

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday 8th February 2022, 7.30pm
Minutes

Members present: G Fordham, V Padden, A Potter (Chairman), Sutton (Vice Chairman)
Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)
Apologies received from: Cllr Bovill, Carroll, Cross, and A Nolan

133499 DECLARATION ON INTEREST: The Chairman will now read out the following –
“Members must declare their pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in items at this meeting – rather than personal and prejudicial interests – and ensure that they act appropriately”
None received

133500 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2021 and authorise the Chairman to sign.
(Padden/Sutton)

Resolved – The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

133501 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.
None received

133502 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 31st December 2021.
(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved – The report of the Allotment Income & Expenditure to the 31st December 2021 was accepted

133503 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: To note the report. Noted
- b) Inspection of Plots: Inspection report from visit on 27th January 2022. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: No report. Clerk to provide any updates on items previously raised. The Clerk updated the committee on items. Gritting of the carpark on the Boothferry road site to be discussed under a separate agenda item. The Land next to the allotment road is included in the amended Local Plan for development, however no planning application has been submitted as yet. Cllr Cross has carried out air rifle shooting of vermin on the Boothferry Road site, but sadly had no success. She will investigate ordering some more road scalplings at the end of the month. Update noted.
- d) Plots: 2 vacant plots – both have been offered out. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted
- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding. Noted.

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ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- i. **Gritting of Allotments Communal Areas** – Committee to consider and discuss the advice from the insurance company regarding gritting and agree on a Gritting Policy for the sites. The information from the Insurance company was considered and a discussion held as to whether the Council had sufficient manpower resource to complete the task of gritting on a regular basis, and if any other work could be carried out to reduce the amount of sitting water on the Boothferry Road car park. It was agreed that the Council did not have sufficient resource to carry out gritting as per the advice from the Insurance Company. It was agreed that Cllr Potter and the Clerk would discuss this further and put a suitable policy together for a future meeting. The Clerk advised that she has already instructed the Allotment warden to cease gritting on the sites.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – That the Council do not have sufficient resource to commit to gritting the allotment sites as per the advice given by the Insurance Company. Cllr Potter and the Clerk to liaise on the production of a Gritting Policy in relation to the allotment sites. The allotment warden will not undertake any gritting on any of the sites.

- ii. **Pest Control** –

- I. To receive an update from Cllr Cross on the action he has taken on the Boothferry Road site. This was discussed under 133503 (c)
- II. To consider the request from one of the tenants to be allowed to undertake air rifle shooting on the Boothferry Road site. The Clerk has received copies of his risk assessment, insurance, BASC membership. The committee discussed this and had no objections, providing the tenant informs Humberside Police when he starts and finishes his shooting and provides the call logs to the Council. He must ensure that no other tenants are on site during shooting.

(Sutton/Fordham)

Resolved – Copies of the Risk Assessment, Liability Insurance, and membership have been seen by Council. The committee agreed to give the tenant permission to undertake air rifle shooting on the Boothferry Road allotment site providing he informs the Council and Humberside Police when he starts and finishes shooting. Police Call log references to be passed to the Council. He must ensure that no other tenants are on site during shooting.

- iii. **Equipment** – Committee to ratify the purchase of a new strimmer for the allotment warden at a cost of £257.

(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved – the Committee ratified the decision to purchase a new strimmer for the allotment at a cost of £257.

- iv. **Ferriby Road Site** – Committee to note that the planting scheme on site as per Minute number 133456 (14/12/2021) has been carried out by a tenant at the cost of £34.99. Cllr Potter advised that the planting had been carried out already, and once grown would provide sufficient privacy for the allotment tenants.

133505

TREE COMMITTEE / TREE MEETINGS

- a. Committee to note the report for the tree visit undertaken on 10/1/2022.

(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved - The tree report of the visit undertaken on the 10/1/2022 was noted.

133506 **LITTER BINS REQUESTS** – None for consideration. Noted.

133507 **TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS** –

a) Committee to receive any updates from Cllr Carroll and Cllr Potter. Cllr Potter advised that he no further updates, suitable areas and planters are still being investigated. Noted.

133508 **EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND – 2021** – To note the information regarding the Hessle Tree Planting scheme.

(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved - The Tree Planting Scheme for Hessle which consists of the following: KGV 27 trees (20 to be replaced due to vandalism in 2021), Tranby Lodge Gate – 10 trees, Amenity Land – Station Road – 17 trees and First Lane Playing Field – 11 trees was noted.

133509 **TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK** – Clerk to provide any further update. The clerk advised that she has received an email from Paul Palmer of ERYC regarding the transfer and she will be arranging a meeting with him in the coming weeks to discuss the handover of the running and maintenance of the park.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – Update noted.

133510 **HESSLE – COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** – Full Council have requested that the production of an Emergency Plan be referred to this committee for further discussion. Any plan should include liaising with other local organisations. Committee to consider and make a decision on how to progress this.

The Clerk advised that she has put together a very basic draft plan, but that it does require volunteers to make it work. A discussion was held, and Cllr Potter agreed to have a look at what has been prepared already, and what more is required. He will bring his findings to a future meeting.

(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved – That Cllr Potter read the draft of the emergency plan and investigate what further information is required and bring to a future meeting for further discussion.