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Eastwood Town Council Arts and Events Committee
Held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 at the
Eastwood Town Council Chamber commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mrs. E. Benton, M. Bullock, Mrs. J. Foxhall, N. Levett, Mrs. R. Woods.
Also, present Sheena Trower (Town Clerk), representative from D. H. Lawrence Society.

AE29/2024 To Receive Apologies for Absence None received.

AE30/2024 Variation of Order of Business None.

AE31/2024 Declarations of Interest none received.

AE32/2024 To determine which additional items on any part of the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
None.

AE33/2024 Minutes To confirm the Minutes of last Committee meeting held 21st June 2023 as circulated. Proposed Cllr M. Bullock, seconded Cllr J. Foxhall. Unanimously approved.

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

AE34/2024 Suspension of Standing Orders approved.

AE35/2024 Address by representative of D. H. Lawrence Society

Representative Mr. G. Gillespie addressed the meeting with reference to discussion for provision of a statue of D. H. Lawrence to set a permanent imprint of his importance to the town, which in turn, had a profound influence on the works he created. The investment could increase tourism and trade to Eastwood with recognition to his worldwide status as a writer, poet and artist. The meeting noted the forthcoming centenary of his loss in 2030, with the statue representing a long-term project for the area, subject to adequate funding. Reference to similar projects in Nottinghamshire towns including Newark noted. A discussion was held with regard to sources of funding towards the initiative, including LUF application (to commence later in 2023) and Heritage Lottery Funding. Potential sites for the initiative included bandstand on Mansfield Road and Nottingham Road.

Mr. Gillespie referred to the Rainbow flag and its origins mentioned in the D. H. Lawrence website. Details of local sculptor to be forwarded to Council by Mr. Gillespie for information.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Town Council, extended appreciation to Mr. Gillespie for his attendance and informative address to the meeting.

AE36/2024 Standing Orders re-instated.

AE37/2024 Eastwood Town Council Newsletters

- (a) Summer 2023 newsletter released for distribution 23rd July 2023. **Resolved** approved distribution costs.
- (b) Autumn 2023 newsletter. Cllr Levett reported on articles for inclusion in the forthcoming newsletter including dates for Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Event and articles on Eastwood voluntary groups. Items for inclusion required early September 2023.



A38/2024 Forthcoming Events

- (a) **Summer Fun Day on Coronation Park Thursday 3rd August 2023** no update. The event was publicised in the Summer 2023 newsletter which was to be delivered to every household in Eastwood. Posters for event to be distributed by Councillors to local businesses (Chairman).
- (b) **Christmas Event Tuesday 28th November 2023** update to be provided at next meeting.
- (c) **Eastwood Literary Event** closing date 14th July 2023.
- (d) **Hazel Braithwaite Award 2023** closing date 30th September 2023.
- (e) **Local Organisation Award 2023** closing date 30th September 2023.
- (f) **Statue of D. H. Lawrence Initiative** committee noted discussions during public participation.
- (g) **Eastwood Street Art Project Update** (Cllr J. Foxhall)
- (h) **Town Council & Police Coffee Morning** 8th July 2023 noted Police unavailable due to commitment.
- (i) **Children's Activities Events Thursdays 10th & 24th August 2023** the Clerk reported the facilities and organisation of the event was underway; Councillors were requested to confirm availability to assist at the events. Application forms for completion by parents and carers requested detailed relevant medical and dietary information for children attending.
- (j) **'Love Eastwood Initiative'** Artwork for banners which could be installed in the town to support the initiative received. Reminder of exhibition to be held at D. H. Lawrence Museum 26th July 2023.
- (k) **Walking for Health Initiative** the Clerk reported Viaem Officer and herself would be available to lead up to three mile walks from September 2023 onwards subject to Council approval. Clerk and Viaem Officer trained in walk leading and emergency first aid at work; risk assessments of agreed routes would be carried out prior to events taking place.

Resolved: -

- i. That the reports received.
- ii. With reference to (a) the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to officially open the Fun Day along with the Worshipful Mayor of Broxtowe Borough Council.
- iii. With reference to (f) contact to be made with sculpture artists for further information.
- iv. With reference to (g) approval for Cllr Foxhall to continue discussions for the initiative with local businesses, artists and report back to Council on 11th September 2023 with presentation and update.
- v. With reference to (h) next coffee morning approved for Saturday 28th October 2023 at 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon in conjunction with official opening of the 'Love Eastwood' exhibition to be held at the Council Chamber.
- vi. With reference to (j) quotation for cost of banners for installation at the town's flagpoles.
- vii. With reference to (k) above initiative approved.

AE39/2024 Christmas Lighting 2023

The Chairman reported on the lighting plans to date with limited responses received from business owners of premises on the Nottingham Road for installation of anchor points to accommodate catenary wires to support decorative lights.

Proposed Cllr N. Levett, seconded Cllr M. Bullock, unanimously approved.

Resolved: -

- i. The Chairman agreed to make final contact with premises owners to secure approval for installation, subject to licence. Two options approved for the 2023 lighting (a) installation of overhead decorative lighting subject to adequate anchor points or (b) automatic lights switch-on facility at a cost of £7,000 which was a one-off equipment and installation cost.
- ii. In the financial year 2024/2025 provision for additional lighting budget to be made available.
- iii. Christmas tree donation for confirmation and further information deferred to next meeting.



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- iv. That the event to be marketed as a Christmas Tree Lights Switch on event with Christmas lighting within the town to be switched on at 5.00 p.m. and tree lights switch on at 7.00 p.m. This would prevent the delayed lighting of system as per 2022 and additional workforce costs to facilitate the lighting process.

AE40/2024 Annual Remembrance Service & Parade Sunday 12th November 2023

Resolved: -

- a) A working party meeting date to be organised early August 2023.
- b) Publication of the commemorations to appear in the Autumn edition of next newsletter.
- c) Quotations for cleaning of memorials to be progressed with enquiries for grant support from Royal British Legion.
- d) Place on next agenda update of names for inclusion on memorials.
- e) Confirmation Eastwood Male Voice Choir, street security, band, bugler, Armed Forces, Cadets for march and formal reception all confirmed.
- f) Responses for quotations for traffic management and emergency first aid awaited.
- g) Audio facility confirmed.
- h) Confirmation meeting with March leaders Eastwood Cadets to be organised with Working Party Meeting.

AE41/2024 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 13th September 2023 commencing at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.43 hours.