

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF
EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2009
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, EASTWOOD,
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

Present: Cllr D Bagshaw, Cllr Mrs S Bagshaw, Cllr P Butler (non committee member), Cllr Hazel Charlesworth, Cllr R Charlesworth, Cllr R Dodge (non committee member), Cllr Mrs J Forrest (ex officio), Cllr B Griffin (non committee member), Cllr J Kenny, Cllr K Longdon (ex official), Cllr Ms Rayner Robb (substitute members for Cllr Mrs G Robb) and Cllr C Robb.

Also present: five members of the public.

Cllr C Robb, Council Leader in the Chair.

P15/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs G Robb.

P16/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made by attending Councillors, all in respect of applications for grant support: -

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	PERSONAL/PREDUCIAL
Cllr P Butler	CAB, St Mary's Church (2)	
	Eastwood Probus	Personal
Cllr Mrs S Bagshaw	Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	Personal
Cllr D Bagshaw	Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	Personal
Cllr J Kenny	Eastwood Volunteer Bureau/ Eastwood Probus	Personal
Cllr B Griffin	Greasley MW FC, St Mary's Church Friendship Club, and Eastwood Probus	Personal
Cllr Mrs J Forrest	Age Concern	Personal
Cllr K Longdon	Moorgreen Colts FC, Stepping Stones	Personal
Cllr R Charlesworth	Age Concern, Eastwood Photographic Soc. And Rascals (Eastwood Baptist)	Personal
Cllr Hazel Charlesworth	Eastwood Probus, Eastwood Photographic Soc., Broxtowe Womens' Project, Rascals (Eastwood Baptist)	Personal
Cllr C Robb	Age Concern	Personal

P17/10 NOTIFICATIONS OF LOBBYING

The following notifications of lobbying were made by attending Councillors:-

Cllr C Robb – Eastwood Taxi Ranks
Cllr J Kenny – Application for grants (Pidgeon Club)
Cllr R Charlesworth – Eastwood Taxi Ranks

P18/10 CIRCULATION OF AGENDA PAPERS TO COUNCILLORS

In answer to a question the Town Clerk reported that the present arrangement for committee meeting agenda was for non committee members to be circulated with the agenda only in order that they were aware of the business being dealt with. For reasons of economy they were not provided with copies of papers accompanying the agenda which the committee members received.

After discussion it was AGREED to amend this rule and in future all Councillors are to receive all agenda papers sent to members of committees.

P19/10 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The Town Clerk reported that 25 organisations had put in applications for grant using the new application forms. These applications had been inspected by a number of Town Councillors and preliminary discussions held concerning how applications should be considered. In a number of cases insufficient information had been submitted.

After a full and detailed discussion it was RESOLVED to defer consideration of the applicators until the next meeting of the Town Council, to ask a number of organisations to submit their last accounts and to specify what other grants had been received from other grant making bodies during the current financial year. It was also agreed that the copies of all applicators received would be sent to all Councillors for information and consideration.

P20/10 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES

The Town Clerk referred to the decision by the March meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee to seek the support of Greasley Parish Council to applying for an extension of the current area in Eastwood where alcohol consumption in public places was prohibited. The parish council had now responded confirming their willingness to support the proposed extension but asking that the Greasley Sports Centre, the children's play area adjoining, and the Beauvale Recreation Ground be included in the extended area.

After a full discussion it was RESOLVED that the Borough Council be formally requested to extend the designated area to include all areas specified by both the Greasley Parish Council and the Eastwood Town Council and that the Nottinghamshire County Council be requested to support the extended area. It was also agreed to ask the Police Authority to provide a report upon action taken

to control consumption of alcohol in public places for the current designated area in Eastwood.

P21/10 BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL – HOUSING STRATEGY CONSULTATION DAY

The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Council were developing a new housing strategy and were holding a consultation day on 25 September 2009. The Town Council had been invited to send representatives on that day.

After discussion it was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs J Forrest and Cllr B Griffin attend this consultation day to represent the Eastwood Town Council.

P22/10 MANSFIELD RD RECREATION GROUND – MEMORIAL GARDENS

The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Council had proposed a new memorial rose flower bed for the Mansfield Road Memorial Gardens to replace the Memorial Rose Bed which had been dismantled last year. The planned design had been circulated to all members.

Cllr R Dodge provided additional information upon the proposals and Cllr D Bagshaw commented upon the need to ensure a reasonable level of ground security to this site after the new Memorial Rose Bed had been installed. The meeting **noted** that a planting ceremony was proposed for 11.00 am on Wednesday 11 November 2009.

P23/10 PUBLIC LIASION DURING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Town Clerk referred to the current Council policy in making provision for members of the public to ask questions and to make statements during Town Council meetings. He asked the meeting to consider whether matters brought up by members of the public could be actioned/dealt with immediately without formal adoption by the Town Council.

After a full and detailed discussion it was RESOLVED that urgent matters raised by members of the public during Town Council meetings which needed action would in future be referred to the next available Town Council committee meeting for consideration and action. Such a referral could be made to the Planning Sub Committee meeting but a notice inviting all Councillors to attend the sub committee would be sent specifying the (none planning) matter being considered.

It was further AGREED: -

- That reports upon action taken in respect of matters brought up by the public should be circulated during future Town Council meetings.
- Those copies of the Town Council agenda should also be made available to the public during Town Council meetings.

P24/10 TOWN MAYOR'S AWARDS. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The meeting reviewed and discussed the Town Council policy in respect of the criteria to be applied for making these annual awards.

After a full discussion it was AGREED that the following be taken into account when considering nominations for this award: -

- Assessment of the level and extent of benefit derived by the Eastwood community which arose from the work of individuals or groups.
- The extent of contribution to that specific benefit by others.
- The awards continue to be considered annually.

P25/10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2009

The Town Clerk reported that he would be shortly making arrangements for the Eastwood Remembrance Sunday services and parades and asked the meeting if the same arrangements were to be made as for the previous year.

After discussion it was RESOLVED: -

- That the same arrangements be made as for 2008.
- That the current performance of Eastwood Arcadians be reviewed.
- That the City of Lincoln Scout Band be confirmed for both 2009 and 2010.

P26/10 BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL – REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

The Town clerk reported that the Borough Council had adopted the revised statement of community involvement on 2 June 2009 and that copies of the statement were now available for inspection.

The meeting NOTED this report.

P27/10 APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk reported upon the decision of the appointment sub committee to offer the post to Michelle Smith, subject to conditions which were described to the meeting. A response to the offer was awaited.

The meeting NOTED this report.

P28/10 PROVISION OF TAXI RANKS IN EASTWOOD

The Leader of the Council Cllr C Robb reported that the current provision of taxi ranks in the Town was considered by some to be inadequate and suggested consideration be given to making a request for an additional taxi rank.

After a full discussion it was AGREED to ask the Borough Council to consider establishing a new (additional) taxi rank on King Street. The votes cast for this decision was six votes **for** with two abstentions.

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There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.