HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL

Finance, Personnel and Asset Management Committee Wednesday, 8th May 2024 at 7.30pm Large Front Room Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

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

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

Clerk: Mrs Kim Cooper

Apologies: Cllrs Nolan (Vice-Chairman) and Toogood

134585 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. 134589 (b) as she is the Town Council representative for the Community Centre Organisation and a Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Mr Bob Carroll declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no. 134589 (b) as he is Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Sutton/Harrison)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Finance, Personnel and Asset Management meeting held on 10th April 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

134587 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

The Chairman updated members following a meeting held earlier in the morning with Jonathan Evison the Humberside Police Crime Commissioner, East Riding Council and Public Protection Portfolio holder Cllr Leo Hammond, Town Cllrs Bovill, Davison, Langdale and Sutton and local residents to discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviour along Cliff Road. They discussed how the addition to the Public Spaces Protection Order of offences relating to public nuisance will make a difference and also what other measures can be taken. The addition to the Public Spaces Protection Order will mean that the Police will be able to ticket vehicles owners and their occupants for causing a nuisance either if observed directly or retrospectively from CCTV footage.

134588 FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Income/Expenditure Reports to 30th April 2024: (Sutton/Harrison)

RESOLVED to receive the financial reports as given.

b) Schedule No. 296 (Receipts & Payments)

(Sutton/Harrison)

RESOLVED to receive schedule 296 to 30th April 2024 as given and authorise the Chairman to sign.

c) Bank Transfers since the previous meeting:

(Sutton/Harrison)

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

d) <u>Income from Town Hall lettings – Comparative figures:</u>

(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:

Community Aid 2024/2025:	
Starter Grant	£250.00
Equipment Grant	£250.00
Maintenance Grant	£200.00
Community Scheme Grant	£400.00 (one-off per annum)

1 x new application was tabled for consideration:

i) Hull Cycle Speedway Club

(Sutton/Harrison)

RESOLVED to approve the application and supporting documents and that Hessle Town Council in accordance with its powers under S19 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and S144 (2) 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 Maintenance and Community Aid Grant of £600.00.

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TOWN HALL MATTERS/PROJECTS/FUTURE PROJECTS:

a) A Town Hall for the 21st Century – Town Hall Roof

The Clerk provided an update on the Town Hall works and confirmed that whilst the builders are behind, the plumbing, heating and electrical works are on schedule. The rest of the windows are due to be replaced over the next two weeks (weather permitting). The new kitchen can be fitted and the Council Office finished once the floors have been levelled, screeded and the flooring/carpets fitted. The painters have made a start on the backstage rooms and bar/lounge area and overall, the renovation is now coming together. (Chair/Harrison)

RESOLVED noted.

b) Hessle Community Centre

Mr Carroll provided an update on the Food Bank and Community Centre. He confirmed that the Food Bank, after receiving the first grant had run out of funds to finish conversion of the old oil store but they have since secured another grant to be able to complete this. A structural engineer has been to survey the store and confirmed that it will need underpinning as there is a problem with the roof but the new grant should cover the works required. He has also now arranged with the Community Centre Organisation for the income and expenditure for the Community Centre to now

be transferred over to the Town Council for the Clerk to manage and he confirmed that the Food Bank will in future pay their rent directly to the Town Council. He confirmed that he has been somewhat disappointed with the new Trust members, as following a Trust meeting and setting up two sub committees, one for obtaining grant funding and one to develop a list of priorities and costings, neither sub-committee has met since and nothing has happened or been done by any of members. He will go back to the Trustees and discuss this further with them. In the meantime, he has applied for some grant funding for new bathrooms/toilets and a small area outside. (Chair/Sutton)

RESOLVED noted.

c) Tower Hill Memorial Park

Committee to receive and note the Annual Play Inspection Report for the Tower Hill Park Play Area. (Harrison/I. Hardy)

RESOLVED that the Annual Play Inspection Report for the Tower Hill Park Play Area is received and to note that no areas of risk or defects have been identified as requiring any remedial work.

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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 the Annual Play Inspection Reports for the Skate Park and M.U.G.A. and to note that the Clerk has advised the necessary contractor of the remedial work required on the one ramp at the Skate Park with a moderate risk finding. The M.U.G.A. had no areas of risk or defects identified as requiring any remedial work.

b) Notice Boards:

All in good order.

c) Bus Shelters:

All in good order.

d) Flagstaff in The Square/Flags:

All in good order.

(Chair/Sutton)

RESOLVED that items a) - d) are received and noted.

134591 CCTV

The Clerk confirmed that she is still awaiting pricing from our CCTV contractor for the work required to install the links for our CCTV system to feed into the ERYC Bridlington CCTV suite for Blackwall monitoring. She will chase this up again.

134592 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.

There were no Personnel matters to discuss but the Chairman confirmed that the new Town Centre & Events Officer, Sarah Rowland, is doing very well and is already making contacts, meeting people and has ideas for new events.