



Eastwood Town Council

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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 8th March 2021.

Present: Cllrs D. Bagshaw, S. Bagshaw, E. Benton, K. Boam, J. Holmes (part-Meeting), M. Bullock, R. Bullock, A. Parker, M. Radulovic MBE, M. Seagrave, K. Woodhead and R. Woods (part-Meeting).

Cllr A. Harper (NCC).

Revd D. Stevenson.

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

TC080321/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

None.

TC080321/2 Prayers

Prayers were taken by Rev. D. Stevenson.

TC080321/3 Variation of Order of Business

None.

TC080321/4 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs S Bagshaw, D Bagshaw and K. Woodhead declared personal interests in all matters relating to allotments, as allotment holders.

Cllrs S Bagshaw and D Bagshaw declared an interest in Minute Number TC080321/12, due to involvement in Eastwood Volunteer Bureau and Citizens Advice Bureau and withdrew from the Meeting during discussion and deliberation of this matter.

TC080321/5 Public Speaking

Cllr D. Bagshaw gave an update on crime statistics for the local area.

Cllr Harper apologised for not attending the last Meeting. He provided an update on all County matters including potholes, streetlights, gullies and highways issues. He was also asked to look into manholes which appeared to be collapsing outside the Derby Road allotments and on Mansfield Road adjacent to the Park.

Councillor Radulovic (Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC)) gave an update on the £25 million worth of business support grants and business rates holidays that had been allocated in Broxtowe. In addition, business re-start loans would be available shortly. BBC were also now prioritising work on a post-COVID recovery plan. BBC were the 5th most effective authority in the country at issuing COVID related loans, and Nottinghamshire were the highest.

TC080321/6 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

TC080321/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on Monday 8th February 2021.

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

TC080321/8 To Confirm and Agree March 2021 Income and Payments.

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

TC080321/9 Consideration of 2020/21 Accounts to 28th February 2021 and Bank Reconciliation.
RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation as submitted be approved, and that;
£2300.00 be vired from 15. Community Initiatives to 28. Subs and Publications.
£2500.00 be vired from 15. Community Initiatives to 6. Allotment Maintenance
£2300.00 be vired from 15. Community Initiatives to 10. S137 Grants
35. Building Maintenance Reserve is transferred into 54. Building Maintenance as this is duplicated.

TC080321/10 Councillor Co-option
RESOLVED to co-opt Kathryn Boam onto Eastwood Town Council for Eastwood Hall Ward.

TC080321/11 Councillor Co-option
An additional late application for co-option has been received. Councillors views are sought as to whether this vacancy is re-advertised to allow for any further applications or if this application be considered at April's Council Meeting.
RESOLVED to consider the further application at the next Meeting of the Town Council.

TC080321/12 S137 Grants
Applications for S137 Grants were considered.
RESOLVED to offer S137 Grants as follows

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| a) | Eastwood Volunteer Bureau | £500.00 |
| b) | Eastwood Citizens Advice Bureau | £500.00 |
| c) | Eastwood Cricket Club | £300.00 |

Councillors D. and S. Bagshaw declared prejudicial interests in this item and withdrew from the Meeting during it's consideration.

TC080321/13 Deputy Clerk - ACCA Certificate in Public Financial Management Course
It was reported that that the Deputy Clerk had successfully completed the above course.
NOTED

TC 080321/14 Deputy Clerk AAT Subscription
RESOLVED to pay the Deputy Clerk's AAT subscription at a cost of £159.00.

TC080321/15 Levelling-Up Agenda Bid for Eastwood
An update was provided on the Levelling-Up Agenda bid and Consultation Response. It was reported that so far, 1078 responses had been received and recorded. There were 974 responses in favour, 66 not in favour and 38 don't know/abstain/spoiled papers. It was agreed that the response rate was incredibly high. Cllr Radulovic reported that the project proposal had to be submitted by September 2021. A report would be submitted to Committee shortly at Broxtowe Borough Council who would allocate resources to ensure a comprehensive bid could be submitted. An Oversight Board would also be set up which would comprise of;
Member of Parliament
1 Nottinghamshire County Council representative
2 Broxtowe Borough Council representatives
2 Eastwood Town Council representatives
1 Private Sector representative
1 Volunteer Sector representative
1 Health CCG representative
1 Shop/Business representative
Other projects were also discussed including the Durban House Health and Wellbeing project which would go ahead, being funded by s106 contributions, the DH Lawrence environmental project, and the post-COVID recovery economic strategy.

TC080321/16 Electricity Contract
It was agreed to delegate negotiation of the electricity/gas contract to the Clerk in consultation with the Leader of the Council (Minute Number TC080221/12), and it was reported that the contract had been awarded to Octopus.

TC080321/17 Insurance

The Council's insurance was due for renewal on 1.4.21. Quotations had been requested.

RESOLVED as three quotations hadn't been received in time for the Meeting, to delegate negotiation of this contract to the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Leader of the Council.

TC080321/18 Training

This item was not considered.

TC080321/19 Fencing – Derby Road Allotments (Cllr K. Woodhead)

At the recent Council Meeting, it was agreed that Cllrs D. Bagshaw, Woodhead and the Clerk acquire quotations for fencing to secure the fence-line at the Derby Road. A price had been received for a 1.8m high 50 x 2.5mm 25m roll of galvanise chain link fencing (inc line wire) - £203.23 inc VAT. Cllr Woodhead offered to arrange for the work to be completed. The Clerk requested that this was not started until a risk assessment had been completed.

RESOLVED that Cllr Woodhead arrange for this work to be completed at a cost not exceeding £200.00, once a risk assessment had been completed.

TC080321/20 Town Twinning (Virtual)

It was suggested that Eastwood Town Council might want to consider resurrecting their town-twinning link with Szolnok in Hungary, which could be carried out virtually. In addition, papers had been circulated with details of a musical project that was planned to take place with Broxtowe Borough Council's twin city Gutersloh (Germany). Councillors spoke of their support for these ideas.

NOTED

TC080321/21 Engagement (Cllr D. Bagshaw)

Councillors had been asked to submit their ideas on engagement with local residents/suggestions of small projects that they might wish to pursue etc. One response had been submitted.

RESOLVED that an A & E Committee Meeting be arranged to discuss ideas further.

TC080321/22 Meeting Date

The next Meeting date was Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.00 pm.

NOTED

TC080321/23 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that 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.

TC080321/24 Letter of Complaint from Allotment Holder (Exempt as contains personal information).

RESOLVED to offer £60.00 as a goodwill gesture, payable to Notts/Leics Air Ambulance. This offer to be without prejudice, and not accepting any liability.

TC080321/25 To agree Protocol Policy (Exempt as contains matters of National Importance).

RESOLVED that Policy be adopted subject to agreed amendments.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Eastwood Town Council - PAYMENTS APPROVED 8th March 2021

Appendix A

Date	Cheques	Name	Description	VAT	Total inc VAT
3/8/2021	BACS	Fuse	Office 365 Business	£5.28	£31.68
3/8/2021	BACS	Cloudantic	IT Support to Dec 20 - May 21		£600.00
3/8/2021	BACS	Zoom	Standard Pro Monthly - January 21	£2.40	£14.39
3/8/2021	BACS	Enva	Skips to Dovecote and Derby Road	£74.00	£444.00
3/8/2021	DD	Virgin Media	Broadband/Telephone	£12.00	£72.00
3/8/2021	DD	Waterplus	Dovecote Rd Allotments		£82.88
3/8/2021	BACS	HMRC	PAYE/NI		£538.55
3/8/2021	BACS	Notts County Council	Pension		£951.84
3/8/2021	BACS	Wages	Wages		£3,073.63
3/8/2021	DD	Scottish Power	Electricity		£359.00
3/8/2021	DD	Scottish Power	Gas		£50.00
3/8/2021	BACS	Shred It	Shredding for ETC - more bags than booked in		£17.26
3/8/2021	BACS	Amazon c/o DT	Forth Bridge Expenses	£3.94	£23.66
				£93.68	£6,258.89
INCOME TO APPROVE					
Date		Name	Description	VAT	Total
2/4/2021		Nottinghamshire Police Rent/Service Chg			£2,555.83
2/8/2021		Broxtowe Borough Council	Grant		£8,307.07
2/11/2021		Allotment	Allotment Plot 71 Derby Rd		£95.00
2/19/2021		Broxtowe Borough Council	Grant		£1,381.64
				£00.00	£12,339.54