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MINUTES OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber NG16 3NP
on Monday 12th December 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Town Mayor Councillor K. Woodhead

Cllrs T. Aram, D. Bagshaw, Mrs. E. Benton, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, Mrs. N. Cooper, Ms. J. Foxhall, Mrs. M. Hannah, N. Levett, M. Radulovic M.B.E. Also present: Nottinghamshire County Councillor K. Oliver, Nottinghamshire Police Officer P. C. 4027 M. Leask, Reverend D. Stevenson, Town Clerk Sheena Trower, Town Council Financial Assistant Mrs. E. Henshaw, 12 members of the public.

Reverend D. Stevenson opened the meeting with a prayer.

ETC120/2023 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Aram, Mrs. S. Bagshaw, Mrs. J. Foxhall & Mrs. R. Woods.

ETC121/2023 Variation of Order of Business

Resolved: - that agenda item 7(d) Police matters dealt with as first business.

ETC122/2023 Declarations of Members Interests

Councillors D. Bagshaw, R. Bullock & K. Woodhead declared a non-pecuniary interest in allotment matters.

ETC123/2023 Police Matters

P. C. 4027 M. Leask representing Nottinghamshire Police, addressed the meeting with information as follows: -

- a) Updated crime statistics reference Police website.
- b) Drug issues reported and subsequent measures to deal with concerns.
- c) Test purchasing carried out in the area where all venues tested had adhered to the strict policy in place.
- d) Beat Surgeries & Community Council and Police partnership Coffee Mornings held at the Town Council Offices had proved very successful and would continue to be held at regular intervals.
- e) Speeding operations in force.
- f) Police visibility in the town noted; Officers regularly patrolled the locality, including by cycle.
- g) Questions answered including regular presentations at local schools to enhance education to reduce crime related issues.
- h) Areas noted in need of attention including areas around Hall Park recreation areas.
- i) Cllr Radulovic extended appreciation to Officers for the work undertaken in the community.
- j) Details of Public Spaces Protection Order under consideration by Enforcement Team noted.
- k) Questions regarding young people vaping; noted age restricted to 18 and over. Public information on the restrictions to be enhanced. Trading Standards involved. Reports of purchase of vapes on the Derbyshire border would be reported to the authorities.
- l) Update on proposals for security measures for Tinsley Bridge to be completed within the current financial year. P.C. Leask was confident this would reduce incidents around the bridge. Appreciation was extended to the Town Council and Clerk for assistance with reports, meetings and support of the initiative, which would substantially improve safety measures. Cllr D. Bagshaw extended appreciation to the Police and highlighted the effectiveness of partnership agencies working together.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, extended appreciation to P.C. Leask for his informative address. The Officer left the meeting.

ETC124/2023 Minutes

To Confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes:

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Resolved: - Minutes approved as a true and accurate record of the above meeting.

ETC125/2023 Suspension of Standing Orders to allow the following business to take place: -

(i) Address by Members of the Public

- a) Query regarding CCTV in Eastwood. Cllr Radulovic confirmed consultations underway by Broxtowe Borough Council for installation of new systems. Consultations with local Councils and members of the public noted.
- b) Condition of pavements in the locality which caused issues for pedestrians, mobility scooters, visually impaired persons. Dustbins, cars parking on pavements also caused problems. County Councillor Oliver advised areas were being inspected and reported for improvements where required.
- c) Appreciation was extended to the Town Council and partner groups for the excellent Eastwood Remembrance Service and Parade held in the town on Sunday 13th November 2022. The Mayor, in return, extended thanks for positive feedback.
- d) Christmas lighting in the town reported as appreciated by the public, in particular the Tree of Lights at Hilltop.

(ii) Hazel Braithwaite Awards 2022

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, reported on the importance of the awards to the community; awards had ceased during the Covid lockdown period until this year. The presentation took place to the following successful recipients: -

Mrs. Ellie Leatherland

Mrs. Teresa Burgoyne

Mrs. Diane Rowley

All three recipients received a certificate, an engraved crystal glass vase and floral bouquets in appreciation of their dedication and commitment to the community of Eastwood and surrounding areas.

(iii) Eastwood Literary Award 2022

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, presented the 2022 Literary Award to Eastwood Hall Park student Sophie Shaw for her excellent essay on the British Monarchy. Ms. Shaw received a certificate and voucher in the sum of £25.00.

Councillor M. Radulovic, on behalf of the Town Council, took the opportunity to place on record sincere thanks to the recipients of the awards for the work they carry out within the community, which continued throughout the pandemic. The town of Eastwood was proud of Ms. Shaw as representative of the young people of the area. Appreciation also extended to everyone involved with providing food banks at Eastwood and Brinsley, the Churches and clear evidence of the working spirit which demonstrated the tremendous sacrifices made during the recent difficult periods. The Mayor and Town Councillors endorsed the statement of appreciation to all concerned.

(iv) Clerk Presentation

The Mayor & Deputy Mayor presented the Town Clerk, Sheena Trower, with a floral bouquet in appreciation of her work and dedication to duty to the Town Council.

(v) Nottinghamshire County Council Matters

Nottinghamshire County Councillor K. Oliver addressed the meeting with his report: -

- a) Christmas lights switch on 29th November 2022 appreciation extended to all concerned for organisation of a flawless event. Noted lighting weaknesses in areas. Cllr Oliver would work towards overcoming the obstacles currently experienced. The event was well enjoyed. Cllr R. Bullock detailed the restrictions placed on the Town Council to provide a full Christmas lighting display within the town (15 lamp standards unusable) due to the presence of Wi-Fi and footfall monitors on lamp standards, anchor points on premises failed testing and required replacement to allow catenary fixings, subject to approval of licences. In addition, timers within some lamp standards were also faulty. Cllr Oliver advised Viaem not responsible for the anchor points but could quote for replacement. Legal agreements for installation from building owners was also a requirement. A resolution before the end of February 2023 was an aim.
- b) Sale of Canyons, Eastwood to a developer by Nottinghamshire County Council noted. Limited use for land noted. Cllr Oliver had not supported the transaction and noted the Town Council's initial offer to secure the site. The Town Council requested a Freedom of Information enquiry to provide details of the sale. A formal complaint discussed for submission regarding the sale. Cllr Oliver offered to work with the Town Mayor & Cllr Radulovic to liaise with site owner.
- c) Police Protection Orders for the area supported by Cllr Oliver. Other areas he felt would also benefit from the initiative.

- d) The meeting noted areas put forward for highway improvement included Princes Street carriageway and footway, King Street, Percy Street residents only parking scheme, Chewton Street speed reduction measures to include traffic calming in conjunction with Linwood Crescent.
- e) Ratcliffe Street water leak repaired.
- f) Tree issues Plumptre Way addressed.
- g) A610 water issues addressed.
- h) Parking issues Scalby Close as the site meets Great Northern Road – double yellow lines planned for 2024.
- i) Incident at Hall Park (Mansfield Road) – the meeting noted an additional zebra crossing would be placed further down Mansfield Road.
- j) Transport strategy requests
- k) Visit to Eastwood Youth Centre with activities at the centre noted; Cllr Oliver reported the centre could provide an opportunity for local groups to benefit from use of the facilities.
- l) Nottinghamshire County Council Warm Spaces initiatives supported.
- m) County Councillor Surgery 20th December 2022 with regular monthly surgeries to be organised.
- n) Questions received including speeding vehicles on Mansfield Road, urgent repairs required to highway Raglan Street, Chewton Street and Chewton Avenue.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, extended appreciation to Cllr Oliver for his detailed and informative report.

(vi) Broxtowe Borough Council Matters

Borough Councillor Milan Radulovic addressed the meeting with the following information: -

- a) Funding opportunities Shared Prosperity Fund. An explanation of the distribution of the funding with closing date for the first year closing May 2023. A series of group meetings to identify Governance and priorities would take place over the Christmas period 2022 revenue funding only available. It was hoped awards could be made in the New Year.
- b) Details of housing crisis in the borough reported. Statistics of housing requirements received. Options including consideration of purchase of new properties within the locality noted. Potential solutions for working together and commitment through voluntary sector and UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- c) Warm Spaces projects to assist those experiencing financial difficulties and homelessness.
- d) Greater Nottinghamshire Planning Partnership details received, noting homes for the future required careful planning; participation in the consultation encouraged; energy efficient homes, homes for persons with disabilities, minimum space standards applied, all supported by Council.
- e) Public inquiry noted for the former Matkins Tip site. An emergency meeting would be convened by the Borough Council.
- f) Secretary of State Planning Reforms information had been withdrawn.
- g) Devolution updates received. Devolution information events had been circulated to be held on the 21st December 2022 and 4th January 2023.
- h) Reference to Devolution Bid and funding for the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire area. Shadow Board would be in place from 2023. Plans to establish a series of boards throughout the borough noted. Eastwood would include the wider communities of Greasley and Brinsley.

Re-instatement of Standing Orders

ETC126/2023 Town Mayor's Announcements

Eastwood Town Mayor, Councillor Ken Woodhead, addressed the meeting with the following information: -

- a) Eastwood Christmas Lights Switch-on Event Tuesday 29th November 2022 – the Mayor reported on the success of the event. Appreciation was extended to all organisers and Town Councillors for assistance.
- b) The Mayor reported on the Annual Civic Carol Service held at St. Mary's Church, Eastwood on 4th December 2022 with a well-attended service; appreciation extended to Reverend Stevenson, Town Councillors, Dignitaries and all attendees to the event.
- c) The Mayor reported on recent events attended as representative of the Town Council.

ETC127/2023 Eastwood Neighbourhood Plan and Levelling Up Fund

Councillor Radulovic reported a formal decision was awaited from the Government on the application. Eastwood Neighbourhood Plan would be aligned with the LUF, subject to outcome of the application.

ETC128/2023 Financial Report December 2022

- a) Payments, receipts & reconciliation November 2022 with payments gross £15,981.79; income £23.96.
- b) Report for expenditure for Remembrance Service and Parade 13th November 2022 for endorsement in the sum of £4637.39.

Resolved: -

That (a) approved as per attached schedule.

That (b) approved costs for Remembrance Service and Parade 2022.

ETC129/2023 Reports of Committees

- a) **Arts & Events Committee Meeting** next meeting to take place Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 6.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
- b) **Assets, Finance & Policy Committee** next meeting scheduled to take place Thursday 19th January 2023 at 5.00 p.m. at the Council Chamber. It was reported grant application forms had been distributed to local organisations and details published in the local press, website and social media.
- c) **Personnel Committee** date to be agreed.

ETC130/2023 Planning Matters

Planning applications and decisions had been circulated to Council as received from Broxtowe Borough Council.

No matters raised.

ETC131/2023 Eastwood Town Council Vacancy

It was reported the vacancy had been publicised in the noticeboards, website and Facebook. Noted the period for co-option was within the six-month period prior to the forthcoming election process 4th May 2023.

ETC132/2023 Clerk Report

- (a) **Town Council & Police Community Coffee Morning** held 4th December 2022 took place.
- (b) **Calendar of Meetings** recommendation changes of dates for Monday 10th April 2023 to Monday 17th April 2023 and Monday 15th May 2023 to take account of the forthcoming elections 4th May 2023.
- (c) **Courses available** Constitutional Monarchy & Public Speaking by arrangement with Cllr Radulovic. Date to be set for New Year.

Resolved: -

- (i) Reference (a) further events to be organised.
- (ii) Reference (b) amendments to dates for meetings approved.

ETC133/2023 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Town Council to take place on Monday 9th January 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 20.49 p.m.

