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MINUTES OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber NG16 3NP
on Monday 18th September 2023 commencing at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. K. Boam (Town Mayor)

Cllrs D. Bagshaw, Mrs. E. Benton, M. Bullock, K. Oliver, M. Radulovic M.B.E. & K. Woodhead.

Also present: Staff Member Town Clerk Sheena Trower, Nottinghamshire Police Inspector Mike Ebbins, P.C.S.O. A. Davies representing Nottinghamshire Police and 25 members of the public.

ETC54/2024 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. S. Bagshaw, Mrs. Z. Battison, R. Bullock, Mrs. J. Foxhall, N. Levett & Mrs. R. Woods. Apologies also received from Reverend David Stevenson.

ETC55/2024 Variation of Order of Business

Cllr K. Oliver requested deferring business relating to Eastwood Recreation Grounds to the next meeting.

Resolved- Agenda item 8(ix) deferred to next Council meeting.

ETC56/2024 Declarations of Members Interests

- a) Councillor K. Woodhead declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens
- b) Councillor Mrs. K. Boam declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8(vii) Annual Remembrance Service – use of premises for meeting held by Royal British Legion.
- c) Councillor K. Oliver declared a pecuniary interest in planning matters reference Olivers, Nottingham Road, Eastwood.

The Members remained within the meeting room but did not participate in discussion or voting on matters.

ETC57/2024 To Confirm the Council Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Eastwood Town Council Meeting 10th July 2023 proposed Cllr M. Bullock, seconded Cllr D. Bagshaw.
- (b) Arts & Events Committee 13th September 2023 re-scheduled.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held 10th July 2023.

ETC58/2024 To determine which additional items on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

RESOLVED agenda items 14 to 18.

ETC59/2024 Open Forum

- i. **Nottinghamshire Police Reports** Inspector M. Ebbins addressed the meeting with the following information:
 - i. Crime statistics for the area over the summer period including shop lifting and drug related offences. Noted areas of concern for Police to monitor locations.
 - ii. Request for statistics from website to be forwarded to Council for circulation.
 - iii. Request for reinstatement of Eastwood Police Station. Inspector Ebbins would refer to the Police & Crime Commissioner.
 - iv. Details of Shop Watch discussed. Cllr Radulovic recommended referral to Broxtowe Borough Council by Police to seek financial support towards this initiative for the benefit of the community.
 - v. Parking issues around Walker Street impacting safety for residents, users of the area and parents and children on way and leaving school. P.C.S.O. agreed to monitor the site. Request for double yellow lines and zig zags to create safe zone.

- vi. The Inspector reported that adaptations had been made, with electric cycles provided for Officers, response teams, large amount of work undertaken to deal with drug issues around the area.
- vii. Focus on prevention of burglaries noted as a national issue.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, extended appreciation to the Police Officers for their attendance and informative addresses.

ii. Public Participation

Members of the public addressed the meeting with the following issues:-

- i. The Canyons alleged drug use and dens created. It was reported residents considered the site was neglected and this in turn encouraged anti-social activities and behaviour. Residents were requested to call 101 to report incidents.
- ii. Danger of pond on the Lynncroft site for potential development) – 1.5 metres deep watered area on site presented risk.
- iii. Wildlife including protected species badgers on site under threat from the workings currently being undertaken on the Lynncroft site, which had outline planning approval for development. Cllr Bagshaw reported on the history of the site, the outline planning details and confirmed detailed planning had been declined by the Borough Planning Authority at a recent meeting in September 2023. It was reported discussions had taken place with regard to Eastwood Town Council securing The Canyons at a future date as a public nature area to benefit the community, subject to approval.
- iv. Residents reported of their concerns with regard to crime and safety issues with reference to a recent incident along the Greenhills Road area. Noted by the Inspector.
- v. Residents expressed concern they felt let down by the authorities for allowing the clearance works on Lynncroft site to be undertaken, which had subsequently caused severe flooding and damage to a number of residential properties on Garden Road and Greenhills Road to a devastating effect. Members of the Town Council had visited the site on the morning of Monday 18th September 2023 to offer assistance and support to residents, together with Officers from Broxtowe Borough Council. Avant Homes had also visited the site to observe the damage and reduce the flooding impact on residents by additional site workings to be put into place. It was noted water was still escaping from the site at 3.00 p.m. Monday 18th September 2023; the flooding had occurred originally in the early hours of that morning. Residents requested responses from the Planning Authority as to why the earth movement works had been undertaken. County Councillor Oliver updated on the process of the Planning Board on all applications referred to the Board, with recommendations received from the Planning Officers; the Planning Board then made decisions on the factual information available to them. Cllr Oliver agreed to visit Garden Road & Greenhills Road affected properties on 19th September 2023 to inspect the damage caused.

Cllr Radulovic reported on the site history; his opposition against development on the site dating back 20 years was noted and supported. However, the overall decision within the Local Plan at that time approved development plans for the site. At this point, Cllr Radulovic had supported a reduction of housing on the site from 104 to a maximum of 75 residential units, taking into account the contours of the land and potential flooding impact. More recently, Cllr R. Bullock had addressed and voted against the latest planning application at Broxtowe Borough Council on behalf of the community; the application had been refused.

Responsibility for the site remained within Avant Homes; a spokesperson for the company had confirmed residents affected by the flooding damage would be visited by company representatives. Residents reported that there had been no previous recorded reports of flooding from the site, with occupants of the affected properties residing in their residences dating back 43 years. Devaluation of homes and future insurance issues noted. Concern for the health, welfare and well-being of residents was supported. Residents were advised to immediately contact their own insurance companies, who would then liaise with the development company insurers.

Residents also expressed immediate concern for the stability of the development site, with raised soil piled above garden levels facing rear of properties on Garden Road. Cllr Radulovic & Cllr D. Bagshaw reported the Borough Council had met development representatives on site and measures were in place to contain the flooding issues. Information was received on a potential planning appeal to be submitted by developers; Broxtowe Borough Council would anticipate this could take 8 months onwards. A public consultation could be called by the Borough Council on receipt of an appeal

Residents noted Eastwood Town Council had voted unanimously against the last detailed planning application for the site, considered in 2023.

On behalf of Eastwood Town Council, the Mayor, Cllr Boam, extended continued support for residents, who were in turn thanked for their attendance and addresses to the Council meeting.

Written report received from resident regarding concerns of parking and vehicle issues around Walker Street, Eastwood which were exacerbated during school opening and closing times. Police had been provided with

information. Noted Police would monitor the situation. Cllr Oliver noted the information for report, including identification of land area for potential parking spaces during school times.

(c) **Nottinghamshire County Council Report Councillor K. Oliver**

Councillor Oliver addressed the meeting with the following updates:-

- i. Arrangements for cleaning and tidying of areas around Princes Street continued, with problems including fly tipping, damage to trees, requirements for double yellow lines to the lower section of the street noted.
- ii. Three Tuns Road highway maintenance underway.
- iii. Graffiti at Walker Street/Wellington Place reported.
- iv. Vehicle height restriction barrier in place at Engine Lane damaged and under repair.
- v. Plumtre Way area has undergone some cleaning and tidy work.
- vi. Newthorpe Common/Nottingham Road zebra crossing marked for repairs.
- vii. Garden Road concerns as above. Transport support for residents to attend future planning meetings reference Garden Road site noted. Cllr Oliver reported Divisional Funds unsuitable for this type of application. Update to be provided.
- viii. Public transport review through Nottinghamshire County Council update noted. Borough & Town Council involvement declined.
- ix. Update on Nottinghamshire County Council Code of Conduct received.

(d) **Broxtowe Borough Council Reports**

- i. Councillor M. Radulovic addressed the meeting with a Borough Council report:-
- ii. £50,000 approved through Broxtowe Borough Council to support transport for residents in Eastwood, Awsworth & Kimberley with an expectation the service should be provided for approximately three years.
- iii. DEFRA meeting scheduled for 19th September 2023.
- iv. Update on Shared Prosperity Fund. Funding had been awarded locally to support Eastwood Town Cricket Club, Eastwood Community Football Club and Eastwood Tennis Club; details of proposed cycle networks setup to Beeston.
- v. Negotiations underway with West Notts College & Loughborough University for training opportunities for local people.
- vi. Devolution Bill expectation 21st September 2023 with legislation beginning November 2023.
- vii. Elections due May 2024 to include Mayoral Election and Police & Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.
- viii. HS2 update including environmental project for the Erewash Valley to Attenborough and former Matkins tip; an aim to create public open space.
- ix. Local Plan out for consultation. No greenbelt allocations required for housing sites across the whole of the borough. Bennerley sidings site under consideration for creation of jobs for Eastwood and surrounding area; access only from A610 within the discussions.
- x. Broxtowe Borough Council inspections of the area to be carried out from 19th September 2023.
- xi. Reference to update on Levelling Up Fund.
- xii. Cllr Radulovic reported on his participation in a charitable walk 24th September 2023.

ETC60/2024 Standing Orders -reinstated.

ETC61/2024 To receive Reports

- a) **Report of Eastwood Town Mayor Councillor Mrs. K. Boam** The Mayor reported on recent events attended including Eastwood Fun Day, Eastwood Town Council children's activities, D. H. Lawrence Festival at Museum, Friends of Colliers Wood Annual Dog Show, Broxtowe Borough Council Annual Civic Service attended by the Deputy Mayor, Annual Town & Parish Council Meeting held at Broxtowe Borough Council attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Clerk. Forthcoming event Green Festival to be held at Coronation Park on Saturday 23rd September 2023. Eastwood Town Council representatives would attend with a gazebo and stall.
- b) **To consider appointment of Junior Council** Cllr Woodhead discussed involvement with local comprehensive. Agreed to provide update.
- c) **Eastwood Street Art Project** deferred to next meeting due to apologies received from Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall.
- d) **Arts & Events Committee Report** It was reported the 13th September 2023 inquorate. Alternative date organised 11th October 2023.
- e) **Eastwood Neighbourhood Plan** Cllr Radulovic recommended appointment of working party meeting to consider appointment of consultant to draw up an upgraded plan to include new sites and proposals for the town. **Resolved** that a meeting to be organised Thursday 28th September 2023 at 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. at the Town Council Chamber.
- f) **Annual Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade Sunday 12th November 2023** **Resolved** that a meeting of the working party to take place on Saturday 30th September 2023 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at the Town Council Chamber.
- g) **Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Meeting** noted next meeting scheduled to take place on 28th September 2023 commencing at 6.00 p.m. at the Town Council Chamber. Apologies received from Cllr K. Oliver.

h) Allotments Representative Report

Apologies for absence received from Cllr R. Bullock. A written report was circulated and noted.

Resolved:-

That quotation for inspection and report of Oak tree situated on Derby Road allotment site requested from Forest Farm Services. Noted tree was the subject of an insurance claim due to alleged invasive root damage to property on Woodside.

i) To consider application for management of Coronation Park, Eastwood by Eastwood Town Council & provision of events proposed by Cllr K. Oliver

Resolved:- defer to next meeting.

ETC62/2024 Financial Report

Resolved:-

Defer to next meeting.

ETC63/2024 Eastwood Town Council Vacancy

It was reported a vacancy had occurred following the resignation of former Cllr L. King. Broxtowe Borough Council had received no call for an election following the declaration period which ended 23rd August 2023. The Town Council was advised the vacancy could be filled by co-option as soon as practicable, subject to compliance to the Town Council Co-option Policy.

Resolved :- defer to next meeting.

ETC64/2024 Clerk Report

- i. Broxtowe Borough Council Annual Town & Parish Council meeting held 20th July 2023 update noted.
- ii. Broxtowe Borough Council Grant award to Eastwood Town Council reported £10,000 towards Eastwood Christmas Lighting
- iii. Broxtowe Borough Council Grant of £820.00 towards Children's Activities events which took place on 10th and 24th August 2023.
- iv. Broxtowe Borough Council Green Festival scheduled to take place on Coronation Park, Eastwood from lunchtime on 23rd September 2023. Members of the Council invited to assist with the Council stall to provide information to local residents and visitors to the area.
- v. Launch of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to take place on Saturday 28th October 2023 at the Giltbrook Retail Park from 10.00 a.m. with a service at 11.00 a.m. The Town Mayor & Deputy Town Mayor to attend. Members of the Council also invited.
- vi. Eastwood Town Council & Police Coffee Morning for reschedule from 28th October to a new date.

RESOLVED: -

- i. That the report received.
- ii. With reference to (vi) new date to be agreed following liaison with Police.

ETC65/2024 Planning Matters (Broxtowe Borough Council Planning information previously circulated to Councillors)

APP/J3015/W/23/3322618 notification of planning appeal – construct serviced apartments comprising of 16 units and associated infrastructure land off Kelham Way, Eastwood. Appeal starting date 14th September 2023. Comments for submission no later than 19th October 2023. Noted Eastwood Town Council comments reference 22/00100/FUL would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate by the Planning Authority.

No other planning issues raised.

ETC66/2024 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.

ETC67/2024 Financial costs Remembrance Service & Parade 2023

Quotations received to provide first aid cover for the event to be held on 12th November 2023.

Resolved:- S&L Services at a cost of £522.00 nett to provide 6 first responders and vehicle at the commemorations approved.

ETC68/2024 Eastwood Town Council Meeting 9th October 2023

Resolved:-

That the following business deferred from agenda 18th September 2023 to the next Council meeting, scheduled to take place on 9th October 2023:-

- (a) Eastwood Town Council Social Media Policy
- (b) To consider 2023 Christmas lighting quotation for automatic switch on system
- (c) Millennium Clock repairs
- (d) 'Love Eastwood' banner flags quotation
- (e) Cleaning of Eastwood War Memorials
- (f) Arrangement of Personnel Committee for conducting staff appraisals.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 21.11 hours.