

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm
***(Public Forum at 7.30pm)**
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Adams, Bovill (Chairman), Carroll (Vice-Chairman), Davison, Fordham, Padden, Potter, Sutton, and Wilding

Mr Paul Hogan – Non-voting Advisor

Clerk: Mrs K Cooper

1 Member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Cross, Howe, A. Nolan, D. Nolan, Langdale and Walker

133409 PUBLIC FORUM

To hold the Public Forum at the appointed time of 7.30pm to allow any members of the press or public to speak.

There were no members of the public or press present that wished to speak.

133410 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman now read out the following – Members must declare their pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in items at this meeting – *rather than personal and prejudicial interests* – and ensure that they act appropriately.

Cllr Sutton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no. 133416 (a) as she is a Town Council representative and Vice-Chairman of the Community Centre Organisation Committee.

133411 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Padden/Carroll)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2021 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

As Mr Smith was present to discuss Minute no. 133414, the Chairman proposed that this item was moved forward and discussed at this point in the meeting.

133412 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Councillor Sutton would like to record a vote of thanks to the Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and her parents, Mr & Mrs Williamson, and to everyone involved in making the poppies for the Town Hall Remembrance display.

133413 POLICE MATTERS:

To receive the latest information on police matters pertaining to Hessle since the previous meeting. The Clerk handed out the latest figures to members produced by PCSO Jess Watts from 1st October to 15th November 2021.

(Chair/Fordham)

RESOLVED to receive and note the crime figures and to ask PCSO Watts if going forward, it would be possible to highlight any trends that may become apparent from the monthly figures.

133414 SOUTHFIELD/WOODFIELD LANE - FOOTPATHS

To receive and discuss correspondence from Mr Ron Smith regarding Southfield and Woodfield Lane footpaths.

7.35pm Mr Smith spoke to his concerns about speeding along Woodfield Lane and Southfield and also the lack of pavements or even a paved area to wait to cross at the junction and the lack of any action by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. He confirmed that East Riding Council have undertaken a Speed Survey but the results/report have not been received yet. He has also arranged a meeting with a Police Traffic Management Officer on Thursday morning (18th November) at 11 o'clock at the corner of Woodfield Lane to discuss these issues further.

(Chair/Davison)

RESOLVED that Councillors whilst sympathising with Mr Smith, confirmed that they would not like to see any trees removed from the Southfield Conservation Area and that residents have always walked in the road along Southfield, in fact there are some streets in Hessle that do not have any pavements at all. However, if any Councillors are available they will attend the arranged meeting on Thursday with Mr Smith and recommend this item, with any feedback from that meeting is brought back to the next Planning & Traffic Committee meeting in December for further discussion.

133415 HESSLE VOLUNTEERING:

Deferred from the last Full Council meeting;

To receive the notes from Councillor Carroll and to approve the draft Constitution for the 'Hessle Volunteering' Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the formation of which was agreed at the Full Council Meeting held on 17th March 2020, and to agree and approve a budget for this of £5,000.00 in order to be able to set up and register the organisation with the Charities Commission.

(Potter/Sutton)

RESOLVED that the draft Constitution is approved and in accordance with its power under s.297 of the Charities Act 2011, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area, inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure and therefore approve and provide a one-off £5,000.00 starter grant for the Hessle Volunteering CIO.

Vote: 7 in favour, 2 abstentions

133416 FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Hessle Community Centre Purchase

To receive the final purchase contract and associated documents from the Solicitors and Hessle Town Council to agree to and resolve the transaction and authorise two councillors to sign the appropriate documentation.

(Padden/Sutton)

RESOLVED that in accordance with its power under s.19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Hessle Town Council agrees to the purchase of the Hessle Community Centre and authorises the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign the purchase contract, transfer and stamp duty land tax return and authorises the Clerk to send the balance due to Hamers Solicitors, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area, inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Vote: 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

Councillor Fordham would on behalf of the Council, like to thank Councillor Carroll for his foresight and all the challenging work with the Diocese and the Community Centre.

A Working Party is also to be set up in order to tailor a plan and budget for the Community Centre and this will consist of Councillors Padden, Sutton, Bovill and Carroll. Councillor Fordham is happy to be a reserve member.

b) Schedule Nos: 265 and 266 (Receipts & Payments up to 30/09/21 & 31/10/21):

(Padden/Chair)

RESOLVED to approve the copies as given that were duly signed by the Chair of Finance & Personnel at the meetings held on 13th October 2021 and 10th November 2021.

c) Budget 2022 - 2023

The Clerk would like to remind Councillors that as well as our regular items of spending, attention is now given for any additional requirements for any projects by each Committee for the next financial year and details passed to the Clerk and Chair of the Finance Committee.

These will then be considered by the Budget Committee in January.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED noted.

133417 THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT – 2022

Councillors Fordham, Padden and Carroll provided an update on the progress of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Event organisation, together with details of the meeting held that morning with ERYC officers to discuss road closures and traffic management and an event organisation company. The official press release will be delayed a further 10 days due to Covid. Councillor Carroll confirmed that the Working Party now need to produce detailed Budget requirements and timescales for the event.

133418 EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

a) Members Code of Conduct

To receive the revised Code of Conduct as approved and adopted by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Copies are attached for your perusal and Hessle Town Council to formally resolve and adopt this new code.

(Carroll/Davison)

RESOLVED that Hessle Town Council formally adopts the revised East Riding of Yorkshire Council Code of Conduct.

b) Humber Bridge Country Park

To receive the response received from Alan Menzies, ERYC Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration, to our suggestion to change the name of the Country Park.

(Chair/Davison)

RESOLVED that the response is received and whilst they would not presently consider progressing any change of name for the park, it is encouraging that they are keen to explore opportunities to enhance signposting for visitors between the park and Hessle to improve linkages and with the objective of increasing visitor numbers into the town.

c) East Riding Festival – Welcome Back Fund

In association with the Retail Group, ERYC are looking to deliver a market across five towns in the East Riding, including Hessle. They are requesting confirmation that the Town Council would be happy for them to proceed with the planning of an event in Hessle which is intended to be delivered in late January, early February and will be a Food Market called 'East Riding Festival' and will be an all-day event between 10am and 8pm.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that Hessle Town Council are happy to support this event and confirm that as per the events company suggestion, Saturday would be the preferred day for a Market in order to maximise footfall.

d) Licencing – Statement of policy review

East Riding Council are reviewing their Statement of licensing policy which sets out how the Licencing Authority exercises its functions in relation to Gambling activities. The policy amendments are small and mainly administrative, there are no significant amendments proposed. They are, however, inviting any comments on the revised policy from current licence/permit holders and have requested that should Hessle Town Council have any to make, these are submitted in writing no later than 30th November 2021. The policy can be viewed via the following link, or alternatively the Clerk has a paper copy in the office;

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/business/licences-and-registrations/licensing-news-flashes/>

(Chair/Davison)

RESOLVED that the details are noted and that Hessle Town Council have no comments to make.

e) Rough Sleeper Estimate 2021

The ERYC annual estimate of rough sleepers is due to take place in the evening of Wednesday 17th November and into the morning of Thursday 18th November. If members are made aware of anyone sleeping rough in the Hessle area on this date, please advise the Clerk with as much information as possible.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that the annual estimate is noted and Councillors will advise the Clerk if they are made aware of anyone sleeping rough in Hessle on the evening of 17th November and/or the morning of 18th November.

f) ERYC Anti-Social Behaviour

To receive and note the six-monthly updates from the ERYC Anti-Social Behaviour team for Hesse.

(Potter/Chair)

RESOLVED that the ERYC Anti-Social Behaviour updates are received and noted.

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ERNLLCA

To receive the latest information from ERNLLCA about courses offered by Breakthrough Communications. If any Councillors are interested in any of the courses available, please let the Clerk know.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that the ERNLLCA training course information is received and noted.

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HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL FORTHCOMING MEETINGS 2022

To note the new list of Committee and Full Town Council meeting dates for 2022. This will be emailed to all members and will be available on the website after the last meeting held in December.

(Chair/Fordham)

RESOLVED received and noted.

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STANDING ORDER 9.1:

A member may ask the Chairman of the Council or the Chair of any Committee any question concerning the business of the Council provided that two working days' notice of the question has been given by the member to the Town Clerk.

None received.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

To accept the minutes of the meetings (minutes previously circulated) and approve any recommendations contained therein;

Environment & Open Spaces - 9th November 2021 – (Chair/Padden)

Events & Communications - 6th October 2021 – (Padden/Fordham)

Events & Communications - 3rd November 2021 – Padden/Fordham)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management - 13th October 2021 – (Fordham/Carroll)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management - 10th November 2021 – (Fordham/Carroll)

Planning & Traffic – 5th October 2021 – (Adams/Wilding)

Planning & Traffic - 2nd November 2021 – (Adams/Wilding)