

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 21st January 2025 at 6.30pm
***(Public Forum at 6.30pm)**
Large Front Room
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Mrs K Cooper

Apologies: Cllrs Hardy, Harrison, Langdale (Vice-Chairman), Maw, Pickering and Walker
Mr Paul Hogan & Mr Bob Carroll – (Non-voting Advisory Members)

134974 PUBLIC FORUM

To hold the Public Forum at the appointed time of 6.30pm to allow any members of the press or public present to speak.

There were no members of the public or press present.

134975 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman will 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.134980 as she is the Town Council representative for the Community Centre Organisation and a Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Councillor Paul Toogood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no.134980 as he is Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

Councillor John Bovill declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute no.134980 as he is Trustee for The Hourne Community Centre Development Trust.

134976 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Davison/Bovill)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

134977 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications the Chairman wished to lay before the Council.

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POLICE MATTERS:

To receive the latest information/figures on police matters pertaining to Hessle since the previous meeting.

(Nolan/Bovill)

RESOLVED that the latest figures are received and noted. The Town Council are disappointed that the report only shows a summary of 'just some of the crimes' that have been reported across the Wards and have asked the Clerk to relay this to the Police and to comment that as this is a Town and Parish Council release, the Town Council would prefer to see all Hessle Crimes listed, together with figures to show an increase or decrease in crime month by month, rather than adverts and advice which is already received and duplicated via the My Community Alert emails.

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HESSLE WARD COUNCILLORS:

To receive information/updates from the East Riding Council Ward Councillors for Hessle.

Councillor John Bovill

Councillor Bovill updated members with a brief report from the East Riding Council Budget Meeting and confirmed that ERYC has agreed an increase in Council Tax of 2.99% for core council tax and 2% for the adult social care precept giving a total increase of 4.99%, which is the Government capped maximum they are able to apply without asking for Government permission and holding a referendum. They will be using £13m from reserves to cover shortfalls but will be undergoing a workforce transformation by looking at and merging or losing certain job positions and management roles with a projected loss of over 400 jobs, which will include some redundancies. It is hoped that this process will save £12m over the next 2 years, but could cost up to £6m for redundancies. Cllr Bovill also confirmed that the Council Tax Support Scheme from 1st April 2025 is set to increase from 75% to a maximum of 80% for working age residents and up to 100% for state pension age residents. Anyone who needs further help with housing costs and is currently claiming housing benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit can claim a discretionary housing payment from ERYC and anyone who needs further help with Council Tax can claim a discretionary discount. As there are no set conditions for awarding these discounts, ERYC will consider any applications individually.

Councillor David Nolan

Councillor Nolan confirmed Councillor Bovill's report and added that although children's care and social care is protected, there is still a shortfall in the funding required and in this respect East Riding Council have confirmed that whilst funding has been received from Government for repairing Pot holes, there will be cuts in all other non-essential works and services such as highways maintenance and libraries and Town & Parish Councils may have to step in to and help by taking over more services.

Planning application – 3 Eastgate – Proposed change of use to 15 bed Care Home

Councillor Nolan confirmed that all the Hessle Ward Councillors spoke at the recent ERYC Western Area Planning Meeting to object to this application because of the lack of any parking provision for staff and visitors to the site but were ultimately overridden by the other Western Area Planning Committee members voting in favour of the application. He therefore asked Hessle Town

Councillors to remember this when the Town Council receives complaints from residents along Eastgate with parking problems.

Polling Station – Jenny Brough Lane

Hessle Ward Councillors also asked ERYC to provide a Polling Station for the new Jenny Brough Lane estates but again, lost the vote at Council, as ERYC do not want to spend money providing a temporary polling station for elections and instead suggested that residents should sign up for postal voting.

Car Parking Charges

It is expected that the ERYC Car Parking Review panel will bring a revised report to ERYC Full Council around June following the previous decision to defer and reject the initial report in September 2024 and that the review panel should reconsider and review recommendation 1 again.

134980 THE HOURNE COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST:

Following the resignation of two of The Hourne Community Centre Trust Trustees, Councillors Paul Hardy and Simon Pickering, Hessle Town Council, as per the Trust constitution, to now consider and appoint two replacement Trustees to serve on the Trust. The Clerk had received confirmation from Councillor Adam Maw to make the Council aware of his interest in becoming a Trustee for the Community Centre Trust.

(Toogood/Sutton)

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Adam Maw as a Trustee to the Hourne Community Centre Trust.

(Hogan/Toogood)

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor David Nolan as a Trustee to the Hourne Community Centre Trust.

134981 ERYC

a) Community Governance Review

To receive the email and confirmation from the ERYC Electoral Services Manager that the Community Governance Review has now been completed and their final recommendation for Hessle is to amend the boundary between Swanland and Hessle, such that area SW-5 (as shown on the paperwork as given) becomes part of the parish of Hessle. There will be no changes to the size of the Council as previously proposed (2 further Councillors proposed for the Westfield Ward). This small amendment to the boundary will not come into effect until early 2027 in preparation for the ordinary elections that will be held on Thursday 6th May 2027.

(Davison/Sutton)

RESOLVED that the final Community Governance review recommendation for Hessle is received and noted.

b) ERYC Chairmans Awards 2025

To note that nominations are now open for the 2025 ERYC Chairman's Awards. As usual there are four award categories; Community, Built Heritage, Business and Sport. The closing date for nominations is Friday 31st January 2025.

(Davison/Sutton)

RESOLVED that the ERYC Chairmans Awards 2025 are now open for nominations.

c) ERYC Public Protection Enforcement Policy Review – Public Consultation

To receive the email and copy of the ERYC Public Protection Enforcement Policy which is now due for review is open for public consultation and comment. Should anyone wish the Council to make a comment, the Clerk can forward this via the consultation page or comments can be sent individually at the following ERYC link;

<https://consultation.eastriding.gov.uk/s/Public-Protection-enforcement-policy-feedback/>

(Davison/Bovill)

RESOLVED that revised ERYC Public Protection Enforcement Policy is received and noted and that Hessle Town Council have no comments to make.

134982 CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LITHIUM BATTERIES:

Following Hessle Town Council agreement to support for the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal in September, Council to receive and note an update from Mr Ron Bailey together with a summary of the campaign, as presented at the Electrical Safety First's Webinar held in December.

(Nolan/Davison)

RESOLVED to receive and note the update from Mr Bailey regarding the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries.

134983 FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Precept Demand 2025/2026 following Budget Committee meeting held on 15/01/2025;

RECOMMEND to Full Council that the precept amount for 2025/2026 be set at the sum of £391,903.25 which equates to £70.26, which is a £9.16 increase per annum (14.99%) or £0.916p per month over 10 months for a Band D property and that this follows the calculations carried out by those members of the Budget Committee present on 15th January 2025 and that the Chairman and Clerk sign the ERYC Local Precept Demand Notice accordingly. Copies of the Budget figures, Summary, Analysis and Reserves, together with notes outlining key points in the Budget were enclosed for all members.

(Davison/Bovill)

RESOLVED that Hessle Town Council accepts the Recommendation from the Budget Committee that the precept amount for 2025/2026 be set at the sum of £391,903.25, which equates to £70.26 for a Band D property, which is an increase of £9.16 (14.99%) per annum or £0.916p per month over 10 months and that this followed the calculations carried out by members of the Budget Committee present at the meeting held on 15th January 2025 and that the Chairman and the Clerk sign duly the ERYC Local Precept Demand Notice accordingly.

Councillor Nolan requested a recorded vote:

Vote: 6 in favour – Cllrs Adams, Bovill, Craggs, Davison, Keiller and Sutton

3 against - Cllrs Nolan, Hogan and Toogood

The Resolution to accept the recommendation was therefore carried.

b) (Davison/Sutton)

RESOLVED to confirm and accept the Minutes of the Budget meeting held on 15th January 2025 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

c) Schedule Nos: 303 and 304 (Receipts & Payments up to 30/11/24 & 31/12/24):

(Bovill/Davison)

RESOLVED to approve the copies as given that were duly signed by the Chair of Finance, Personnel & Asset Management at the meetings held on 11th December 2024 and 15th January 2025.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

To accept the minutes of the meetings (minutes previously circulated) and approve any recommendations contained therein;

Environment & Open Spaces – 14th January 2025 – (Bovill/Sutton)

Events & Communications - 4th December 2024 – (H. Hogan/Bovill)

Events & Communications – 8th January 2025 – (Bovill/Nolan)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – 11th December 2024 – (Davison/Sutton)

Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – 15th January 2025 – (Davison/Sutton)

Planning & Traffic – 3rd December 2024 - (Adams/Bovill)

Planning & Traffic – 7th January 2025 – (Adams/Bovill)