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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL Held at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber NG16 3NP on Monday 13th May 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs K. Woodhead (Mayor)

Cllrs D. Bagshaw, Mrs. S. Bagshaw, Mrs. Z. Battison, Mrs. E. Benton, Mrs. K. Boam, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, Ms. J. Foxhall, Mrs. J. Hagan, L. King, N. Levett, K. Oliver, M. Radulovic, Mrs. R. Woods.

Also present: Staff Members Sheena Trower Town Clerk, Esther Henshaw Assistant to the Clerk, Reverend David Stevenson, Sgt. S. Boyles representing Nottinghamshire Police and 10 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Reverend David Stevenson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Clerk confirmed Councillors had signed and submitted Declaration of Acceptance of Office documents.

ETC1/2024 To Elect a Town Mayor for the Ensuing Year 2023 - 2024

Proposed by Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall, seconded by Cllr N. Levett. Call for recorded vote:-

In favour Against Abstention

Cllr D. Bagshaw Cllr Mrs. J Hagan None

Cllr Mrs. S. Bagshaw Cllr L. King

Cllr Mrs. Z. Battison Cllr K. Oliver Cllr Mrs. E. Benton

Cllr Mrs. K. Boam Cllr M. Bullock Cllr R. Bullock Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall

Cllr N. Levett

Cllr M. Radulovic Cllr K. Woodhead

Cllr R. Woods

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs. K. Boam elected as Town Mayor for 2022/23. Cllr Boam read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Town Mayor and signed the Declaration.

The Town Mayor extended sincere appreciation to the Outgoing Mayor, Cllr Woodhead, for his dedication to duty and fulfilment of a very busy Civic Year for the Town Council.

ETC2/2024 Apologies for absence

None received.

ETC3/2024 To Elect a Deputy Town Mayor for the Ensuing Year 2023 - 2024

Cllr M. Bullock Proposed by Cllr N. Levett, seconded Cllr K. Woodhead. Cllr Mrs. J. Hagan Proposed by Cllr K. Oliver, seconded Cllr L. King

Call for Recorded Vote:-

In favour of Cllr M. Bullock Against reference Cllr M. Bullock Abstention reference Cllr M. Bullock

Cllr D. Bagshaw Cllr Mrs. J. Hagan Cllr Mrs. Z. Battison

Cllr Mrs. S. Bagshaw Cllr L. King

Cllr Mrs. E. Benton Cllr K. Oliver

Cllr Mrs. K. Boam Cllr M. Bullock Cllr R. Bullock Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall Cllr N. Levett Cllr M. Radulovic Cllr K. Woodhead Cllr Mrs. R. Woods

In favour of Cllr Mrs. J. Hagan Cllr Mrs. Z. Battison Cllr Mrs. J. Hagan Cllr L. King Cllr K. Oliver Against reference Cllr J. Hagan Cllr D. Bagshaw Cllr Mrs. S. Bagshaw Cllr Mrs. E. Benton Cllr M. Bullock Cllr R. Bullock Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall Cllr N. Levett Cllr K. Woodhead

Cllr Mrs. R. Woods

Abstention reference Cllr J. Hagan Cllr Mrs. K. Boam Cllr M. Radulovic

RESOLVED that Cllr M. Bullock be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for 2023/2024. Cllr Bullock read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Town Mayor and signed the declaration.

ETC5/2024 Variation of Order of Business

None

ETC6/2024 Declarations of Members Interests

Councillor Mrs. S. Bagshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens

Councillor D. Bagshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens

Councillor R. Bullock declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens

Councillor K. Woodhead declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens

Town Clerk & Assistant to the Clerk left the meeting at Exclusion of Public Order matters.

ETC7/2024 To Confirm the Council Minutes of the Town Council's Meeting on 13th March 2023.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record, subject to amendment to Broxtowe Borough Council report 96 properties to benefit from emergency improvement; amend Church Street to Castle Street.

ETC8/2024 To determine which additional items on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

RESOLVED Item 24 tenders and quotations.

ETC9/2024 Open Forum

A **Police Matters** Report from Nottinghamshire Police

partnership formed with the Town Council by Eastwood Police was appreciated. Summary of Officers working in the area received with reference to Police website for statistics. Recent work included 261 jobs, 8 drugs related and 5 involving weapons. Major initiative for the Police, Councils and the community was the completion of the safety measures at Tinsley Bridge. Cllr Woodhead, on behalf of the Council, extended appreciation for the Police bringing the project forward. Noted some delays had been experienced due to the untimely loss of former County Councillor Cubley. Appreciation also extended to Town Clerk for her input. Noted two Police Officers have been nominated for commendation awards.

Sgt Boyles extended congratulations to Council following election results. The positive

Questions answered:-

Cllr Oliver – more Beat Officers around the Eastwood streets; details of patrols including on cycles noted. Where possible, patrols on foot would be increased.

Cllr Woodhead – drugs issues around area reported. Confirmation the areas detailed had been identified.

Cllr Bullock – loss of support staff. Response noted increase in community beat surgeries held on a regular basis provided residents an opportunity to discuss issues with Officers, also Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

Cllr M. Bullock extended appreciation to the Police for attending Springbank School with knife crime awareness initiative. Noted Officers were attending schools during the forthcoming week with knife crime awareness. Knife amnesty schemes underway.

In attendance Sgt S. Boyles

The Mayor extended appreciation to Sgt Boyles for his informative address. Sgt Boyles left the meeting after his report.

B Public Participation

Resident raised concerns regarding debris and fly tipping around Princes Street.

Cllr D. Bagshaw referred to cctv cameras in place. Concerns noted.

Resident seeking employment in the Eastwood area to fit in around school times. Relevant information including referral to Eastwood Initiative with contacted details recorded. Cllr Oliver reported improvements to the high street and Durban House initiative could improve employment prospects.

Referral to leisure centre for Eastwood; noted this was not included in the LUF bid but a swimming pool for Eastwood was a consideration subject to funds.

Cllr D. Bagshaw agreed to seek further information.

C Nottinghamshire County Council – County Council representative

Cllr Oliver reported on school places, condition of the local highways in and around Eastwood with confirmation every effort was being made to secure improvements through County Council; forthcoming petition for highway improvement for Queens Road South noted. Bus service improvements request noted. Report on fracking noted. Return of the hard shoulder to motorways initiative supported by Council. Donations to local groups noted.

Cllr Radulovic requested a meeting to carry out an audit of the Eastwood roads requiring attention. Supported by Cllr Oliver.

Cllr Hagan requested improved safe crossing points and improvements to pavements. Supported by Council with request for reports.

Additional crossing point request at Hall Park School, Mansfield Road noted. Cllr Bullock reported railings at the school crossing point would be a welcome safety improvement.

Cllr Woodhead reported on the poor state of the pavement outside Victoria Street and Hopkins Court complex. Supported by Cllr Benton that the road and pavements in poor condition including dropped kerbs where available. Parking restrictions requested for bay on Victoria Street in order emergency vehicles can access the complexes. Cllr Oliver agreed to seek further information. Cllr Oliver reported the matters are dealt with by an Inspector on behalf of the authority.

Cllr Hagan reported no dropped kerbs in place at Hopkins Court.

Noted report on Woodland Way requirements for road improvements. Cllr Oliver reported the area earmarked for highway improvements.

Cllr D. Bagshaw reported Walker Street road and pavement in a poor deteriorating condition, especially unsafe for children using the area to access school.

Report of poor condition of former Barclays building corner of Mansfield Road due to bird manure around the pavement and BT workings unit.

Report Cllr K. Oliver

The Mayor extended appreciation to Cllr Oliver for his detailed address.

D Broxtowe Borough Council

Cllr Radulovic updated on statistics for housing requirements within the Eastwood and Broxtowe areas from the last Council meeting in March 2023. The impact on costs to provide bed and breakfast accommodation noted.

Meeting to consider vacant sites in Eastwood for potential housing for ex-service personnel noted.

LUF not likely to be submitted until Summer 2023.

Grant awards through SPF noted, including Eastwood cricket and tennis clubs benefitting.

Update on shop improvement grants for local premises. Shops access for all to be reviewed.

Initiative to improve local employment prospects.

Update on Devolution, HS2 information, clean-up campaign for Erewash Valley, potential tram routes; plan of action for the Borough Council over the next four year period. Information received on the Bennerley Viaduct potential.

Cllr Oliver requested consideration to return the recreational grounds under the management of the Town Council. Cllr Radulovic welcomed the opportunity for this matter to be a subject for further discussion. Cllr Bullock reported on the benefits and the additional requirements the Town Council would be required to address in management of its own parks and facilities.

Councillor D. Bagshaw Councillor Mrs. S. Bagshaw Councillor R. Bullock Councillor M. Radulovic M.B.E.

Councillor K. Woodhead

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, extended appreciation to Cllr Radulovic for the report.

ETC10/2024 Standing Orders -reinstated.

ETC11/2024 To consider appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

- (a) Leader proposed Cllr M. Bullock and seconded Cllr Mrs J. Foxhall
- (b) Deputy Leader proposed Cllr N. Levett and seconded Cllr Mrs. S. Bagshaw

RESOLVED:-

- a) for 2023 2024 Cllr D. Bagshaw to continue in the role of Leader of Eastwood Town Council
- b) for 2023 2024 Cllr R. Bullock appointed as Deputy Leader of Eastwood Town Council

ETC12/2024 Appointment of Allotments Representative

Cllr R. Bullock proposed by Cllr D. Bagshaw, seconded by Cllr K. Woodhead

RESOLVED: -

That Cllr R. Bullock appointed Allotments representative for the period 2023 – 2024. Cllr Bullock extended appreciation to staff member Mrs. E. Henshaw who had worked tirelessly to re-organisation of the allotments management.

ETC13/2024 Review of representation on, or work with External Bodies, and arrangements for reporting back, and to consider Town Council representation for other community groups as suggested by Town Councillors.

RESOLVED: No further action.

ETC14/2023 Appointment to Committees

RESOLVED:-

- a) Review of the Terms of Reference and appointment for Committees; ex-officio Mayor & Deputy Mayor
 - i. Arts and Events Committee to consist of 7 voting Members
 - ii. Assets, Policy and Finance to consist of 7 voting Members
 - iii. Personnel Committee to consist of 4 voting Members and 3 substitutes
 - iv. Arts & Events Committee confirmed Cllrs Mrs. E. Benton, Cllr M. Bullock, Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall, Cllr Mrs. J. Hagan, Cllr L. King, Cllr N. Levett & Cllr R. Woods.
 - v. Assets, Finance & Policy Committee confirmed Cllr D. Bagshaw, Cllr Mrs. S. Bagshaw, Cllr Mrs. Z. Battison, Cllr R. Bullock, Cllr K. Oliver, Cllr M. Radulovic & Cllr K. Woodhead.
 - vi. Personnel Committee confirmed Cllr Mrs. S. Bagshaw, Cllr R. Bullock, Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall, Cllr K. Oliver with substitute Members Cllr M. Bullock, Cllr M. Radulovic & Cllr K. Woodhead.

ETC14/2023 Review and Adoption of Procedures and Policies 2023 - 2024

- a) Review and Adoption of Standing Orders
- b) Review of Financial Regulations
- c) Civility & Respect Pledge
- d) Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment as detailed in report
- e) Review and arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks policy effective 1st April 2023 31st March 2024
- f) Review of the Councils and/or Employees Membership of Other Bodies Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
- g) Complaints Policy and Procedure
- h) Persistent complainants and vexatious Policy
- i) Equality & Diversity Policy
- j) Power of Competence renewal at the Annual Meeting relevant for a period of four years from 15th May 2023 to May 2027
- k) Financial Reserves Policy
- 1) Grants Procedure
- m) Code of Conduct
- n) Freedom of Information
- o) Data Protection Policy
- p) Dealing with the press/media
- q) Review of Employment Policies and Procedures. These will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and presented to Full Council for adoption at a future meeting.

The meeting noted all information was available on the Town Council website.

r) Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment.

RESOLVED:-

- i. That items (a) to (q) adopted.
- ii. That (r) the Town Council Asset Register subject to review by the Assets, Finance & Policy Committee.
- e) Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks It was reported that this had been reviewed by Full Council on 8th March 2021 (Minute No 080321/18 and 12th April 2021 (Minute No. 120421/15).

ETC15/2024 Review of arrangements including any Charters with other Local Authorities and review of contributions made to expenditure incurred by other Local Authorities

RESOLVED:-

None.

ETC16/2024 To set dates, times and venue for Meetings of Eastwood Town Council 2023 - 2024

RESOLVED: -

- (a) Calendar circulated approved for Town Council Meetings 2023 2024
- (b) Date of next Arts & Events Committee Meeting 25th May 2023 at 6.00 p.m.
- (c) Dates of next Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Meeting date amended to Thursday 8th June 2023 at 6.00 p.m.
- (d) All meetings to take place at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber

ETC17/2024 Bank signatories

RESOLVED: -

- 1) That signatories for the TSB account be confirmed as Cllrs D. Bagshaw, S. Bagshaw, R. Bullock & S. E. Trower.
- 2) Electronic banking through TSB approved Town Clerk S. E. Trower with adherence to the Financial Regulations to ensure safeguards in place.
- 3) NatWest accounts confirmed Cllrs D. Bagshaw, S. Bagshaw & R. Bullock.

ETC18/2024 Financial Report & Annual Accounts year ending 31st March 2023

- a) Schedule of payments and receipts year ending 31st March 2023 submitted to the Internal Auditor Messrs. Pells awaiting completion.
- b) Submission of end of year accounts for external audit to P.K. Littlejohn by 3rd July 2023, following completion of internal audit and Council approval.
- c) Income, expenditure and reconciliation for accounts 1st April to 30th April 2023 circulated.

RESOLVED: -

That the reports received with approval for (b) to (c) as attached appendices.

ETC19/2024 Clerk Report

- a) Heritage Gateway Signs the proposed sign attached for approval by Council through the Nottinghamshire County Council and Town Council 50% funded initiative. Please confirm acceptance of the artwork for manufacture and installation by contractor. Installation sites Derby Road, Mansfield Road and Nottingham Road to replace existing highway signs.
- b) Eastwood Memorial Cleaning please confirm the Council requires estimates to clean the monuments prior to the Annual Remembrance Parade 2023. Site visit required with contractors prior to quotation.
- c) National Association of Local Councils (i) Chief Executive Bulletin 17th March 2023 at Chamber. Please request email directly. (ii) Training for new Councillors Thursday 15th June 2023 subject to available of spaces (iii) Chair skills course as attached 2 dates available.
- d) Completion of Tinsley Bridge Safety Measures Eastwood Police initiative supported by the Eastwood Town Council, Broxtowe Borough Council and funded through Nottinghamshire County

Council. Originally taken forward by the late Nottinghamshire County Councillor Eddie Cubley in fiscal year 2021 – 2023. Officers involved in the project; P.C. M. Leask & P.C. R. Reynolds referred for consideration of Police Commendation Award. The initiative highlights the work of the Police dealing with mental health and safety issues within the community.

- e) Heritage Parish Map for Eastwood Town a National Lottery bid has been submitted on behalf of the Town Council for funding towards the initiative.
- f) Love Eastwood Initiative Members of the Beauvale Photography Group are creating an exhibition of photography to acknowledge the importance of work carried out by volunteers and organisations for the benefit of the local community. Eastwood Library and the D. H. Lawrence Museum two of the venues to host the event. A grant donation towards the cost of printing requested for consideration by Council.
- g) Floral Displays 2023 contract agreed for 2023, 2024 and 2025 for the town. The displays will be installed early June 2023.
- h) Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry latest newsletter available at the meeting.
- i) Friends of Colliers Wood newsletter reported thousands of wildflower bulbs will be planted at the site in the autumn of 2023. Volunteers welcome to become involved. Contact details available from Clerk.
- j) Broxtowe Crime Reduction Plan 2023 2026 copies available on request from Clerk.
- k) VAT Training through NALC The Clerk & Assistant to the Clerk completed updated VAT training on 25th April 2023 to cover adjustments to VAT reclaim for sports facilities etc, business and nonbusiness activities.

RESOLVED: -

That the report received, and matters approved.

ETC20/2024 Allotments Report

2 Allotment sites: **Dovecote Road** (access off Charles Avenue) and **Derby Road.**

Just under 100 plots over both sites.

- Payment Period for Allotments is now January December. In December we sent out a letter to all tenants asking them to pay for their allotment rent for the period Jan Dec 2023.
- Allotment rent is £40 a year for a full plot and £20 for a half plot.
- We had to chase several tenants for rent for both Derby Road and Dovecote Road. Recommend we invoice all tenants on 13th November every year.

Dovecote Road

- 9x Vacant Plots
- The Allotment Representative carried out 3 visits to the allotment on 1st April 24th April and 1st May to show prospective new tenants and we now have 6x New Tenants
- Currently there are 3x vacant allotments 2x interested parties and looking to potentially split the final vacant plot into 2 halves.

Derby Road

- Complaint received regarding an oak tree which it is claimed has damaged a Garage Building on a neighbouring Bungalow. An Insurance claim has been made through the insurers which we use (BHIB Insurance) and in the meantime it is recommended that an independent tree surgeon inspects the site.
- 1x new tenant (for Plot 43)
- 1x tenant given notice (Plot 65a)
- 2x Full plots currently vacant (plot 65a and 71)
- Plot 63 is now two half plots Half a plot now available (63b)

Insurance Quote

BHIB Insurer's provide cover for anyone from the Council visiting the Allotments but doesn't protect the tenants themselves. BHIB recommended Chris Knott Insurers and they recommended a policy with Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited at a premium of £255.89 inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax. £255.89 Per plot per annum £2.60.

Looking to add this to the rent amount for allotment tenants in 2024.

Dovecote Road Car Park - Access to neighbouring property driveway complaint

A relation of the owners of 13 Charles Avenue has complained that the skip hired for Easter weekend was placed directly in front of the bungalow driveway which is accessed from the Allotment Car Park.

We have Land Registry details signed 10th June 1958 stating that

"There is no provision for access off this land for either bungalow granted in deeds".

However, there are minutes made sometime between June 2016 and September 2016 stating that

"The Town Clerk (is to) write to the two residents either side of the car park space confirming they have right of access to their properties but no parking is allowed in the car park area."

Recommend clarification is sought through Council lawyers.

Grass and Hedge Cutting Quote for both sites from Broxtowe Borough Council

- We have received 2 quotes, but the quotes need to be amended as the tenants at Derby Road cut their own pathways. Quote to be approved.
- Hedge cutting at Dovecote Road is delayed until September due to bird nesting.

ETC21/2024 Planning Matters

ETC22/2024 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: -

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.

Staff members left the meeting room during consideration of the matters.

ETC23/2024 To consider quotations for works required by Eastwood Town Council

Approved as report.

ETC24/2024 Date of next meetings

- (a) Eastwood Town Council Meeting Monday 12th June 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m.
- (b) Arts & Events Committee Meeting Thursday 25th May 2023 at 6.00 p.m.
- (c) Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Thursday 8th June 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 9.27 p.m.

			Cashed		
Net	VAT	Total	Date	Description	Supplier
8.80	0.00	8.80	30/04/2023	Various	office
784.00	156.80	940.80	30/04/2023	Flags	House of Flags
240.00	48.00	288.00	30/04/2023	Allotment maintenance	Forest Farm Tree Services - BBC
11.34	0.71	12.05	30/04/2023	Various	Office
9.85	1.97	11.82	30/04/2023	Cleaning Materials	P Thawley
44.54	0.00	44.54	30/04/2023	Allotments water	Waterplus
30.49	0.00	30.49	30/04/2023	Training	Esther Henshaw (Eastwood Town Council)
3232.22	0.00	3232.22	30/04/2023	Payroll	Staff
72.74	0.00	72.74	30/04/2023	Allotments water	Waterplus
52.84	9.48	62.32	30/04/2023	Website Hosting	Fuse
5.91	0.30	6.21	30/04/2023	Gas	Pozitive Energy
210.24	10.51	220.75	30/04/2023	Gas	Pozitive Energy
61.02	12.20	73.22	30/04/2023	Telephone/Broadband	Virgin Media
286.89	57.38	344.27	30/04/2023	Electricity	Octopus
2027.56	0.00	2027.56	30/04/2023	NALC Annual Subscription	Nottinghamshire ALC
669.00	133.80	802.80	30/04/2023	Scribe Subscription	Starboard Systems Ltd
120.00	0.00	120.00	30/04/2023	Website Hosting	Cloudantic IT
79.35	3.97	83.32	30/04/2023	Gas	Pozitive Energy
41.90	8.38	50.28	30/04/2023	Gas	Pozitive Energy
75.41	4.83	80.24	30/04/2023	Water - Office	Waterplus
8064.10	448.33	8512.43			

Income Eastwood Town Council April 2023 approved Minute 18/2024(c)

			Cashed		
Net	VAT	Total	Date	Description	Customer
1.52	0.00	1.52	30/04/2023	Interest Received	Natwest Bank Plc
39.27	0.00	39.27	30/04/2023	Interest Received	TSB Bank
392.00	0.00	392.00	30/04/2023	Grant - Coronation Flags	Broxtowe Borough Council
959.62	153.61	1113.23	30/04/2023	Service Charge	Notts Police
117285.00	0.00	117285.00	30/04/2023	Precept	Broxtowe Borough Council
80.00	0.00	80.00	30/04/2023	Allotment Rent and Bond	Tenant
80.00	0.00	80.00	30/04/2023	Allotment Rent and Bond	Tenant
4068.27	0.00	4068.27	30/04/2023	VAT Refund	HMRC
50.00	0.00	50.00	30/04/2023	Allotment Rent and Bond	Cash/Cheques
128.88	0.00	128.88	30/04/2023	Postage	Royal Mail
30.00	0.00	30.00	30/04/2023	Allotment Rent	Tenant
50.00	0.00	50.00	30/04/2023	Allotment Rent	Tenant
48.00	0.00	48.00	30/04/2023	Allotment Rent	Tenant
123212.56	153.61	123366.17	-		

В	Adjusted Bank Balance A = B Checks out OK	208,753.6		
	Plus unpresented receipts		208,753.62	
	Less unpresented payments		2,800.00	
	TSB Bank	30/04/2023	135,040.55	
	TSB Reserves	30/04/2023	51,617.20	
	Natwest Reserve Account	30/04/2023	1,951.85	
	Allotment Cash Natwest Current Account	30/04/2023 30/04/2023	0.00 22,944.02	
	TSB	11/05/2023	0.00	
	Petty Cash	30/04/2023	0.00	
	Cash in hand per Bank Stateme	nts		
A	Cash in Hand 30/04/2023 (per Cash Book)	208,753.62		
	Payments 01/04/2023 - 30/04/20	8,512.43		
	SUBTRACT	217,266.05		
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2023 - 30/04/202	123,366.17		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2023	93,899.88		
	Bank Reconciliation at 30			