

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday 12th November 2024
Minutes

Members present: Cllrs; N Adams, J Bovill, A Maw, D Nolan, M Sutton (Chair), & P Toogood (Vice-Chair)

Clerk: Joanna Render

Apologies: Cllrs J Langdale & S Pickering and Ms G White (HDGA)

134866 DECLARATION ON INTEREST: The Chairman read out the following – “Members must declare their pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in items at this meeting – rather than personal and prejudicial interests – and ensure that they act appropriately”

None received.

134867 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign.
(Toogood/ Bovill)

Resolved - The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

134868 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

The Chair advised that the Town Council has received an invitation from ERYC to participate in a Flood Warden project – and the information on the role was circulated at the start of the meeting.

Wardens would be volunteers from within the local community and be the link between the community and ERYC / Town Council during a flooding event. They would work in promoting self-help within the community and with the Town Council to develop a flood plan aimed at mitigating the effects of flooding.

Responsibilities would include Championing flood resilience within the community, monitoring watercourse levels and reporting when they exceed predetermined trigger points and activating flip-down signs to alert motorists of water on the highway when necessary. All wardens would be provided with comprehensive training and Personal Protective equipment (PPE).

The Clerk advised that this is going to be included on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting. The members agreed to discuss again at the next committee meeting if not resolved at Full Council.

134869 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to note and receive the Income & Expenditure to 30th September 2024
(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved – The Allotment Income & Expenditure to 30th September 2024 was noted.

134870 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden's Report: Noted. He continues to do an excellent job. All the ditches on Boothferry road have been cut back and cleared.
- b) Inspection of Plots: To note the reports from visits undertaken on 5/9/24 & 22/10/24. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: Ms White was not able to attend the meeting, but any items of concern are covered within the agenda.
- d) Plots: 6 Vacant plots available. The Clerk advised that all have been offered out and there are another 5 that have become vacant. Noted.
- e) Crime: Some ASB and theft of bags compost and fruit from trees reported. No further reports of incidents. Noted.
- f) Invoices: All invoices have been issued for the 2024/25 rental. Noted.

134871 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- a) HDGA Annual Show and future Town Council Involvement – Ms White was not present, so the item is moved to the next meeting. The Clerk advised that Mrs Rowe has now resigned from the HDGA committee after serving over 20 years, the last four being as Chair. Cllr Sutton thanked Mrs Rowe for all her hard work and support to this committee over the years and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to her. Noted.
- b) The Clerk advised that the safety barriers at either end of the main drain have been replaced and some initial flood alleviation works have been carried out in readiness for the main work. No timescales at present for the start of the main work. Update noted.

134872 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

- a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Applications received in September & October 2024.
(Sutton/Bovill)
Resolved - The tree applications for September & October were noted.
- b) Committee to note the refusal relating to 72 Southfield Ref 24/02306/TPO & that permissions have been granted for works at Snowberry Lodge Ref 24/02613/TCA. Noted.
- c) To note the response from Planning Enforcement Officer regarding works to trees at Tudor Croft. Noted.
- d) Tinkler's Pit – committee to note the email from the Forestry Commission regarding the restocking Notice. The Clerk will contact the Officer for confirmation of where the replanting has taken place. Update noted.
- e) Committee to note the email from Bev Hylton – Senior Countryside Access Officer ERYC regarding tree and planting works at the Humber Bridge Country Park. Cllr Sutton advised that feedback received from residents who have attended the activities for the Improving Meadows and Woodlands Project has been very positive. Noted.

134873 LITTER BINS REQUESTS - None for consideration. Noted.

134874 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK -

a) Committee to note the Income & Expenditure as at 30th September 2024 relating to Tower Hill Memorial Park.

(Sutton/Nolan)

Resolved - The Tower Hill Memorial Park Income & Expenditure to 30th September 2024 was noted.

b) Litter Bin – Cllr Langdale has requested that a larger litter bin be placed in the park near to the main gate, this is due to be installed in the next week. Update noted.

c) Committee to note the agreed master plan for the Park. Cllr Nolan to speak further to this.

Cllr Nolan advised that he wanted this to be included on the agenda to ensure funds were put forward for the 2025/26 budget so that some works could be started, even if no grant funding was available. The committee discussed the plan and agreed that they would like to see work started on the sunken garden area – to improve the accessibility, the paved area and the flower beds. Cllr Nolan suggested that the working party re-convene to discuss the plan further, and to look to hold the first meeting in the New Year. The committee agreed to put forward an amount of £20,000 for the 2025/26 budget to the Finance committee for consideration.

(Nolan/Sutton)

Resolved – To reconvene the working party for the Tower Hill Memorial Park, with a view to holding the first meeting in the New Year. Working party to concentrate on the refurbishment of the Sunken garden area of the park. The sum of £20,000 to be put forward to the Finance Committee for consideration for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget.

d) Committee to consider the request from Cllr Pickering for a Memorial bench to Cllr Viv Padden to be purchased and installed in Tower Hill Memorial Park, near or in the Sunken garden area. The committee discussed this and agreed that this would be a fitting memorial to Cllr Padden. All agreed that the bench should resemble the ones that are already situated in the sunken garden area. Suitable wording for the plaque to be agreed. Funding to come from the Tower Hill Memorial park budget.

(Nolan/Bovill)

Resolved - To fund the purchase and installation of a bench in memory to Cllr Viv Padden. The bench is to be installed in the sunken garden area of the Tower Hill Memorial park and resemble the type of bench already situated in this area. Funding to come from the Tower Hill Memorial Park budget.

134875 BENCHES

a) Committee to note that the Memorial Bench to Frank Kitchen has been installed. Noted.

b) Committee to consider the request for a bench to be placed in the Square near to the 57 Bus Stop. The committee discussed this and agreed that a bench is required as there is no seating at this side of the bus station. The clerk will liaise with ERYC Highways for agreement on suitability of the area and gain permissions.

(Bovill/Adams)

Resolved – To fund the purchase and installation of a bench along the flowerbed on the western side of the bus station, near to where the no. 57 bus departs from. The

clerk will liaise with ERYC – Highways for agreement on suitability of the area and gain permissions.

- c) Committee to note that permission has been granted by ERYC to place a bench on the junction of First Lane / Kelson Drive. To be included in the budget for 2025/26. Noted.
- d) Northwood Drive / JBL - Committee to note that the signed indemnity agreement has been received from the landowner and the Clerk will shortly be placing the order for the bench. Noted.

134876 TUBS & PLANTING

- a) Committee to consider the quote for the winter planting of the tubs and planters. To note that 3 quotes have been sought but only one received.
(Sutton/Bovill)
Resolved - To accept the quote of £2024 for the winter refill of the tubs and planters.
- b) Committee to consider the suggestion from Cllr Langdale for bollard baskets to be placed on fencing around Darley's Roundabout. Committee to note that ERYC Highways have given consent as per the plan and suggested planter design. Cllr Nolan expressed concern that planters would be a potential distraction for drivers and therefore pose a safety concern, he would also like to see the funding used for increased planters within more central area of the Town. Following discussion, it was agreed that the funds would be best spent on putting additional planters in the Square area of Hessele.
(Nolan/Toogood)
Resolved – Not to put planters on the fencing around Darley's roundabout, and instead fund additional planters and floral displays in the Square as a more central area of Hessele
- c) Southgate Planters – Committee to consider how the area in front of the old Post Office, Southgate can be kept tidy. This area should be maintained by ERYC and the Clerk has approached ERYC Highways on numerous occasions to have the area tarmacked. Cllr Bovill will write to Asset Strategy at ERYC and ask that they tarmac this area of land. The Committee agreed that once this was done, the barrels could be replaced with planters, similar to those purchased for the Square. The Clerk will investigate the cost and include in the budget for 2025/26.
(Sutton/Bovill)
Resolved – Cllr Bovill to write to Asset Strategy and request they tarmac the area in front of the old post office on Southgate. Once this has been done to purchase, install and fill 3 planters of the same design to those in the Square. The Clerk will confirm the cost and include in the budget for 2025/26.

134877 TRANBY LODGE GATE – Committee to note the consultation is live until 16/11/24. Noted.

134878 BUDGET 2025/2026 – Committee to consider items for the 2025/26 budget.

- a) Benches – to include cost of purchase & installation of 2 x benches in the 2025/26 budget.
- b) Additional planters and related costs of planting & maintenance + current planters. To include the cost of purchase and installation of three new planters, similar to the

large planters in the Square, as well the maintenance for both Summer and Winter planting schemes for all Town Council owned tubs / planters / baskets.

- c) Tower Hill Memorial Park - £20,000 to be included for the improvements to the sunken garden area. General maintenance costs increased as required.
- d) Allotment projects – Fencing Tower Hill site. To include funding for the fencing for the Tower Hill Drive allotment site. Awaiting estimated costs from the tenant.
(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - Agree to the inclusion of the above costs within the 2025/26. The Clerk will contact the tenant for estimated costs.