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MINUTES OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber NG16 3NP.
on Monday 13th November 2023 commencing at 6.49 p.m.

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

Cllrs D. Bagshaw, Mrs. Z. Battison, Mrs. E. Benton, M. Bullock, R. Bullock (from 7.41 p.m.), Mrs. J. Foxhall, N. Levett, K. Oliver, M. Radulovic MBE, Mrs. R. Woods, & K. Woodhead.

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

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

Non- confidential business

ETC84/2024 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. S. Bagshaw. Cllr R. Bullock had extended notice he would be delayed in attending the meeting due to prior Council engagement.

ETC85/2024 Variation of Order of Business

Cllr K. Oliver requested agenda item 9 Reports addition. **Resolved** approved.

ETC86/2024 Declarations of Members Interests

- a) Councillor K. Woodhead declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens
- b) Councillor R. Bullock declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens
- c) Councillor D. Bagshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in Allotment Gardens
- d) Councillor Mrs. K. Boam declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 reports (business owner)

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

ETC87/2024 To Confirm the Council Minutes

- (a) Non-confidential Minutes of Eastwood Town Council Meeting 9th October 2023 proposed Cllr K. Boam, seconded Cllr D. Bagshaw.
- (b) Confidential Minutes of Eastwood Town Council Meeting 9th October 2023 proposed Cllr K. Boam, seconded Cllr M. Bullock.
- (c) Minutes of Arts & Events Committee Meeting held 19th July 2023 Proposed Cllr N. Levett, seconded Cllr E. Benton.

Resolved: - The above Minutes (a) (b) & (c) signed and approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings held with an abstention from Cllr J. Foxhall on (b) due to absence.

88/2024 Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved: - That Standing Orders suspended to allow address as follows: -

89/2024 Open Forum

i. Nottinghamshire Police Reports

Sergeant S. Boyles representing Nottinghamshire Police addressed the meeting with statistics for the area including: -

- General downturn of crime figures for the area
- Staffing information released for the area noted 4 PCs and 5 PCSO Officers providing cover.
- Currently 66 crimes under investigation in addition to daily receipt of incidents and help required.
- Front counter opening regularly for members of the public to meet with Officers proving effective with long term plans to continue the initiative. Eastwood Town Council supported the initiative with publication of opening on the website and Facebook pages.
- Drug related issues around the area under monitor
- Visits to licensed outlets to combat sales of alcohol to underage persons; supported by Pub Watch and licensed premises.
- Shop Watch reinstated to assist with reduction of thefts from retail premises; Officers to located at fixed areas in the town during busy periods.
- Knife crime initiative noted.
- Road safety initiative working with Eastwood Town Council to identify priority areas in need of improvement following safety issues.
- County Councillor Oliver extended appreciation to the Police for the hard work conducted around the town to reduce crime and improve safety. Support for Police events in the town from Town Council noted. Schedule for Police & Coffee mornings ongoing. Late night issues around the town would benefit from Officers in attendance. The meeting noted calls dealt with by Response Teams on duty.
- Cllr D. Bagshaw supported reduction in crime figures and the work of the Police to support the town.
- Report of E bike rider causing issues around the town noted. Recommendation to submit report to 101.
- Street meets no longer carried out.
- Location of 101 call phone at Police Station noted. Residents advised to call 999 in an emergency or alternatively could use the online Crimestoppers facility to report incidents.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council, extended appreciation to the Police Officer for his attendance and informative addresses. Sgt Boyles left the meeting.

ii. Nottinghamshire County Council Report Councillor K. Oliver

Councillor Oliver addressed the meeting with the following updates: -

- No meetings at County Council held since last Town Council meeting.
- Appreciation extended to Members of Eastwood Town Council who supported residents during the recent flooding at the Coach Drive areas. An urgent investigation had been called by County Council and the Flood Authority. Noted in excess of 900 homes suffered flooding in the Nottinghamshire area, including 200 in the Broxtowe areas. Flooding impacted at least 65 locations around Nottinghamshire.
- Reports of condition of roads and pavements submitted to County Council and awaiting site visit from County representative. Noted highway repairs completed to Blackthorne Drive & Oak Drive areas with road markings awaited.
- Public transport initiative noted with request for financial support to improve services to Eastwood.
- Request for gullies and drains clearance at Greenhills Road; Cllr Bagshaw noted the responsibility of Broxtowe Borough Council and agreed to report the concern; Mansfield Road included in request for clearance of gullies.
- Residents encouraged to access online report for repairs on the Nottinghamshire County Council website and app.

ii. Broxtowe Borough Council Reports

Councillor M. Radulovic addressed the meeting with a Borough Council report: -

- Update on flooding issues in Eastwood; over 100 tons of debris collected by the authority following floods.
- Nottinghamshire County Council announced £60m shortfall.
- Broxtowe Borough Council announced no cuts to jobs or services.
- Funding towards highway improvements via Darren Henry MP noted for distribution around the East Midlands.

iii. Public Participation

- Information requested on County authority ceasing disability passes on trams – noted a Nottingham City Council issue. County Council would submit response.
- Resident expressed concern following recent vehicle accident at Nethergreen with details of the incident received. Cllr Oliver agreed to meet with residents over road safety issues.
- Update requested on attendance of loss adjusters to residents affected by flooding around Garden Road and Greenhills Road areas. Cllr Bagshaw updated on the matter and was in contact with developers.
- Residents extended appreciation to the Borough & Town Councils for support during the flooding and removal of debris.

ETC90/2024 **Standing Orders -reinstated.**

ETC91/2024 **To receive Reports**

- a) **Report of Eastwood Town Mayor Councillor Mrs. K. Boam** The Mayor reported on recent events attended including D. H. Lawrence Museum writing competition also attended by Cllrs M. Radulovic M.B.E. & Deputy Mayor Cllr M. Bullock.
- b) **Annual Town Council Christmas Civic Service** the Mayor invited all Town Councillors to attend the forthcoming Christmas Civic Service to be held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 3rd December 2023 commencing at 3.00 p.m.
- c) **Councillor K. Oliver** extended an invitation to all Members of Eastwood Town Council to attend the forthcoming Brinsley Ball with complimentary tickets.
- d) **Proposals to form Eastwood Town Council Junior Council** Cllr Woodhead updated on meeting with schools. Pupil representatives from the Hall Park laid a wreath at the commemorations held 12th November 2023.
- e) **Eastwood Street Art Project** deferred to next meeting due to apologies received from Cllr Mrs. J. Foxhall.
- f) **Arts & Events Committee Report** Chairman of the Committee Cllr N. Levett updated on the last meeting held 19th October 2023 including planning for the forthcoming D Day Celebrations 2024. Newsletter successfully completed and delivered to households in the Eastwood boundary in time for Remembrance Sunday 2023 publicity. Next meeting Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7.00 p.m.
- g) **Eastwood Christmas Lights Switch-on Tuesday 28th November 2023** commencing at 6.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. Broxtowe Borough Council had booked Robotic Drummers to perform at the event. Appreciation extended to the Mayor for sourcing donated Christmas tree for the town and to Clerk for organisation.
- h) **Annual Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade Sunday 12th November 2023** A report received on the success of the Remembrance Service and Parade; sound system issues experienced at the Cadets Cross location; technician in future to attend planning meetings. Blue badge holders struggled to park close to Plumtre Way venue. A review would be undertaken for future years. Appreciation for the attendance of the Eastwood Collieries Male Voice Choir received. The Mayor extended thanks to the organisers of commemorations through Arts & Events Committee, volunteers and staff. Request for inspection and quotation for cleaning memorials at Mansfield Road, Eastwood. Clerk to organise. Additional safety rail required at Cadets Cross monument. Cllr Radulovic agreed to seek information.
- i) **Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Meeting** Next meeting scheduled to take place 30th November 2023.
- j) **Allotments Representative Report** Cllr R. Bullock presented a report to Council. Noted revised tenancy agreements draft for presentation to the next Assets, Finance & Policy Committee meeting, vacant plots noted, annual invoices to be distributed to tenants for payment of rent 1st January 2024. Request for fire incinerator at sites – currently no fires authorised at any time on the sites. The matter would be considered at the next Assets, Finance & Policy Committee meeting. Construction of compost compound complete and effective in place at Derby Road site.
- k) **Representatives on Outside Bodies** (i) Eastwood Volunteer Bureau – Cllr Oliver reported as representative of the organisation with meeting due to take place 15th November 2023.

ETC92/2024 **Report on area of land at The Canyons, off Walker Street, Eastwood**

Leader of the Town Council, Cllr D. Bagshaw discussed an opportunity for acquisition of land known as The Canyons off Walker Street, Eastwood to provide Eastwood with an open environmental area. The proposals were subject to confirmation of agreement with development owners of the site. Proposed Cllr K. Oliver, seconded Cllr K. Woodhead

Resolved: - proposals referred to the next meeting of the Assets, Finance & Policy committee.

ETC93/2024 **Presentation of Street Art Project to Town Council**

Cllr J. Foxhall presented a Street Art Project to the meeting with slideshow and explanation of funding and development of the project within areas of the United Kingdom including Beeston, Nottingham. Questions included the requirement for planning approval for local area, taking into account the Conservation areas of Eastwood.

Proposed Cllr K. Oliver seconded by Cllr K. Woodhead

Resolved: - that a working party group set up including artists with management through the Arts & Events Committee. Cllr Radulovic offered support for the project.

ETC94/2024 Eastwood Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported a presentation for in the New Year would be organised to take place at a Council meeting by Consultant to discuss review and progression with the Eastwood Neighbourhood Plan. Date for presentation to be confirmed.

ETC95/2024 Eastwood Town Council Vacancy

It was reported one vacancy existed on the Town Council of 15 seats; publication of the vacancy was live with a closing date of 30th November 2023.

ETC96/2024 Financial Report

The following financial documents had been previously circulated to the Council: -

- a) To receive income, expenditure and reconciliation 31st October 2023. Proposed Cllr Woodhead, seconded Cllr D. Bagshaw **Resolved:** - approved.
- b) Budget review 1st April 2023 to 31st October 2023 circulated. Proposed Cllr K. Woodhead, seconded Cllr M. Bullock. **Resolved:** - approved.
- c) Review of payments to date Public Works Loan Board copy circulated. Proposed Cllr K. Woodhead, seconded Cllr M. Bullock. **Resolved:** - approved.

ETC97/2024 Town Clerk Report

- (a) To consider draft Policy Public Participation at Eastwood Town Council Meetings as circulated.
- (b) Nottinghamshire County Council schemes to help reduce flooding information available from flood.team@nottscc.gov.uk
- (c) **School and highway Safety Initiative with Nottinghamshire Police** the authority has highlighted several areas recommended for attention including Harvest Road, Eastwood following serious incident. Recommendation a report to be compiled by the Eastwood Police Office & Eastwood Town Council for submission to County Council representative and County Authority.
- (d) **Nottinghamshire County Council Holiday Activities & Food Programme funding through Department for Education.** The scheme was closed at review 23rd October 2023. Information for the next school term and year awaited.
- (e) **Eastwood War Memorials** cleaning and some repairs completed. Full report on additional restoration requirements submission to Assets, Finance & Policy Committee.
- (f) **The Florence Nightingale Academy** report on plans for a Therapeutic Classroom. Recommendation for referral to Assets, Finance & Policy Committee for grants.
- (g) **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils** (i) 9th January 2024 Misuse of social media to bully and intimidate staff as circulated.

Resolved: -

- i. That the report received.
- ii. With reference to (a) that the Public Participation Policy approved.
- iii. With reference to (c) the initiative approved with reports also to be submitted to Cllr K. Oliver for information.
- iv. With reference to (e) the Council approved submission of grant application to Broxtowe Borough Council to support further restoration works to the memorials.
- v. With reference to (f) the Academy also encouraged to contact Broxtowe Borough Council for funding advice.
- vi. With reference to (g) noted Town Clerk & Assistant to the Town Clerk to attend course.

ETC98/2024 Planning Matters (Broxtowe Borough Council Planning information previously circulated to Councillors)

Resolved: - Information noted with no comments.

ETC99/2024 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.

ETC100/2024 To consider nominations for the Alderman Hazel Braithwaite Award 2023

The Council considered nominations as per Arts & Events Committee held 19th October 2023.

Resolved: - approval of nomination with arrangements for presentation and award to be made at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 21.27 hours with arrangements for the next Council meeting to take place on Monday 11th December 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Eastwood Town Council Meeting 13th November 2023 approved Minute ETC96/2024(a)

Payments and Receipts October 2023

Payments 01 October 2023 - 31 October 2023

Vch No	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
213	56.61	11.32	67.93	Various	ETC
212	70.00	0.00	70.00	Training	NALC Nottinghamshire County
211	104.31	14.86	119.17	Stationery	Supplies
209	291.67	58.33	350.00	Silent Soldier Remembrance cenotaph	Royal British Legion
208	2021.21	0.00	2021.21	PAYE/NI	HMRC
207	690.00	0.00	690.00	Newsletter	MJB Promotions Limited
206	250.00	0.00	250.00	Newsletter delivery	G. Meakin
205	150.00	0.00	150.00	Newsletter	MJB Promotions Limited
204	125.00	25.00	150.00	Poppy wreaths	Royal British Legion
203	7.32	1.46	8.78	Office equipment	Screwfix
202	0.00	0.00	0.00	Bank transfer	NatWest to TSB **
201	3.60	0.00	3.60	Refreshments	Eastwood Town Council
200	92.63	0.00	92.63	Allotments water	Waterplus
199	359.00	71.80	430.80	Lamp Post Poppies	JV Graphics (JV Graphics)
198	6.88	1.37	8.25	Office equipment	Boyes
197	1339.04	267.81	1606.85	Electricity	Pozitive Energy
196	240.00	0.00	240.00	Accounting fees	HJ Services Nottinghamshire County
195	124.38	24.88	149.26	Office equipment	Supplies
194	75.00	15.00	90.00	Travel	Eastwood Cars
193	9.99	0.00	9.99	Refreshments	Heron Foods
192	50.25	0.00	50.25	Allotments water	Waterplus
191	68.36	13.67	82.03	Telephone/Broadband	Virgin Media
188	110.43	22.09	132.52	Microsoft Licences	Fuse
185-187	3328.31	0.00	3328.31	Payroll	Employees
184	215.00	0.00	215.00	Garden Service	Chestnut Garden Services
183	11.75	0.00	11.75	Interest Received	TSB Bank
	9825.74	502.59	10328.33		

Receipts 01 October 2023 - 31 October 2023

Vch No	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
58	1191.440	238.290	1429.730	Police Service Charge	Eastwood Town Council
57	98.930	0.000	98.930	Police Service Charge	Eastwood Town Council

56	1782.370	0.000	1782.370	Police Chamber Rental	Eastwood Town Council
55	4.590	0.000	4.590	Interest Received	Eastwood Town Council
53	370.130	0.000	370.130	Retail Rent	Better Than Hypnosis
52	376.890	65.200	442.090	Retail Service Charge	Better Than Hypnosis
	3824.350	303.490	4127.840		

**£2,500 transfer from NatWest Account Number 1 to TSB current account 11.10.23