

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 6.30pm
(*Public Forum at 6.35pm)
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Adams, Bovill, Craggs (Chairman), Davison, Hardy, H. Hogan, Maw, Nolan, Sutton, and Toogood.

Mr Paul Hogan & Mr Bob Carroll – (Non-voting Advisory Members)

Humberside Police Inspector Matt Wilson and PC Heather Collins

Clerks: Mrs Kim Cooper and Miss Tessa Reading

Apologies: Cllrs Harrison, Keillor, Langdale (Vice-Chairman), Pickering and Walker

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.30pm and on behalf of Hessle Town Council, welcomed Mr Adam Maw, the newly elected member for Southfield Ward.

134794 PUBLIC FORUM

To hold the Public Forum at the appointed time of 6.35pm to allow any members of the press or public to speak.

There were no members of the public or press present.

134795 DECLARATIONS 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.134802 as she is the Town Council representative for the Community Centre Organisation and a Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Councillor John Bovill declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no.134802 as he is Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Councillor Paul Toogood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no.134802 as he is Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Mr Bob Carroll declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no.134802 as he is Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

lights. 2 shop thefts were reported and there were no hate crime reports. Violent offences, however, doubled to 14 from July although 3 of these were attacks on Police officers and 3 were domestic violence reports.

The new PSPO is now in place along Hessle Foreshore and the Police are once again asking residents to report any problems, speeding, noise etc., to the East Riding Council who are actively sending out warnings and fines.

Inspector Wilson also confirmed that he is still working on obtaining a Police volunteer for the Prestongate ANPR cameras and is hopeful to get this sorted soon.

Overall Hessle is a good place and with the recent funding from Barnardo's for the youth work project with help from the local outreach team, they want to keep their visibility going. They still have plain clothes officers out on a nighttime regarding the burglaries and some of the teams have changed their shift times in order to do this. He continues to monitor the figures every month for Hessle and he will write a report/update for residents in order that the Town Council can publish it in the next Newsletter and on the website with regards to the summer youth project.

The Chairman and members present thanked Inspector Wilson and PC Collins for taking the time to attend the meeting and for providing an update on the recent youth work.

134800

HESSLE WARD COUNCILLORS:

To receive updates/information from the Hessle Ward Councillors.

Councillor Bovill reported:

The Square/Orchard Centre Hackney Taxi rank – following previous contact with shop owners, East Riding Council have now agreed to look at reducing the area for Hackney Taxi's in Hessle Square. There is now a public consultation currently running until 30th September and he has advised the traders.

Windmill Way/Green Lane – There is a piece of land in this area, which is not registered, and where in the past ERYC have replaced the wooden jockey rails and maintained the grass verge. Following a request to replace further broken jockey rails and since the retirement of the previous ERYC Grounds & Forestry Manager, the new Manager has confirmed that due to cutbacks, ERYC will no longer be going to maintain this area. Councillor Bovill is now working on finding out to whom this land actually belongs.

Grange Medical Centre – Councillor Bovill has been in touch with the medical centre who have contacted the owners to ask them to fix the broken jockey rails around the perimeter and deal with the 2 dead trees.

Fenby Court – Earlier in the year the Fenby Court housing manager took the decision to lock the rear gate in Fenby Court following repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour which frightened the elderly residents. Following complaints from Springville Avenue residents who have been using the gate as a cut-through for many years, Councillor Bovill and Councillor Langdale met with the housing manager who explained the situation and confirmed that the gate will stay locked. The anti-social behaviour has now stopped which has been significantly beneficial for the elderly residents.

Various other items have been dealt with including overhanging trees, lighting, play equipment at the foreshore and Councillor Bovill confirmed that a speed survey is currently being undertaken along Jenny Brough Lane.

Boothferry Road central reservation parking – Councillor Bovill has received a response from Lilian Greenwood MP, Minister for the future of roads regarding pavement/verge parking confirming that

15,000 responses had been received to the consultation and she is currently considering the views expressed. Her plan is to publish a formal response to the consultation summarising the views received and to announce the Government's next steps for pavement parking policy. Options may include giving local authorities powers to enforce against unnecessary obstruction of the pavement, introducing a London-style pavement parking prohibition across England and improving the Traffic Regulation Order process by which local authorities implement local parking restrictions.

Councillor Nolan reported:

Car Parking Charges – This will be voted on by ERYC Full Council next week (25th September) and Councillor Nolan has put in a motion to delete the first recommendation 'That the Council introduce charging in towns currently not subject to fees, provided that they meet a proposed criteria, with the caveat that a 30-minute free period is explored'. Councillor Nolan hopes that the other political parties will also vote to remove this recommendation. The report has been handled by ERYC Asset Management and is Officer led and the criteria devised is heavily weighted towards implementation of fees in towns not currently subject to fees.

ERYC & Hull Mayoral Devolution Deal – The ERYC and Hull Devolution deal appears to be progressing and the order has been made to the Secretary of State and Government for the creation of the Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY) Mayoral Combined Authority. Councils on the South Bank had been asked if they wanted to join but are not interested.

Councillor Nolan has also dealt with various other items in respect of planning, speeding and reporting pavement repairs and confirmed that as ERYC finances are continually squeezed, he believes that due to cut backs proposed for Libraries, maintenance of verges and footpaths etc., more pressure will be put on town and parish councils to look at taking on some of these jobs such as grass/verge cutting, weeding, speeding and general maintenance.

134801 SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS:

Tessa Reading, Hesse Town Councils Communication and Social Media Officer will speak to this item regarding copying and pasting emails.

Communication and Social Media Officer, Tessa Reading, made a request to Councillors that they do not directly copy, paste and share emails sent to them from the Clerks. This has caused some issues recently at events where residents thought Councillors who had posted these emails would be present at the events. If Councillors want to share content from emails, please contact the office and a relevant statement can be added at the bottom of emails.

134802 HESSE COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Mr Bob Carroll provided an update for members on the Community Centre;

Working with Councillor Davison and the Clerk, the Solicitors are now working to finalise the lease following payment to the York Diocese.

The grant applications to the National Lottery and Morrisons have been unsuccessful, but they are continuing to look for other funding streams and to help with this, a consultation is being undertaken asking all the current users/visitors 'what would they like to see at the community centre.'

He has also been talking to and working with local businesses and has received a large donation from MS3, together with some of their staff members volunteering and spending days working at the centre and in the food bank helping out. They have also confirmed that they will provide more support in the

future. He is now hoping to talk to businesses at the Hesslewood Business park to help with potential funding and/or volunteering.

The restoration of the old oil store by the Food Bank is almost complete for food storage, they are just awaiting a bit more internal work to be completed and will then be able to utilise it.

Following discussions with the Community Centre Organisation Treasurer, the Community Centre finances have now been sorted with regards to the income and expenditure now moving over to the Town Council. From figures provided, the income for the Community Centre is approximately £16,000 per annum and estimated expenses approximately £5/£6,000 per annum (excluding the current Community Centre Managers wages). There should therefore be a healthy surplus which in the future, could form the basis for additional grant funding from the Town Council to The Hourne Community Centre Trust for the further renovation work or repairs.

134803 **ERYC**

a) Public Wi-Fi Hessle Update

Council to receive and note the email from the ERYC Project Officer giving a brief update on the progress they have made with the installation of Public Wi-Fi in Hessle Square.

(Davison/Adams)

RESOLVED that the email is received and noted. The Clerk confirmed that there will be no digging up of any pavements or roads as the equipment is to be installed on existing lampposts.

134804 **CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LITHIUM BATTERIES:**

Council to receive the email, copy of the proposed Parliamentary Bill and details of companies already supporting the campaign from Mr Ron Bailey, the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First and researcher for Lord (Don) Foster who are campaigning on the safety of lithium batteries and promoting the Bill to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries. Hessle Town Council to therefore consider adding its support to this campaign.

(Nolan/Sutton)

RESOLVED that Hessle Town Council supports the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal.

134805 **FINANCE**

a) Annual Return for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2024

The Annual Return has now been returned from PKF Littlejohn, Accountants and has been prepared at a cost to the Town Council of £1,680.00 (+ VAT). The external auditor reports thus:

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The 'Notice of conclusion of the audit and right to inspect the Annual Return' in line with the statutory requirements was put up for display in the Town Hall Notice Board and on the website from 2nd September 2024, along with a copy of the certified Annual Return.

(Davison/Bovill)

