

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Finance, Personnel and Asset Management Committee
Wednesday, 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

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

Mr Paul Hogan – Non-Voting Advisor

Clerk: Mrs Kim Cooper

Apologies: Cllr Sutton

134018 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.

134019 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Davison/Padden)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Finance, Personnel and Asset Management meeting held on 8th February 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

134020 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None received.

134021 FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Income/Expenditure Reports to 28th February 2023:

(Davison/Padden)

RESOLVED to receive the financial reports as given.

b) Schedule No. 282 (Receipts & Payments)

(Davison/Padden)

RESOLVED to receive schedule 282 to 28th February 2023 as given and authorise the Chairman to sign.

c) Bank Transfers since the previous meeting:

None actioned.

d) Income from Town Hall lettings – Comparative figures:

(Davison/Padden)

RESOLVED to note the details as given.

e) Outstanding Invoices – Town Hall Lettings:

The Town Clerk confirmed that there are currently no outstanding invoices.

f) Community Aid:

Community Aid 2022/2023:

Starter Grant	£250.00
Equipment Grant	£250.00
Maintenance Grant	£200.00
Community Scheme Grant	£400.00 (one-off per annum)

Two applications were tabled for consideration:

i) Hessle Local History Society

(Potter/Padden)

RESOLVED to approve the application and supporting documents and that Hessle Town Council in accordance with its powers under S145 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area, or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure and award a Community Aid Grant of £800.00.

ii) Riverview Bowling Club

(Davison/Fordham)

RESOLVED to approve the application and supporting documents and that Hessle Town Council in accordance with its powers under S19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and S144 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area, or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure and award a Community Aid Grant of £493.00.

Due to forthcoming holidays, this will be Councillor Carroll's last meeting before the Elections in May. Councillor Fordham therefore proposed that, on record, he and the members of this Committee thank Councillor Carroll for his dedication and all his hard work over the last four years.

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TOWN HALL MATTERS/PROJECTS/FUTURE PROJECTS:

a) A Town Hall for the 21st Century

There were no further updates to report since the information provided last month from the Architect.

b) Hessle Community Centre

To discuss a proposal to put forward to Full Council for the provision of a long lease to the new Community Centre Charity.

Councillor Carrol provided a brief update at the meeting.

(Chair/Davison)

RESOLVED that this item is put on the next Full Council Agenda for further discussion and Councillor Carroll will provide an update for all members. However, any final decision should be deferred until after the new Town Council is in place following the May elections when Councillor Carroll will have further details and information from the new Charity Trust.

c) Tower Hill Memorial Park

Following the decision made at the previous meeting to defer this item to this meeting, Committee to discuss the proposal for installing a footpath in Tower Hill Park to the gate on the south side of the play area.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that this item is deferred until the after the May elections for the new Council members to discuss and consider.

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SKATEPARK/M.U.G.A./NOTICE BOARDS/BUS SHELTERS/FLAGSTAFF MATTERS:

a) Skate Park and M.U.G.A

All in good order.

b) Notice Boards:

All in good order. The Clerk confirmed that we are awaiting a decision from the East Riding Council for their approval of the site chosen on First Lane to install a new Notice Board.

c) Bus Shelters:

All in good order.

d) Flagstaff in The Square/Flags:

All in good order.

(Padden/Davison)

RESOLVED that items a) – d) are noted.

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CCTV

The Clerk confirmed that the Grant Application for the installation of two new CCTV and required infrastructure for Tower Hill Park has been accepted and approved. The grant monies have been paid and the Clerk, following conversations with ERYC Planning, Conservation and Legal Officers, has instructed the contractors to initiate the works.

(Davison/Potter)

RESOLVED noted.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

In view of the possible special or confidential business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

a) Staff Development – Strategic alignment

Councillor Fordham provided notes for a strategic alignment and gave a presentation to the Committee following the decision in January 2023 for him to look into existing Staff appraisals, job descriptions, practices and general staff issues.

(Chair/Davison)

RESOLVED that this item is Recommended for approval at the next Full Council meeting, but that the recommendations are not implemented until the new Council is in place following the May Elections.