

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday 9th March 2010 at 7.30pm
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane
Hessle

MINUTES

Members Present: Councillors Boast, Bratley, Jenkins, (Chairman), R. D. Tress (Vice Chairman).

Co-opted Members: Mrs S Rowe and Mr P Medley

Also in attendance: Members from Hessle High School Council
Sarah Bone, Head of Science, Helen Burton, Learning Centre Manager,
Benjamin Vincent, Student and P. C. S .O Steve Lynch.

Apologies: None received

13785 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None were given.

13786 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

(Boast/Bratley)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2010 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

13787 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

None received

13788 **NEW CO-OPTED MEMBER:**

The Chair welcomed Mrs Susan Rowe as a Co-opted Member to the Environment Committee.

13789 **MEMBERS OF HESSLE HIGH SCHOOL:**

The Chair welcomed Sarah Bone, Head of Science, Helen Burton, Learning Centre Manager, and Ben Vincent, Student of Hessle High School to the meeting.

Sarah Bone, Helen Burton and Ben Vincent advised members of what the School is studying at GCSE level and that they are looking at ways of making the School sustainable, transport change, Hessle Town Centre more environmentally friendly, supporting the community by buying meats locally and alternative power for the School.

The following has been investigated:

- Carbon Trust – Engineer to do a site survey with a recommendation as to what they can do.
- Funding for solar panels subject to planning permission
- Food travelling – too look at local farms for the purchase of meats etc
- Eco School – recycling bins in class rooms, using paper bags instead of plastic cartons for sandwiches.
- Water butts– the School has a system working for watering the gardens etc. Cllr R. D Tress advised about using a pump and using the water storage for flushing toilets.
- Transport – Halfords are trying nationally to start a system of children cycling to school, similar to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council scheme.

(Chair/Rowe)

RESOLVED noted and thanked the members of Hessle High School for a very informative presentation and hope that Hessle Town Council will be kept up to date with their progress.

13790 **ALLOTMENT INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

(Chair/Boast)

RESOLVED noted the income and expenditure to 31st January 2010.

13791 **SITE INSPECTION BOOTHFERRY ROAD/FERRIBY ROAD:**
a) A site inspection took place on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 with The Assistant Town Clerk, Councillor Jenkins and The Allotment Warden Joanne Wallis.

Boothferry Road

(R.D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED to accept the report with an amendment to the wording, changing “It was agreed” to “The Clerk.”

Flooding report from Councillor Jenkins – Boothferry Road

(R.D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that the flooding issue be addressed by letter to Andrew McLoughlin East Riding of Yorkshire Council in consultation with the Clerk , Councillors Jenkins and R. D Tress and there is no point in clearing the drains until a specification has been received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It would also be helpful if a map of the Allotments be sent to the Co-opted Members to mark the plots that are flooding.

(R. D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that Skips can be ordered for both sites subject to the budget.

Ferriby Road

(R. D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that the quotation for felling of the Ash and Sycamore on the Ferriby Road Site be discussed at the Finance & Personnel meeting on 14th March 2010.

b) Reports from Hessle & District Gardeners Association:

(R. D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED noted the reports from the Hessle & District Gardeners Association for 8th February and 8th March 2010 with points addressed. PCSO Steve Lynch to liase with the Assistant Town Clerk about the Code of Practice regarding shooting rights.

13792 **VACANT PLOTS:**

(Chair/Boast)

RESOLVED noted that there are no vacant plots and 25 on the waiting list.

13793 **FLOOD ACTION :**

a) Western Drain - Update

Councillor R. D. Tress gave an update on the Western Drain, with concerns of the Fleet Drain being flooded after the heavy rain fall last Friday.

b) Hessle Haven:

Councillor R. D. Tress reported on the meeting which took place on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 with Philip Winn, Humber Strategies Manager. A letter was circulated from Keith Crawford Technical Specialist- Asset Systems Management outlining the Environment Agency proposals.

13794 **TENANCY AGREEMENT:**

(Chair/Bratley)

RESOLVED that each member of the Committee looks at the Tenancy Agreement and brings back any changes to the next meeting. Mrs Susan Rowe has also offered to look at the agreement and bring any recommend changes to the next meeting.

13795 **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY/APPEAL AGAINST ALLOTMENT
TENNANT'S NOTICE TO QUIT:**

(R.D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED noted that both policies have been formally adopted at Full Council on 19th January 2010.

13796 **THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

(Chair/R. D Tress)

RESOLVED noted the following:

- a) "Grow your own"
- b) Waste & Recycling – Michelle Oxtoby
- c) Natural Play on the Haven
- d) Green Communities leaflet

(Chair/R. D Tress)

RESOLVED noted that item (e) Welfare of animals kept on allotments be discussed at the next meeting incorporating the information with the Tenancy Agreement.

13797 **COMMUNITY PAY BACK:**

(Chair/Boast)

RESOLVED that the Assistant Town Clerk investigates with Humberside Probation Trust what they are able to offer and bring to the next meeting.

13798 **SOLAR WALL LIMITED:**

(Chair/Bratley)

RESOLVED that an installation pack has been received and this item to be discussed at the Asset Management meeting for cost of installation of walls in Bar Lounge.

13799 **TREES:**

a) Tree Licence Application Boothferry Road, Hessle

(R.D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED noted that the Clerk is to seek the outcome of the meeting on 30th April 2010 and feed back information.

c) Tree Reports

(Chair/Bratley)

RESOLVED noted the minutes from the tree visits held on 15th December 2009, 5th January 2010 and 26th January 2010.

(Chair/R. D. Tress)

RESOLVED *to implement Standing Order 30.1 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.*

There were no members of the public or press present.

13800 **ALLOTMENT WARDEN:**

(Chair/R.D. Tress)

RESOLVED report noted.