

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 19th July 2022 at 7.30pm
***(Public Forum at 7.30pm)**
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Adams, Carroll (Vice-Chairman), Davison (Chairman), Fordham, D. Nolan, Padden and Sutton

Mr Michael Wood – East Riding of Yorkshire Town Crier

PC Mark Skelton – Humberside Police

Clerk: Mrs K Cooper

Apologies: Cllrs Bovill, Cross, Howe, Langdale, A. Nolan, Potter, Wilding, Walker and Mr Paul Hogan (Non-voting Advisor)

133768 PUBLIC FORUM

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

There were no members of the public or press present.

133769 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.

None given.

133770 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Adams/Carroll)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

133771 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the Council:

None received.

133772 MR MICHAEL WOOD, EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE TOWN CRIER:

Presentation to Hessle Town Council of a framed print of the 'I AM YORKSHIRE' poem written by Michael Wood, with illustrations done by the artist Eleonor Tomlinson.

7.40pm Mr Michael Wood gave a brief presentation about what he had been doing during the Covid lockdown period whilst he was unable to work, which included writing his poem 'I am Yorkshire'. As his family are from Hessle and he is proud to be a former resident and always happy to return and take part in any events held here, he was delighted to consider Hessle Town Council as a special recipient and present Hessle Town Council with a limited edition framed copy of his poem which has been illustrated by Eleanor Tomlinson, in celebration of his 25 years' service as Town Crier for the East Riding of Yorkshire.

The Chairman and members present thanked Mr Wood for attending the meeting and for his presence at many of our events over the years, which has always been lively and entertaining. The Town Council were delighted to receive the framed copy of his poem which will be displayed in the Town Hall.

133773 POLICE MATTERS:

a) To receive the latest information/figures on police matters pertaining to Hessle since the previous meeting.

PC Mark Skelton attended the meeting and provided the Council with an update of the Police priorities over the last few weeks. They have been predominately targeting areas that are experiencing high levels of burglaries from garages and cycle and motorcycle thefts. A number of arrests have now been made and burglary levels have now dropped. They will now be prioritising increasing reports of anti-social behaviour in the parks and play areas. Councillors mentioned that there are also increasing incidents of youths riding around on unregistered motorcycles and electric scooters. PC Mark Skelton confirmed that the current Police policy for these offences at the moment is non-pursuit. The Clerk asked why 'Op Yellowfin' does not appear to operate in our area and PC Skelton confirmed that this scheme was initially paid for by Hull City Council and as the East Riding Council would not contribute, the team tend to remain and concentrate on issues within the Hull area. Councillors also reported the regular occurrence again of 'boy-racers' along Cliff Road now that the Flood Defence work has finished.

The Clerk mentioned that it is the East Riding Council Anti-Social Behaviour week and the ASB team from East Riding Council will be in Hessle at various locations on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st hoping to engage with residents and members of the local Policing team will also be present. As there were no other concerns, the Chairman thanked PC Skelton for his time in attending the meeting.

133774 PLATINUM JUBILEE FLOTILLA:

Councillor Fordham gave a brief verbal post-event report about the Platinum Jubilee in order for members to discuss and provide any further comments or feedback.

It had been a safe event with no incidents reported. Budget wise, there will be a small shortfall but this is to be underwritten by the East Riding Council following the increased costs due to the ESAG road closure and traffic management scheme imposed in order for the event to go ahead. Councillor Padden repeated again following the Finance, Personnel & Asset Management Committee meeting that the biggest disappointment was that the Hessle Rugby Club never responded to our repeated requests, to various members, to engage with the Town Council to be involved with the arrangements and celebrations but instead, on the day, just opened their car park and charged people for parking.

(D. Nolan/Padden)

RESOLVED that a letter is sent to the Rugby Club expressing the Town Council's disappointment at their lack of response and engagement.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Town Council, thanked Councillor Fordham and Mr Phil Withers for all their hard work in the organisation of the event.

133775 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MEMORIAL:

Councillor Padden spoke to this item regarding the Royal British Legion now being reluctant to continue any further with their proposal of designing, costing and finding contractors to build and also to fund raise towards a permanent War Memorial in Tower Hill Park and for Hessle Town Council to discuss in what way to proceed.

(D. Nolan/Padden)

RESOLVED that Hessle Town Council wait until written ratification has been received from the Royal British Legion confirming that they do not wish to continue with their proposal and scheme. Once this has been received, the Town Council will consider the project and look at pursuing, funding and finalising the scheme.

133776 ERYC:

a) East Riding Council Anti-Social Behaviour six-monthly updates:

(Sutton/Chair)

RESOLVED to receive and note the latest ERYC anti-social behaviour updates.

b) Windmill Way/Green Lane

To note that following a complaint from residents at the Annual Town Meeting regarding the poor state of the fencing and people parking vehicles on the grass verges along Windmill Way/Green Lane, Councillors Sutton and Bovill have spoken with and prompted the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to replace the jockey rails in their entirety.

(Sutton/Chair)

RESOLVED noted and Councillor Bovill has thanked East Riding Council for undertaking the repairs so unexpectedly quickly and extensively.

133777 HUMBER BRIDGE BOARD

Councillor Fordham would like members to discuss how and if it would be possible for Hessle Town Council to have representation on the Humber Bridge Board, which as per the Humber Bridge Board Constitution, currently comprises of four directors appointed by all four constituent authorities serving Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire and two directors appointed from individuals nominated by the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership or such body or bodies as the Secretary of State may order by statutory instrument substitute as the nominating body.

(Fordham/Padden)

RESOLVED that the Clerk writes a letter to the Humber Bridge Board to ask if it would be possible for a Town Council representative to be elected to the Board. The Town Council feel that stronger links would help with communications and also other opportunities that could be established between us if a member from the Town Council were to sit on the Humber Bridge Board or Committee.

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NALC & ERNLLCA – Civility and Respect Project:

To note and receive details from NALC, the SLCC and ERNLLCA who have approved an initial programme of support for councils, councillors and officers. The programme includes a bespoke range of training designed to raise awareness, support those suffering from any form of bullying, harassment, or intimidation, and to help the sector develop the necessary skills to head off unwanted behaviour before it becomes an issue. Details and dates of the first range of training are attached and NALC are inviting everyone to take advantage of the offer of a 50% reduction in all Civility and Respect Training costs until the end of this year. More dates for the training will be added depending on demand and if anyone would like to attend any of the training courses please advise the Clerk as soon as possible.

(Chair/Sutton)

RESOLVED that the information is received and noted and members will contact the Clerk if they wish to attend any of the training courses.

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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.

Following previous discussions, Councillor Carroll confirmed that the group set up to help local Ukrainian refugees has now requested help in order to support adults with language training and English lessons.

(D. Nolan/Padden)

RESOLVED that Councillor Carrol applies for funding by completing the usual Town Council Community Grant Aid application form.

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FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Schedule Nos: 273 and 274 (Receipts & Payments up to 31/05/2022 & 30/06/2022):
(Padden/D/ Nolan)

RESOLVED to approve the copies as given that were duly signed by the Chair of Finance & Personnel at the meetings held on 8th June and 13th July 2022.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

Events & Communications - 1st June 2022 – (Padden/Fordham)

Events & Communications – 6th July 2022 – (Padden/Fordham)

Environment & Open Spaces – 14th June 2022 – (Sutton/Padden)

Environment & Open Spaces – 12th July 2022 – (Sutton/Padden)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – 8th June 2022 – (Carroll/Padden)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – 13th July 2022 – (Carroll/Padden)

Planning & Traffic – 7th June 2022 – (Chair/Adams)

Planning & Traffic – 5th July 2022 – (Chair/Adams)