

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Finance, Personnel and Asset Management Committee
Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 7.30pm
Small Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Davison (Chairman), I. Hardy, Sutton and Toogood

Clerk: Mrs Kim Cooper

Apologies: Cllr Nolan,

Mr Paul Hogan and Mr Bob Carroll (Non-Voting Advisory members)

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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. 134413 (b) as she is the Town Council representative for the Community Centre Organisation and a Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Councillor Toogood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 134413 (b) as he is a Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Sutton/Chair)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Finance, Personnel and Asset Management meeting held on 8th November 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 30th November 2023:

(Sutton/Toogood)

RESOLVED to receive the financial reports as given.

b) Schedule No. 291 (Receipts & Payments)

(Sutton/Toogood)

RESOLVED to receive schedule 291 to 30th November 2023 as given and authorise the Chairman to sign.

c) Bank Transfers since the previous meeting:

(Sutton/Toogood)

RESOLVED to receive details of Bank Transfers as given and authorise the Chairman to sign.

- d) Income from Town Hall lettings – Comparative figures:
(Chair/Sutton)

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:

<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:

There were no new applications.

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TOWN HALL MATTERS/PROJECTS/FUTURE PROJECTS:

- a) A Town Hall for the 21st Century

The Town Clerk provided a brief update on how the renovation works are progressing and confirmed that the Architect, the builder and the plumbers are holding a meeting on Monday to discuss and plan the next stages of the works.

- b) Hessle Community Centre

Councillors Sutton and Toogood provided a brief update on the Community Centre and Trust and confirmed that further pointing work on the building is to be undertaken and that they are looking at employing an Architect to create a plan for more of the major works required.

- c) Tower Hill Memorial Park

The Clerk submitted an Expression of Interest for Grant Funding from the UKSPF -Community Climate Adaption Large Grants Fund to help with funding the renovation of the Tower Hill Park Memorial Garden area. This EOI has been accepted by ERYC and the Clerk now seeks approval from this Committee to progress and continue with a Full Application.

(Toogood/I. Hardy)

RESOLVED that this Committee approves that the Clerk completes and submits a Full Application for UKSPF Grant Funding for renovations and landscaping to the sunken garden and surrounding area in Tower Hill Memorial Park.

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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. As funds are available within the 23/24 Budget, Councillor Nolan has asked the Committee to agree and ratify the painting of the Skate Park ramps by a local street artist at a cost of £350.00 in order to smarten up and cover the graffiti currently on there.

(Sutton/I. Hardy)

RESOLVED that the Committee agree to funding a local street artist to repaint and smarten up the Skate Park ramps.

b) Notice Boards:

All in good order.
(Sutton/I. Hardy)
RESOLVED noted.

c) Bus Shelters:

All in good order.
(Sutton/I. Hardy)
RESOLVED noted.

d) Flagstaff in The Square/Flags:

All in good order. The Clerk confirmed that a new Union Flag has been purchased and put up in the Square.
(Sutton/I. Hardy)
RESOLVED noted.

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CCTV

There were no further updates to report.

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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.

2023-24 National Salary Award

Committee to note and ratify that The Local Government Association, NALC and ERNLLCA confirmed that an agreement on the 2023/24 pay offer has now been agreed with the unions and employers with staff on NJC/SLCC contracts (green book) and that this is implemented as swiftly as possible.

The terms of the agreement are:

- With effect from 1st April 2023, an increase of £1,925 on all NJC pay points 2 to 43. For scale points above the award is an increase of 3.88%.

The Clerk will arrange implementation of the increase and arrears to be paid.

(Sutton/Chair)

RESOLVED that the pay award is noted, approved and implemented.