

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER, 2018 AT 10.00AM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON

Present: Councillors Rob Reid (Mayor), Frank Arrowsmith, Joan Briggs, Jim Mourning, Maureen Patterson, Linda Smith and Daniel Sweeney.

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk), PC Matt Boulton (South Yorkshire Police) and Helen Mckluskie for minute number 2018.182. No members of the public present.

2018.175 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Councillors Keri Anderson and Paul Twitchell.

2018.176 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

There was no variation to the order of business.

2018.177 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

2018.178 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None.

2018.179 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2018 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2018.180 Public Speaking Session – In accordance with Standing Order 3.e, a period not exceeding 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to speak & make representations (maximum of 3 minutes for each person).

No members of the public present.

2018.181 Partner Updates from DMBC Ward Councillor(s) or South Yorkshire Police representative (if present).

PC Matt Boulton reported that despite pressures across the Borough and having limited resources to support Remembrance Sunday events, South Yorkshire Police would be able to support the parade in Edlington and undertook to send a confirmation e-mail so that the Town Council could pursue the formal road closure notice in conjunction with the Highway Authority. In addition, he advised that the "Junior Citizen's Programme" was up and running via the Hilltop Centre and was being supported by the Executive Head and DMBC's Stronger Communities Manager (West). The last two months crime statistics continued to show a downward trend, although there had been an escalation in activity over the last 4-6 weeks. Preparations had commenced in the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire night and a car presence patrolling the neighbourhood would be put in place. PC Boulton also reported on current PCSO presence in Edlington and informed that there was now a bar on recruiting to vacant PCSO posts and he was uncertain as to the future plans for PCSO provision. Finally, he concluded by informing that "Operation Shield" smartwater scheme was currently being rolled out in Edlington.

2018.182 DMBC Local Plan Consultation – attendance of Helen McCluskie, Principal Planning Officer.

RESOLVED to note (1) the presentation by the Principal Planning Officer on the Local Plan consultation which was running for a period of 6 weeks, ending on 26/10/18 and the associated implications for Edlington from a housing and employment allocation perspective

and (2) the concerns expressed by Members over the continuing lack of affordable housing provision in Edlington, the development that had commenced at the former Thompson/Dixon estate which included a 20 bungalow build as part of the scheme, but for general allocation across the Borough and not being ringfenced for Edlington residents. In addition, the state of the ASB and criminality on the Royal estate that was very run down and in need of regeneration and asked how that could be addressed through the Local Plan process.

2018.183 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

(a) Update re follow-up enquiries to Friends of Martinwells Lake re Constitution and to DMBC re lease renewal.

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Clerk that no response had been received from the DMBC Assets Team re the Freedom of Information (FOI) enquiry submitted on 12/9/18 relating to the prospect of a lease renewal for management of the lake and the reply received from FOMWL Group further to the request for a copy of its Constitution and whether the minutes of their meetings and accounts were available for public scrutiny and (2) in light of this, the matter of a lack of response to the FOI request and lack of transparency from the FOMWL Group in providing the documentation requested by the Town Council, be referred to the DMBC Portfolio holder for Communities attention and appropriate action.

(b) CCTV for the Recreation Ground – update re meeting held with Community Safety Team and Initiatec CCTV Approved contractor on 19/9/18.

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Clerk of the receipt of an updated quotation for the supply of 2 identical CCTV columns/cameras at the southern end of the Community Woodland site in the sum of circa £20000.00, the cost of adding additional cameras to the existing columns located on entry to the Martinwells lake and the sample “stills” of the range/quality of these cameras; (2) a request be made to the Community Safety Team for “stills” from the existing cameras on entry to Martinwells lake to be able to make an informed decision on whether their quality/range meet the Town Council’s requirements and to help inform whether to proceed and accept the quotation and (3) a working group meeting be scheduled for all Members of the Town Council to consider the quotations further and the prospects of seeking grant funding and/or use of Town Council reserves towards the acquisition of this equipment to help protect both the community woodland site and the adjacent Town Council recreation ground.

(c) Zebra crossing outside Asda – update on follow-up request to DMBC Highways and SYPTE .

RESOLVED to note the responses from both DMBC Highways and SYPTE and their unwillingness to consider any action to address safety concerns or the relocation of the bus stop outside the Asda store on Edlington Lane, in the absence of traffic collision statistical data backing up a high incidence of reported accidents/collisions at this location.

(d) Request to St Leger Homes re potential overflow parking off Hillside Drive for Hilltop School parents use.

RESOLVED to note the request submitted and the response that this area of land was actually vested within DMBC’s ownership (Streetscene, as an open space) and that an appropriate response from the relevant Officer was still awaited..

2018.184 Planning Application Consultations.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised in respect of the following proposed developments :-

- (1) 18/02100/OUTM - Hybrid planning application comprising:
Part A: Full planning application for creation of temporary access and enabling earthworks to create development platform. Part B: Outline planning application for

residential development of up to 375 houses and public house with associated access, landscaping and public open space. Approval sought for access. All other matters reserved. DRAFT, Former Yorkshire Main Colliery Tip Site, Lords Head Lane, Warmsworth, Doncaster.

- (2) 18/02346/FUL - Erection of 2 detached bungalows, Land at Old Garage Site, Broomvale Walk, Edlington, Doncaster.
- (3) 18/02448/FUL - Erection of a single storey flat roof extension to rear, 1 Markham Terrace, Edlington Lane, Edlington .

2018.185 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

- (a) Burial ground – update on seeking further quotes for new improved access/steel door to former mortuary building.
RESOLVED that approval be given to accept the quotation from Mr JM and authorisation be given to proceed with the stated works.
- (b) Allotments – Update on request to Group 4 Allotment Secretary (Hilltop site) 13/9/18 .
RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk that no response had yet been received and this matter be pursued and deferred to next months meeting of the Council.
- (c) Community Centre.
RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk that the recent new daytime booking on Thursday's for an Adult Day Care Group had now been extended to all day on a Wednesday as well.
- (d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden - Progressing CCTV monitoring of Miners garden, meeting held with Emms Transport 19/9/18.
RESOLVED to note (1) that the Town Clerk and Town Mayor met with Emms Transport to discuss the feasibility of CCTV surveillance equipment being erected on their premises and that they were supportive of this subject to checking out with the existing equipment supplier, ICU2 Security the system requirements for the added camera on the column facing the Miners garden and its linkage to hard drive recording and (2) to note that the Grounds team were shortly to undertake some works to replace the flowers damaged in the flower border with some appropriate rock/slates and for these to be cemented in with gravel stone surrounds..
- (e) Improvement Projects & Events – i) Preparations for Armistice and Remembrance Sunday Commemoration/Events / Preparations for Christmas illuminations/trees and Senior Citizen party/bingo event – recommendations of Activities Working Group meeting 17/9/18.
RESOLVED that (1) to support the recommendations of the AWG meeting in relation to Armistice and Remembrance Sunday commemorations with the exception of recommendation 8, where Aspiring2 were unable to cater for pre/post event refreshments for the Cadet force numbers expected and as a consequence the Hog roast supplier used last year be approached and if available and able to match last years pricing, approval be given to proceed and engage them; (2) to note that the Cemetery and Grounds team were unable to relocate Christmas tree brackets and as a consequence, a quantity of 40 trees be ordered this year and boosted by solar lights for those premises refusing last year to light up the trees provided and (3) the Senior Citizen proposed bingo event and potential date be subject to further consideration at next weeks Activities Working Group meeting on 22/10/18, to determine a preferred approach.
ii) Prospect of staging an Edlington Gala in 2019

RESOLVED (1) to note that the Town Council considered that if there was a desire for a Gala to be held in Edlington in 2019, this should not be coordinated by the Town Council, but should emanate from willing member(s) of the local community prepared to act as Gala coordinator/ Gala organising Committee, with limited funding being underwritten from Town Council resources at a capped level to be agreed and (2) in light of this, the Clerk be requested to place a facebook post and In-focus advert inviting willing member(s) of the local community to act as Gala coordinator/Gala Committee, to come forward.

(f) Community Woodland Project – i) grant funding bid to Aviva Community Fund and public vote opening 23/10/18.

RESOLVED (1) to note that the Clerk had submitted a bid on behalf of the Community Woodland Steering Group to the Aviva Community Fund Environmental strand for up to £25k funding, the bid of which had been validated and would go forward to the public on-line vote from 23/10/18 to 20/11/18 and (2) when the voting opened, a publicity campaign via facebook and the website be coordinated to encourage all members of the local community, their family and friends to vote in support of the project.

ii) future of Community Steering Group.

RESOLVED (1) to note the view that the Steering Group needed an added impetus of someone who could coordinate additional administrative support for the project including the research of potential funding sources and preparation of bids to enable future phases of the project to be robustly driven forward and (2) in light of this, the Clerk agreed to make initial enquiries via the “Nationwide Volunteers” group linked to the Woodland Trust to explore whether they knew of any potential person/source who may be interested and willing to join the Steering Group, to coordinate this activity.

2018.186 Mayor’s Announcements (if any).

The Mayor reported that since the last meeting he had attended :-

- 17/9/18 – Blowhall TARA inaugural meeting
- 19/9/18 – National Citizenship Service Aards evening at the Doncaster Dome in which the Town Council were awarded “Outstanding Social Action Partner” for a project involving NCS Volunteers assisting with preparations for the Edlington Festival on 28/7/18
- 25/9/18 – Meeting at Scarboro Barracks in preparation for Remembrance Sunday
- 26/9/18 – the Community Woodland official opening
- 2/10/18 – Warmsworth and Edlington Lions to present a “Hero” award to Kelly Hepworth
- 14/10/18 – Ex-servicemans Club Committee meeting to agree working collaboratively in support of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day commemorations. In addition, he would be attending their Poppy Appeal Concert on 3/11/18.

2018.187 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) Feral pigeons infestation in the old lollipop shop.

RESOLVED (1) to note that around 60-80 feral pigeons had infested the burn’t out former lollipop shop at 2 Main Avenue which was presenting a health hazard; (2) that this be reported to DMBC Pest Control to attend and address this accordingly and (3) further representations be made to DMBC Mayor Ros Jones asking what actions were to be taken to bring a resolution to this continuing eyesore which had been derelict for several years.

(b) Role of the Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED that in relation to the existing level of the Mayoral allowance and whether this remained appropriate, the Clerk be asked to clarify the basis on which allowances could be payable via the DMBC Governance team and with regard to any requirements or recommendations required from an Independent Remuneration Panel.

(c) Litter in Edlington.

RESOLVED that a generic letter be sent to the proprietors of shops in Edlington asking for their support in ensuring that any litter generated and dumped outside their premises be tidied and binned on a frequent basis to help improve the visual appearance of Edlington Lane and the shop area at the top of the village.

(d) Christmas entertainment.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made with Swallowdale and Headingley Court Care Homes whether they would welcome the Town Council arranging for a singer to attend for an hour slot at each Home, to provide some festive song/cheer in the week or so leading up to Christmas and if so, enquiries be made to proceed and engage Lottie Simone subject to her availability and reasonable appearance fee being confirmed.

2018.188 Financial matters

(a) To note & receive schedule of October payments.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following October payments made:-

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1. Wages				various	8,853.28
2. SYPA					2,054.52
3. HMRC - PAYE/NI Oct					2,361.78
4. NEST Pension contributions					62.35
5. 1&1 website hosting					11.99
6. BT - Phone&Broadband					61.38
7. Applegreen Fuel					269.80
8. Imprest - petty cash					200.00
9. Co-op Bank sweep fee					30.00
10. Clerk mileage claim July-Sept 2018					31.50
11. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec					31.48
12. Total Gas&Power - Elec Grainger					658.75
13. Yorkshire Main Motors - Van MOT & repairs					130.00
14. YLCA - Clerk Larger Council's Training					115.00
15. Zurich Municipal - Van & mowers Insurance					840.00
16. TH White - Rat bait					135.00
17. Complete Shutter Services					234.00

(b) to note the following receipts during September :-

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1. Community Centre					929.00
2. Cemetery Fees					2,790.00
3. HSS Hire - Festival generator part refund					39.60

(c) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 27/9/18.

RESOLVED to note the budgetary control statement and bank reconciliation for the period ending 27/9/18.

2018.189 Correspondence/information items.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following items:-.

1	DMBC	Housing Needs Survey – Stakeholder Consultation
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2018.190 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

RESOLVED (1) that the Clerk be notified of any items requiring scheduling for consideration at next months meeting; (2) an item be scheduled to consider an “outstanding issues” list being developed to be able to monitor implementation of Council resolutions.

2018.191 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th November, 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 12.57pm.