

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY, 2020 AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON

Present: Councillors Keri Anderson (Mayor), Joan Briggs, Richard Fleming, Steve Reardon, Jay Reid, and Daniel Sweeney.

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk), Sargeant Liam Watson (South Yorkshire Police), and one member of the public present.

2020.01 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

RESOLVED to note and approve the apologies of Councillors Maureen Patterson, Rob Reid and Linda Smith.

2020.02 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

None.

2020.03 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

2020.04 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None.

2020.05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December, 2019 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2020.06 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).

A local parishioner commented that she had noticed an increased Police presence with a couple of Police cars on the Main Road and patrols in her vicinity on the Cricket estate which was re-assuring.

2020.07 Partner Updates from DMBC Ward Councillor(s) or South Yorkshire Police representative (if present).

Sargeant Liam Watson, (South Yorkshire Police) introduced himself to the Town Council and advised that he had commenced in his role here in Edlington last week and had requested he be allocated to Edlington and was keen to help in addressing local issues. He was actively getting acquainted with the present challenges faced and confirmed that the Police Station on Main Avenue would re-open in February and work was rapidly being carried out to bring the building up to standard. His resource at his disposal would include 3 PC's and 3 PCSO's. He would be working with DMBC/Social Services and other partner agencies and a number of initiatives were already in the pipeline. The Royal estate was the main focus of his attention and as he was actively dealing with ASB incidents carried out by several minors, liaison with the DMBC Stronger Families Team was ongoing re tackling these issues. An injunction had recently been obtained in relation to one key nominal as well and he was keen to implement a zero tolerance approach.

In relation to statistics, whilst noting the reluctance and under reporting of crime in the village, he informed that reported dwelling burglaries were up by two in December, vehicle crime down by eight, criminal damage up by two and ASB was down. In addition, he concluded by reporting that there had been some issues at the Tumbler which had escalated and were being addressed and he had liaised with the Town Clerk re problems of an increasing number and frequency of vehicles obstructing the pavement, especially in the

vicinity of Bernard Road near the junction with Broomhouse Lane and had advised of the scope for action and notices being given as well as the longer term option of developing a traffic regulation order.

2020.08 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

(a) Lobbying DMBC Community Safety re CCTV systems on entry to Martinwells Lake and associated value for money.

RESOLVED (1) to note the meeting held with DMBC Head of Community Safety & CCTV Manager on 7/1/20 and their response to the concerns re value for money expressed by the Town Council and (2) to note that a follow up site meeting would be held on 20/1/20 to re-visit the scope and alternatives for CCTV deployment at the recreation ground and in the vicinity of the rear access to Group 5 Allotment site to aid considerations on whether to include provision within a bid to Sport England Community Asset Fund for development of the recreation ground.

(b) Lobbying DMBC Highways re cars parked on corners at bottom of Bernard Road – impeding vision/safety.

RESOLVED to note the response from DMBC Senior Engineer Safer Roads and the scope for the Police to take enforcement action where vehicles were causing an obstruction of the pavement and that this matter had now been raised with the new Edlington Police Sergeant who had advised on how such instances should be reported and the actions his team were able to take by way of enforcement.

(c) Request to Ashworth Barracks to conduct a Member site visit.

RESOLVED (1) to request a site visit by Members to meet with representatives of the Victoria Cross Trust on Tuesday 21/1/20 to consider how the Council might support them given their lease was not to be renewed and to view the museum and (2) to note that the Trust had advised that DMBC had served notice on the Trust that their lease of Cedar Road premises in Balby, would not be renewed from 30/6/20 and that they were required to vacate and find new premises.

(d) Deepwater signs at Martinwells Lake – repeated requests to DMBC Asset's Team.

RESOLVED to note that despite ongoing requests, confirmation had still not been received from the DMBC Asset's Team on the request for deepwater signage to be deployed at the lake and as a consequence, a formal complaint now be submitted via DMBC Customer Complaints Procedure.

2020.09 Planning Application Consultations

(a) 19/02991/FUL - Installation of Heat Recovery Units to roof of fire station. Installation of fixed ladders between roof levels and edge protection around units. Blocking up of 1No. garage door beneath canopy to rear of station, Fire Station, Edlington Lane, Edlington

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

(b) 19/03011/FUL - Proposed first floor extension to rear to form office space, Yorkshire Main Community Centre, Edlington Lane, Edlington.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

2020.10 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

(a) South Yorkshire Pensions Authority – Triennial valuation of the Pension fund and implications for the Town Council given the deficit and requirement for increased employer contributions from 1/4/20.

RESOLVED (1) to note the notification by SYPA of the triennial valuation of the pension fund and the projected deficit relating to the Town Council and (2) the deficit in the sum of £11900 be paid upfront in one single instalment on 1/4/20.

(b) Determination of the Parish Precept/Budget for 2020/21

RESOLVED that (1) to note the draft budget/precept presented by the Clerk and supplementary information explaining the budgetary pressures facing the Town Council as a result of the Council Tax Support Grant of £7925 having been phased out; (2) to note and support the draft projected income/expenditure estimates for 2020/21 and the current summary of the Council's reserves, prepared by the Clerk; (3) approval be given to an increase in fees representing a £1 per hour fee increase for hire of the Grainger Centre, effective from 1/4/20, a £10 flat rate charge for use of the kitchen facility and a 3% increase in allotment fees in 2021; (4) in light of this, the precept/budget be set at £138509 for 2020/21 representing £72.56 for a Band D property, a 5.71% increase on last year's rate and an 8.55% increase on last years overall funding (Precept and Council Tax Support Grant) and the Clerk be requested to notify DMBC Finance Team accordingly; (5) the following items be allocated to be met from earmarked reserves :-

£7000 as a third party contribution if the FCC Community Woodland grant application were to be successful

£11900 SYPA – Pension fund deficit payment

£1000 – Audio system for use at outdoor events

£8000 – Any by-election or Parish election costs during 2020/21 and

(6) to defer consideration of an allocation of funding support to EXPECT Youth re a Summer Activity programme at the recreation ground pending further clarification on their proposals/programme for the Summer with regard to :-

a) Clarity on what other sources of funding were being pursued, seeking £9k to run a programme in Edlington and from whom

b) What they were proposing to run in Edlington if successful in attracting £9k

c) How much of this they envisage utilising for activities at the Recreation ground and on what activities

d) Were they approaching Edlington businesses for funding support such as Wavin, Polypipe and Emms Transport as significant local businesses in our community and if so, the Town Council would like to see any funds raised from Edlington businesses earmarked or ring-fenced for Edlington activities rather than going in to a centralised Borough wide pot. In principle, the Town Council were prepared to consider matching any funds raised by local Edlington businesses up to an agreed ceiling.

(c) Burial ground – nothing to report.

(d) Allotments – i) Summary feedback on resolution to issues raised re a dispute at Group 1 site by a plot holder under Public Speaking at the December Town Council meeting, having met with him & Allotment Secretary on 18/12/19.

RESOLVED (1) to note the outcome of the meeting held on 18/12/19 between the Clerk, Town Mayor/Deputy, the Allotment Secretary and plot holder and the consensual resolution supported by all concerned and (2) whilst the offending gate restricting access through the site had now been removed, the plot holder had advised that the invasive CCTV camera had not yet been re-positioned and the Clerk be requested to write to the Allotment Secretary instructing that this be facilitated within 28 days which would be subject to a spot check inspection in due course.

(e) Community Centre.

RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk that all of the chairs in the hall had now been fully re-upholstered as a result of the wear and tear/decay.

(f) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden.

RESOLVED to note the inspection report carried out by the DMBC Play Area inspector on 9/1/20 and the subsequent play equipment repair quote presented; (2)

approval be given to accept the repair quote and for all specified repairs to be carried out in the sum of £420, with the exception of not fitting eleven new rubber corner panel edgings to the seats of the Sutcliffe toddler multi unit which were deemed not to be necessary and (3) in light of the site visit to the recreation ground yesterday, a quantity of three Broxap litter/dog waste bins be acquired from the current budgetary underspend in the sum of £239 each and in view of the damage/vandalism to and state of disrepair of existing bins.

- (g) Improvement Projects & Events – i) De-brief - Carols in the Park 16/12/19 & minutes of Activities Working Group 9/12/19.

RESOLVED (1) to note the minutes of the meeting held on 9/12/19 and (2) to note the outcome of another very successful event on 16/12/19 and this be scheduled once again on the corresponding Monday 14/12/20 and the Elmfield Brass Band be reserved once again and to note that post event refreshments were deemed as not required.

- (f) To consider a bid for grant funding – DMBC Active Communities Grant.

RESOLVED that a bid be prepared in support of a contribution towards the EXPECT Youth Summer Activity Programme in Edlington being delivered.

- (g) Seeking formal listing by DMBC of Edlington Assets' of Community Value as set out in the Edlington Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED to submit nominations for each of the eligible assets of value as set out in the Town Council Neighbourhood Plan and in addition a nomination be made in respect of Martinwells lake and the Community Woodland project.

- (h) Correspondence with the Information Commissioner's Office re action taken in relation to data breach.

RESOLVED to note the communications with the Information Commissioner regarding a complaint made against the Town Council in July 2019 regarding the disclosure of confidential information and the actions put in place by the Town Council to prevent a re-occurrence.

2020.11 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that 1) she and other Members had attended the funeral on 8/1/20 of former Town Councillor Alan Cross who sadly passed away shortly before Christmas, who had been the second longest serving Town Councillor having completed 27 years service until his retirement in 2018 and 2) she and some other Members of the Town Council had met with Nick Fletcher our new Don Valley MP last week by way of an introductory meeting and looked forward to working with him going forwards on matters of mutual interest and benefit of Edlington.

2020.12 Matters requested by Councillors.

- (a) Prospect of arranging to meet the new Don Valley MP..

RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to submit a formal invitation to meet with the Town Council in the near future.

2020.13 Financial matters

- (a) To note & receive schedule of January payments.

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

£

1. Wages				various	9,326.11
2. SYPA					1,818.38
3. HMRC - PAYE/NI					2,428.00
4. NEST Pension contributions					210.76
5. 1&1 website hosting					11.99
6. BT - Phone&Broadband					65.40
7. Applegreen Fuel					160.02
8. 2Commune Ltd - new website develpt			58696259		1,902.00
9. McAfee - Anti virus subscription					89.99
10. Chubb Fire & Security - Service			58853532		122.75
11. Chubb Fire & Security - new extinguisher			58853599		19.20
12. Water Plus - Cemetery			58853640		58.58
13. Coop bank - sweep fee					30.00
14. Upholstery Repair Centre - Grainger chairs			58858051		1,347.00
15. Armthorpe Band - Carols in Park			58858116		250.00
16. Total Gas&Power - Elec Grainger					765.55
17. TH White - Rat bait			58987128		165.00
18. Doncaster Electrical Serves - Check Jct box			58987183		54.00
19. Business Stream - Cemetery Water			58987305		54.26
20. The Glow Company - Carols in Park sticks			58988469		39.95
21. DMBC Trade refuse collect - Grainger			58988208		265.00
22. DMBC Trade refuse collect - Cemetery			58988346		265.00
23. Microsoft Office 365 renewal			59082394		59.99
24. Parish Online - Annual subscription			59082677		288.00
25. Imprest - petty cash					150.00

(b) to note the following receipts during December :-
£

1. Community Centre				1,141.00
2. Cemetery - burial fees				2,450.00

(c) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 31/12/19.

RESOLVED to note and accept the budgetary control statement and bank reconciliation for the period ending 31/12/19.

2020.14 Correspondence/information items.

RESOLVED to note the following items:-

1	DMBC	Temporary traffic regulation order – Tait Avenue
2	SYPA	Consultation on the Funding Strategy Statement
3	YLCA	White Rose Update – December 2019
4	DMBC	Parish Council's JCC Meeting/Agenda 17/1/20
5	NALC	Chairman's New Year open letter to Member Council's

2020.15 Outstanding Issues List.

RESOLVED to note the updated schedule presented of current actions being progressed and lobbying of appropriate Agencies for updates on the matters set out.

2020.16 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the following items be scheduled :-

- Edlington Swimming Baths – redevelopment update from DCLT
- Prospective further community litter pick morning

2020.17 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11th February, 2020 10am.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.