods.

### **AE14012020/2 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **AE14012020/3 Declaration of Members Interest**

Cllr K Woodhead and Cllr S. Bagshaw declared a personal interest in AE14012020/8.

### **AE14012020/4 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None.

**AE14012020/5 To note the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as a true record.**  
Noted.

### **AE14012020/6 PROGRAMME OF PLANNED EVENTS**

**Following an email asking for suggestions for Council Initiatives for 2020, to report that none have been received.**

Suggested 2020 Playdays were discussed, it was reported that LLeisure Ltd had only made provision for one so far and not the two previously suggested. Councillors reported that there was still an intention to hold two Playdays, one in July and possibly another in August and that this would be negotiated with LLeisure Ltd.

**Resolved: Cllr Bagshaw to speak to LLeisure Ltd about the possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> playday.**

It was reported that 2020 is the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. It was suggested that this could tie in with an event such as the historical 'Annual Schools of Eastwood Parade'. This event could also be tied in to other milestones such as the anniversary of the first publication of D H Lawrence's first book.

**Resolved: Deputy Clerk to contact local schools to ask if there would be any interest in bringing back the Schools of Eastwood Parade.**

Suggestions were made about other possible events utilising Coronation Park such as an outdoor cinema or a battle of the bands. It was reported that LLeisure Ltd held events such as these already at other locations so it would be better to consult them.

**Resolved: Cllr D Bagshaw to speak to LLeisure Ltd about the possibility of any of these events being held at Coronation Park.**

The VE Day 2020 Event was discussed. It was reported that the event would be organised by Broxtowe Borough Council and a meeting to confirm further arrangements would be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm. Cllrs Woodhead and Cllr Wilcoxson were put forward as additional help for the event after their success with Remembrance Sunday 2019.

**Resolved: The Deputy Clerk to report back after the meeting for VE Day Arrangements to take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm**

The Deputy Clerk reported that 3 quotes had now been received for flags for the event and that the cheapest of these was £216 for 1000 flags. There was a suggestion that flags could also be located on lampposts along the route. It was agreed to accept the quotation.

**Resolved: The Deputy Clerk to order 1000 flags at a cost of £216.00.**

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils to make sure Councils had put in orders for Lamp Post poppies in plenty of time for the VE Day celebrations.

**Resolved: The Deputy Clerk to obtain a quotation for 100 x Lamp Post Poppies.**

**AE14012020/7 REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had received a couple of emails regarding the Remembrance Service. Whilst there was much positive feedback, the main issues highlighted were as follows:-

- Being unable to hear the service due possibly to an inadequate sound system.
- The lengthy wait between arrival of the parade and the start of the service at the memorial.
- Names being read out for laying of wreaths for organisations who were not in attendance.

Councillors felt that in future the need to start the service 15 minutes later should be impressed upon the vicar to avoid the parade arriving early in future. Councillors also felt that the list of wreath layers should be better organised this year and it was suggested that a possible meeting be held with the uniformed groups prior to the service to explain the procedure. It was also suggested to try to find out who is laying wreaths beforehand and cross out any not in attendance from the list. With regard to the sound system, Councillors felt that the current system was adequate and that a better system would be at a large cost to the Council. Because of the demographics of the location it would require a very expensive system to broadcast to all attendees.

Councillors suggested that the hymn sheet for the service should feature a brief addendum about the memorials on the back page to explain to attendees about the relevance of our memorials, particularly the Cadets Cross as it was felt that many attendees were unaware of its history.

**Resolved: The Deputy Clerk to add a note into the Remembrance Service 2020 Folder highlighting the following points:**

- **Ask Rev. D Stevenson to start the service 15 minutes later.**
- **Try to obtain a list of who will actually be attending to lay wreaths on the day.**
- **To put an addendum on the service sheet about the memorials.**

**AE14012020/8 ALLOTMENTS**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Ash, Silver Birch and Hazelnut trees which had been causing a nuisance to neighbouring properties of Dovecote Road Allotments had all now been removed.

**Resolved: Noted.**

The Issue of CCTV at Dovecote Road Allotments was discussed. The Deputy Clerk reported that most systems investigated had a need for both electricity and the internet on site. There were cameras available that didn't such as wildlife cameras but if left on permanently these require a regular battery change which wasn't practical, they are also not classed as 'Evidential Quality' for law enforcement purposes. Solar Powered alternatives had been investigated but again these were not reliable.

**Resolved: Cllr Bagshaw to investigate possible solutions to the problem.**

**AE14012020/9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 4pm.

**The Meeting Closed at 5.05pm.**