

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 21st March 2023 at 7.30pm
***(Public Forum at 7.30pm)**
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Adams, Bovill, Davison (Chairman), Fordham, Howe, D. Nolan, Padden, Potter and Sutton,

Clerk: Mrs K Cooper

Apologies: Cllrs Carroll, Cross, Langdale, A. Nolan, Walker, Wilding and Mr Paul Hogan (Non-voting advisor).

134055 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.

134056 DISPENSATION – COUNCILLOR LANGDALE:

Full Council to consider the request made by Councillor Langdale, due to recent surgery, pursuant to Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to waive the 6 month Councillor Attendance rule and grant dispensation requested in order to allow Councillor Langdale to continue as a member of Hessle Town Council.

(Padden/Sutton)

RESOLVED that due to personal circumstances, Hessle Town Council grants dispensation, pursuant to Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, and waives the 6 month Councillor Attendance rule for Councillor Langdale in order for her to continue as a member of Hessle Town Council until the upcoming Elections in May 2023.

134057 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.

Councillor Sutton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no. 134061 as she is the Town Council representative and Trustee for the Hessle Community Centre Organisation and a Trustee for the new Community Centre Trust.

Councillor Bovill declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no. 134061 as he is a Trustee for the new Community Centre Trust.

Councillor Padden declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no. 134061 as he is a Trustee for the new Community Centre Trust.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Fordham/Sutton)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Councillor Davison, the Chairman and Town Mayor, confirmed that his recent Civic Service had been a very enjoyable day and that the event raised £850.00 for the local Alzheimer's Society.

134060

POLICE MATTERS:

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

(Sutton/Padden)

RESOLVED that the latest information/figures from the Police are received and noted. Councillors were disappointed to hear from Ward members that other Town/Parish Councils receive a regular Police attendance at their meetings and questioned why Hessle do not even though the Police have been notified of all the Full Council meeting dates. It was also noted that the descriptions on the monthly report seem to be 'dumbed down' somewhat and do not project the gravity of a situation such as the burglaries reported at the Allotment Gardens on Boothferry Road, which is described as 'a number of allotments had been entered' when in fact over 90 sheds had been reported broken into. The Clerk will write to our local Inspector to highlight and question these matters.

134061

HESSLE COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Resolution received from the Finance, Personnel & Asset Management Committee for Full Council to discuss the proposal put forward by Councillor Carroll for providing a long lease (of the Community Centre) to the new Community Centre Charity Trust CIC.

Councillor Bovill spoke to this item in Councillor Carroll's absence and confirmed that there has been a delay in setting up the new Charity Trust due to some of the charity objectives overlapping with the existing Community Centre Organisations objectives. This is currently being sorted out with the Community Centre Organisation and the Charity Commission and once dealt with, this item can be discussed further.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that this item is deferred to the next Full Council meeting and discussed again by the new Full Council members following the Elections in May.

134062

ERYC

a) ERYC Community Payback

To receive and note the email received from David Woodmansey, ERYC Assistant Safe Communities Officer, confirming that applications for projects have now reopened for Town and Parish Councils.

(Fordham/Chair)

RESOLVED that the email is received and noted. The Clerk will contact the ERYC Officers looking after the program to confirm what the parameters are with regards to the organising, supervision and monitoring of the offenders working on any projects applied for, as previously

the scheme became unworkable due to applicants having to supply and provide the supervision for the offenders, together with providing various other facilities within a relatively short distance of the proposed project.

134063 FINANCE MATTERS:

- a) Schedule Nos: 281 and 282 (Receipts & Payments up to 31/01/23 & 28/02/23):
(Fordham/Padden)

RESOLVED to approve the copies as given that were duly signed by the Chair of Finance, Personnel & Asset Management at the meetings held on 8th February 2023 and 8th March 2023.

134064 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.

134065 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

Members to receive the report provided by Councillor Fordham concerning staff development strategic alignment and to approve the **RECOMMENDATION** from the Finance, Personnel & Asset Management Committee to accept the proposals and that these are implemented by the new Council members following the May Elections.

(Sutton/Howe)

RESOLVED that this item is deferred to the next Full Council meeting in order that the proposals can be approved by the new members following the Elections in May and the new Working Party set up to take responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations.

134066 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

Environment & Open Spaces – 14th March 2023 – (Sutton/Potter)

Events & Communications - 1st February 2023 – (Padden/Chair)

Events & Communications – 15th March 2023 – (Padden/Fordham)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – 8th February 2023 – (Chair/Padden)

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Planning & Traffic – 7th February 2023 – (Adams/Potter)

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