

MINUTES

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Finance, Personnel and Asset Management meeting held on 12th April 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None received.

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FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Income/Expenditure Reports to 31st May 2023:

(Padden/Sutton)

RESOLVED to receive the financial reports as given.

b) Schedule Nos. 284 & 285 (Receipts & Payments)

(Padden/Sutton)

RESOLVED to receive schedules 284 to 30th April 2023 and 285 to 31st May 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:

(Padden/Sutton)

RESOLVED to receive and 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:

<u>Community Aid 2023/2024:</u>	
<i>Starter Grant</i>	<i>£250.00</i>
<i>Equipment Grant</i>	<i>£250.00</i>
<i>Maintenance Grant</i>	<i>£200.00</i>
<i>Community Scheme Grant</i>	<i>£400.00 (one-off per annum)</i>

New applications: 4 new applications were tabled for consideration:

i) Hessle Short Mat Bowling Club

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 £400.00.

ii) Hull Cycle Speedway Club

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 £600.00.

iii) 6th Hessle Brownies & Rainbows

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 £400.00 (£200 for each group).

iv) Humber Wellbeing Hub CIC

RESOLVED to approve the application and supporting documents and that Hessle Town Council in accordance with its powers under the Local Government Act 2000 to promote Economic, Social & Environment Wellbeing 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 Starter Grant of £250.00.

- g) To receive and note a letter of thanks received from Mr John Smith at the Hull & East Yorkshire Credit Union Limited for the grant funding received from the Town Council in April.
(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that the letter is received and noted.

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TOWN HALL MATTERS/PROJECTS/FUTURE PROJECTS:

a) A Town Hall for the 21st Century

Following the Town Hall Refurbishment Working Party meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at which the Architect provided up-to-date information together with a new quote received from another company for a full 'turn-key' option, this Committee to ratify the decision made to instruct the Architect to continue as originally agreed previously by the Council in September 2021 and to now contact the building companies originally chosen in order to obtain a date for the works to begin. Because of the significant difference in costs by using only one company for a full 'turn-key' project and by holding the works up further by having to obtain two further quotes from other companies for this approach, it was agreed that the Working Party members, other Councillors and staff will undertake as much project management as possible with the help of the Architect.

(Harrison/Padden)

RESOLVED that the decision is approved and the Clerk will instruct the Architect to continue as originally agreed.

b) Hessle Community Centre

To receive and discuss the letter/email received from the Food Bank concerning the damp and the state of the room they are working in.

Mr Bob Carroll provided an update for new members on the Community Centre and the new CIO that has been set up to manage and run it. He confirmed that the conflicting terms of reference with the existing Community Centre Organisation Trust have now been amended by them and approved by the Charity Commission and that he can now re-send the details for the new CIO. He also explained the problems with damp etc. in the room from where the Food Bank operate and that the work mentioned in the letter received from the Food Bank is urgently needed.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that the letter/email is received from the Food Bank and that this Committee approves that the work required to ensure the room is fit for purpose for the operation of the Food Bank is undertaken and completed as soon as possible.

(Chair/Padden)

RESOLVED that a further discussion regarding the Town Council appointed nominees for the new charity CIO is required, but that this is deferred until the next meeting.

c) Tower Hill Memorial Park

The Play Area has now been completed and the CCTV is in the progress of being installed.

Committee to receive and note the Annual Play Inspection Report together with the independent Post Installation Inspection report for the new equipment.

Councillor Padden updated and discussed with members the sunken garden area of the Park and provided one quote received for the refurbishment of the area and installation of a memorial. He will look into obtaining further quotes and requested that this item is put on the next Full Council agenda for discussion.

(Chair/Sutton)

RESOLVED to receive and note the Annual Play Inspection Report and that following Councillor Padden's update and information provided, the sunken garden/memorial is put on the next Full Council Agenda for discussion.

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SKATEPARK/M.U.G.A./YOUTH SHELTER/NOTICE BOARD MATTERS:

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

All in good order. Committee to receive and note the Annual Play Inspection Reports for both areas.

(Padden/Chair)

RESOLVED that the Annual Play Inspection reports are received and noted.

b) Notice Boards:

All in good order.

(Padden/Chair)

RESOLVED noted.

c) Bus Shelters:

All in good order. Committee to receive and note the letter received from Humberside Police confirming that a man has now appeared in court, pleaded guilty and has been charged with criminal damage to the Bus Shelters.

(Padden/Chair)

RESOLVED to receive and note the letter from Humberside Police

d) Flagstaff in The Square/Flags:

All in good order.

(Padden/Chair)

RESOLVED noted.

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CCTV

There were no CCTV items to discuss.

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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) Recruitment for Hessle Town Centre and Events Officer

Following previous discussions with the ERYC Local Growth Programme Managers and coordinators as part of the Hessle Recovery Plan following Covid, and that the Town Council should consider employing a Town Centre and Events Officer, this Committee to agree to the Clerk now applying to ERYC for Government Grant Funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund towards the costs for the recruitment of a Hessle Town Centre and Events Officer.

(Sutton/Padden)

RESOLVED that the Town Council approves that the Clerk completes and submits an application to ERYC for UK Shared Prosperity Government Funding for a grant towards the costs for the recruitment of a Hessle Town Centre and Events Officer.