

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 17th January 2023 at 7.30pm
***(Public Forum at 7.30pm)**
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs K Cooper

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

133958 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.

133959 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.

133960 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Padden/Adams)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

133961 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

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

The Chairman confirmed that nominations for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Chairman's Awards for 2023 are now open. If any members would like to nominate anyone who fits the criteria in any of the four award categories from Hessle then please advise the Clerk who will be able to provide the nomination/application forms for completion.

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POLICE MATTERS:

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

(Padden/Wilding)

RESOLVED that the latest information is received and noted. Councillor Wilding confirmed that following an attempted burglary, there appears to be an improvement in the level of service received from the Police for these types of crimes. Councillor Padden confirmed that whilst attending a meeting at ERYC County Hall, Humberside Police Chief Constable Lee Freeman confirmed an increase in the intake of Police Cadet Officers (1,200) who are currently in training and will be ready for active duty in the East Riding due course. Councillor Padden also confirmed that there has also been more input from the Police with the local Neighbourhood Watch groups. The Chairman commented that whilst it would be nice to see more Police on foot patrol around Hessle, the Clerk will pass the positive comments onto our local Policing team.

133963

TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK PLAY AREA:

Following the Tower Hill Working Party meeting held on 9th January, Hessle Town Council to consider the two play area schemes for Tower Hill Memorial Park as recommended by the Working Party and to agree on a scheme. Councillor D. Nolan will provide further information from the consultation and completed survey forms received.

Councillor D. Nolan provided a presentation of the public consultation responses and results on the 3 Tower Hill Play Park improvement schemes for Councillors to consider.

(Chair/D. Nolan)

RESOLVED that following a review of comments received and the results from the survey conducted, Hessle Town Council in accordance with its powers under s9 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, s44 of the Public Health Amendment Act 1890 and S19 of the LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, award the contract for the Tower Hill Memorial Park Play Area improvements to Scheme C – Streetscape. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Streetscape and the ERYC Project Manager in order to discuss additional requirements and what happens next.

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ERYC

a) Car Parking in Hessle

To receive and note the email received from Councillor Evison regarding the parking proposals put forward by Hessle Town Council to East Riding Council in 2016.

(Fordham/Chair)

RESOLVED that the email from Councillor Evison is received and noted and that this item is kept active and followed up periodically by the Planning & Traffic Committee. The Chairman will respond directly to Councillor Evison following Councillors perplexed reactions with why this has not happened since our request in 2016 and now has to wait at least another year before a further consultation will need to be undertaken.

b) Hessle Foreshore Tidal Flood Defence Scheme

To note that the Hessle Foreshore Flood Defence Scheme has won the Constructing Excellence National Civil Engineering Project of the year.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED noted and the Town Council are pleased to receive news of the award.

133965

FINANCE MATTERS:

- a) Precept Demand 2023/2024 following Budget Committee meeting held on 11/01/2023;
RECOMMEND to Full Council that the precept amount for 2023/2024 be set at the sum of £258,919.86 which equates to £48.66, which is a 4.98% increase for a Band D property and that this follows the line by line calculations carried out by those members of the Budget Committee present on 11th January 2023 and that the Chairman and Clerk sign the ERYC Local Precept Demand Notice accordingly. Copies of the Budget Summary, Analysis and Reserves, together with notes outlining the key points in the Budget are enclosed for perusal.

Councillor D. Nolan proposed that expected costs for the Town Council to provide a Remembrance Memorial for Tower Hill Memorial Park be added to the Budget figures.

(Chair/Wilding)

RESOLVED that the proposal by Councillor D. Nolan to add the expected costs for the Town Council to provide a Remembrance Memorial for Tower Hill Memorial Park to the Budget figures is declined, but that this item is referred to the Environment & Open Spaces Committee for further discussion of whether to continue with just the provision of a Memorial or for the whole sunken garden area to be looked at for refurbishment and a Memorial to be included within a larger plan.

(Carroll/Padden)

RESOLVED to accept the recommendations that the precept amount for 2023/204 be set at the sum of £258,919.86, which equates to £48.66 for a Band D property, which is an increase of £4.98% or £2.31 per annum and that this followed the line by line calculations carried out by those members of the Budget Committee present on 11th January 2023 and that the Chairman and Clerk sign the ERYC Local Precept Demand Notice accordingly.

- b) Minutes of the Budget Committee – 11th January 2023

(Padden/Bovill)

RESOLVED to confirm and accept the Minutes of the Budget meeting held on 11th January 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

- c) Schedule Nos: 279 and 280 (Receipts & Payments up to 30/11/22 & 31/12/22):

(Padden/Sutton)

RESOLVED to approve the copies as given that were duly signed by the Chair of Finance, Personnel & Asset Management at the meetings held on 14th December 2022 and 11th January 2023.

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STANDING ORDERS and FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

Following changes in regulations, NALC and ERNLLCA have issued an update of the Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations on Contracts and Financial Controls following Brexit. The Clerk has amended the required sections in Hesse Town Councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Section 33 in Standing Orders and Section 11 in Financial Regulations which are highlighted in the draft copy attached for perusal.

