

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF  
EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2009 IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, EASTWOOD  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

**PRESENT** Cllr David Bagshaw, Cllr Susan Bagshaw, Cllr Hazel Charlesworth, Cllr Josie Forrest, Cllr Keith Longdon, Cllr Charles Robb, Cllr Tara Fiddymont (Substitute for Cllr Bob Charlesworth),

**ALSO PRESENT** Cllr Richard Dodge and two members of the public.

**P29/10 CHAIR OF POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 2009/10**

Cllr C Robb opened the meeting as current Chair. He informed the meeting that due to recent changes in the political constitution of the Council, he felt it was appropriate for him to relinquish his role as Chair, so as to enable the Vice Chair, Cllr David Bagshaw (now the Council Leader) to Chair the remaining meetings for the current Council year.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bagshaw then took over the Chair of Policy and Finance.

**P30/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs G Robb, Cllr J Zalewski(working), Cllr Bob Charlesworth, Cllr Brian Griffin.

**P31/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were made by attending Councillors in respect of items of business specified in the meeting's agenda.

**P32/10 NOTIFICATION OF LOBBYING**

No Declarations of Interest given by Councillors in respect of items of business listed on the agenda.

**P33/10 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BUDGETARY PLANS**

Cllr D Bagshaw reported that the report offered no networking and savings being made would affect the less well off.

Cllr K Longdon reported that the County Cllrs Liberal/Labour Groups were in joint agreement to fight the cuts as reported.

Cllr C Robb reported that there was a consultation period and it was paramount that full opportunities are taken to fight the proposals.

It was **RESOLVED** and **APPROVED** that the Town Clerk was to write a letter to Nottinghamshire County Council on behalf of Eastwood Town Council deploring

the cuts being made from front line services.

#### **P34/10 LOCAL TRANSPORT ISSUES**

Cllr P Butler reported on various Local Transport Issues and discussions took place as follows:

##### **a) Traffic wardens**

Cllr P Butler reported that there was concern that Eastwood is not receiving its fair share of presence in the Town from the Traffic Warden Service. Of major concern is parking on Victoria St near to the bank.

It was **APPROVED** that Cllr. C Robb make contact with Broxtowe Borough Council to establish what service is being provided by the Traffic Warden Service in Eastwood, how many parking tickets have been issued, and to write to Inspector Craig Nolan Eastwood Police to highlight the parking problem at Victoria Street and what actions police are involved with vehicle parking issues.

##### **b) Road markings**

Cllr P Butler reported there were several locations in Eastwood where road markings require urgent remarking.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr K Longdon investigates when this work can be carried out. There is a need to provide a full list of sites requiring attention.

##### **c) Use of speed –gun**

Cllr P Butler reported that there have been several local Parish areas; Awsworth, Brinsley, and Kimberley who have in operation a volunteer speed gun scheme. Eastwood however despite having purchased a speed gun there is no scheme in operation.

Cllr D Bagshaw emphasised the need to have in place enough volunteers.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to place an advertisement in local paper to obtain more volunteers.

It was further **RESOLVED** that Cllr K Longdon make enquiries of the requirements to set up such a scheme i.e. insurance issue, requirement to install appropriate signage, and health and safety issues.

#### **P35/10 SPEED CONTROL SIGNS**

Cllr P Butler reported that several Interpretative Speed Signs have been installed in local Parish areas, but not in Eastwood.

Cllr K Longdon reported that an Interpretative Speed sign was to be installed on Nottingham Road Eastwood following his request.

Cllr D Bagshaw **RESOLVED** that Cllr Longdon to make enquiries with Nottinghamshire County Council on locations where Interpretative Speed signs are to be located in Eastwood. Also the criteria for the installation of Speed Cameras.

**P36/10 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – TRANSPORT STUDY**

A discussion took place in respect to the letter received from Notts County Council Transport Study in Eastwood Town Council. The County Council's objectives are to:

1. develop a **sustainable** town centre that is safe, healthy and attractive place to live, work and visit;
2. enhance/maintain **accessibility** by improving public transport, and cycle and pedestrian facilities whilst also maintaining satisfactory access for private cars and ensuring appropriate parking provision;
3. maintain and enhance the **economic** well being of the town centre, promoting it as a competitive and attractive place to work, shop and invest in; and
4. **Reduce traffic dominance** through effective traffic management.

The County Council aims to create and maintain a sustainable town centre by

- reducing the need to travel;
- re-allocating road space to favour public transport, walking and cycling;
- improving the walking, cycling and public transport network; and
- Promoting public transport and improving awareness of sustainable travel.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr K Longdon make contact with Nottinghamshire County Council to set up a meeting with officers to discuss the Transport Study in Eastwood.

**P37/10 BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL – BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Following receipt of letter from Broxtowe Borough Council asking if Eastwood Town Council were prepared to accept the Book of Remembrance to allow Eastwood Residents and visitors to view an entry in the book:

It was **RESOLVED**

- Town Clerk Designate to confirm to Broxtowe Borough Council that Eastwood Town Council accept the Book of Remembrance. The Book of Remembrance to be accepted after the move into new premises.
- Cllr K Longdon to obtain a quote for a glass cabinet to house the book of Remembrance

**P38/10 MR COLIN DYSON MBE – COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**

Cllr J Forrest presented proposals for a suitable location for the placing of a Commemorative plaque for the Colin Dyson MBE. After discussion it was:

**RESOLVED**

In principle there is to be a Commemorative plaque in Eastwood to Colin Dyson MBE. Consideration to be given to placing the commemorative plaque in the rear wall of the refurbished Wall Memorial currently being designed.

**P39/10 CORONATION PARK- BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Cllr C Robb reported his concern on the maintenance standards that have been achieved this summer for ground maintenance.

There was concern:

- Frequency of mowing had been reduced causing increased grass cuttings
- Flower beds have been moved to a new location, and then moved again. There is a need for these to remain in situ.
- The hedge has been moved off boundary to Plumptre Way.
- Concern whether grant aid option from outside services was still an option

Cllr D Bagshaw asked that Cllr B Griffin comments be sought on the state of the bowling green.

Cllr T Fiddyment reported that since the side hedges and shrub beds have been removed it is much safer to walk through the park.

Cllr Bagshaw **RESOLVED** that Town Clerk Designate have discussions with Broxtowe Borough Council to see achieved an improved standard of maintenance in Coronation Park.

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There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.03pm