

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021 AT 10.00AM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON.**

**Present:** Councillors Joan Briggs (Mayor), Jan Devanney, Joseph Reid and Victoria Whittemore.

**Also in Attendance:** Simon Oldham (Town Clerk). No members of the public present.

**2021.126 To receive and consider apologies for absence.**

**RESOLVED** to approve the apologies of Councillors Keri Anderson, Steve Reardon and Linda Smith.

**2021.127 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).**

None.

**2021.128 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.**

None.

**2021.129 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press in respect of agenda item 16 "Future of Edlington Wood and the Wood House", which was prejudicial to the public interest in view of potential advice regarding the future use and management of land and the Town Council's interests.

**2021.130 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 as a true and accurate record.**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

**2021.131 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.

**2021.132 Partner Updates from DMBC Ward Councillor(s) or South Yorkshire Police representative (if present).**

**RESOLVED** to note the apologies of Inspector Adrian Luscombe and Acting Sergeant Karl Middleton and the Clerk be asked to pursue a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting to receive an update from them on local policing matters.

**2021.133 Communications with DMBC Highways and Wates re remaining issues requiring attention following completion of the development.**

**RESOLVED** to note the reporting by the Clerk that Wates had confirmed their intention to install two additional wrought iron fence panels which were on order, to then narrow the gap in the bollards spacing to 1.2m as per the recommended design standard specification and in addition, to carry out the landscaping/planting in front of the Group 5 Allotments perimeter fencing.

**2021.134 Reply from DMBC Leisure Services re status of Edlington Swimming Baths refurbishment plans & offer of a site visit to view Armthorpe Leisure Centre's refurbishment.**

**RESOLVED** to (1) to note the update from DMBC Leisure Services advising that "we have been awarded additional capital monies to undertake refurbishment works at Edlington Leisure centre. To support this work we have commissioned Faithful and Gould to

undertake initial survey investigation and planning for the building. Initially Faithful & Gould will undertake a number of essential surveys which will provide in-depth assessment of the building fabric and systems. This will enable us to better understand the nature and potential cost of works. As the surveys can be intrusive particularly an asbestos survey the centre will now remain closed as this is affectively the start of works to refurbish the centre we are hoping to have works will be completed by late spring of next year but won't be able to give more detailed dates until full design has been developed. Once the surveys have taken place we will be in a better position with the town council and community to engage in the design of the offer that can be developed alongside the refurbishment works. I hope you will appreciate that this element at the start of the process is not visual to the public and may seem the centre is sat closed for no reason, to try and alleviate this banners will be placed on the centre advising of the works to reassure the community” and (2) the Clerk to respond advising that the Town Council would like to take up on the offer of a visit to Armthorpe leisure centre which had recently been refurbished to see the approach that has been taken and changes made to that facility.

**2021.135 Planning Application Consultations (if any).**

21/01740/ADV - Display of fascia sign, projecting sign, 6 x ACM panel, clip frame and 2 x poster cases, 4 - 6 The Crescent, Edlington, DN12 1AJ.

**RESOLVED** to raise no objections regarding this proposed development.

**2021.136 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:**

- (a) Burial Ground – i) progressing sourcing of a memorial tree & pursuit of further quotation;

**RESOLVED** to note that a second quotation was being pusued.

- ii) Plans for commemorating the 100 year anniversary of Edlington Cemetery in August 2022;

**RESOLVED** that subject to Father Adikwu successfully supporting our Armistice Day commemoration this year, he be asked to support next years'centenary commemoration of the Cemetery grounds and in addition a form of plaque be unveiled in commemoration and options be explored in conjunction with DMBC on the prospects for planting a memorial tree as a contribution in meeting Mayor Jones pledge for tree planting around the Borough as part of the climate emergency action plan roll out.

- iii) Deputy Cemetery & Grounds Supervisor – 25 year service award.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor and Cemetery/Grounds Supervisor to consider and acquire a suitable long service award to gift to the Cemetery staff member.

- (b) Allotments - i) Summary of site inspections carried out at Group 2/3 Staveley/Victoria site and Group 5, Auburn Road site carried out in July.

**RESOLVED** to note the summary feedback of the Clerk re the inspection of Auburn Road Group 5 site on 28/7/21 in conjunction with Town Councillors Keri Anderson and Jan Devanney and Group 2/3 Victoria Road site on 27/7/21 with Town Councillors Linda Smith and Victoria Whittemore and to note that access could not be gained to the Staveley Street plots and revised visiting arrangements were to be made shortly.

- ii) update on follow up meeting held on 29/7/21 with Group 1, Martinwells site plot holders re establishing a formal committee re site management arrangements going forwards .

**RESOLVED** to note the feedback from the Clerk that following the resignation of the Group 1 Martinwells allotment site Secretary, himself, the Mayor and Councillor Linda Smith had met with plot holder representatives plus the former site Secretaries daughter and given advice on the process for the establishment of a formal site

management committee and constitution with respective officers (eg Secretary/Chairman/Treasurer) based on model documentation from the National Allotment Society and advised of the Town Council's expectations that a special general meeting should be called ideally within a month to formally adopt a constitution and appointment of a committee/officers, which would require the consent of a minimum of 75% of plot holders present and voting. Furthermore, that without a properly elected committee to self-manage the site in the wider interests of all plot holders, the Town Council reserved the right to take back direct control of the site if the plot holders could not coordinate themselves accordingly.

(c) Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** to note the feedback from the Clerk on those regular user groups that were coming back to use/hire the Grainger Centre as the Covid restrictions had been eased and the plans for the Town Council to review at its next meeting in September, whether it was safe to re-open with unrestricted access for general ad-hoc and party bookings dependent on the prevailing local situation with covid and infection levels.

(d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden - i) update on site meeting with Community safety team and their CCTV contractor 21/7/21 and pursuit of alternative quotes for deploying CCTV in the area;

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the acceptance of the following aspects of the DMBC contractor, Secas UK quote dated 4/8/21 for the deployment of CCTV infrastructure at or in the vicinity of the recreation ground and community woodland site :-

Infrastructure £13760.00, additional option 1 £1102.00, additional option 2 £2724.00, Maintenance agreement £1825.00, all ex-VAT, plus the annual charge of £2000.00 for monitoring at the central DMBC ARC Suite.

ii) Recreation ground play equipment repair quote;

**RESOLVED** that (1) approval be given to the DMBC repair quote in respect of the replacement of wooden panel seat to the Sutcliffe Multi Junior unit in the sum of £100, but in respect of the repair to the 7 missing post caps, this to be infilled by the Town Council's Grounds team using expandable foam material and (2) a quote was still awaited from DMBC re options for replacement surfacing re the wet pour surface that was starting to crack at the seams in places.

(e) Improvement Projects & Events - Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day commemorations & b) Miners annual Memorial commemoration – minutes of Activities Working Group meeting 26/7/21.

**RESOLVED** to note and accept the minutes of the Activities Working Group meeting held on 26/7/21 which had kick-started preparations for this years' Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day and Miners annual memorial commemorations.

(f) Climate Emergency – update on Working Group meeting held with DMBC Head of Sustainability & Climate Change Lead Officer and proposed actions to take forward.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the minutes of the Climate Emergency Working Group meeting held on 20/7/21 and actions that DMBC's Head of Sustainability had agreed to take forward following discussions at that meeting; (2) that the Clerk be asked to respond advising in respect of the scope for suitable locations being identified in Edlington to meet Mayor Ros Jones pledge for Borough wide tree planning that this might include :-

- Recreation ground (off Auburn Road)
- Cemetery grounds (Edlington Lane, Warmsworth DN4 9LT)

- Miners Memorial garden (adjacent Yorkshire main Community Centre, Edlington Lane)
- Cenotaph garden (Edlington Lane)
- Community Woodland site (adjacent Martinwells lake and Auburn Road allotments) and  
(3) The Clerk be asked to follow up on the scope for further exploring the possibilities in respect of solar panels being erected on suitable Town Council buildings and wildflower verges or areas suitable for naturalisation in Edlington.

(g) Progressing the sculptor quote re Frank Arrowsmith Go Fund Me Memorial Appeal. **RESOLVED** that attempts be made to move this forward by Councillor Rob Reid and/or the Town Mayor Joan Briggs pursuing the respective mining artefacts to pass over to the Sculptor to enable preparation of a formal quote in respect of the vision for the memorial.

(h) DMBC reply to Freedom of Information request re inspections and repairs to Granby field and Howbeck Drive, play areas.  
**RESOLVED** to note the response received from DMBC re the Freedom of Information request in respect of the two play area facilities.

#### **2021.137 Mayor's Announcements (if any).**

The Mayor had no announcements.

#### **2021.138 Matters requested by Councillors.**

(a) Edlington Firefighters – long service awards & good conduct medals.  
**RESOLVED** to defer consideration in the absence of Councillor Rob Reid.

(b) Proposed motion for adoption - This Council:

- is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding pets given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media and other channels in England – and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish
- is concerned for the welfare of those animals that are being given as prizes
- recognises that many cases of pets being as prizes may go unreported each year
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(c) Cracks to monoliths at community woodland.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk be asked to contact Warmsworth Stone to request a site meeting to discuss the appearance of the monoliths.

**2021.139 Financial matters**

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

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

£

1. Wages			various	9,627.21
2. SYPA				2,240.32
3. HMRC - PAYE/NI				2,475.41
4. NEST Pension contributions				216.54
5. BT - Phone&Broadband				56.94
6. Applegreen Fuel				296.16
7. Yorkshire Purchasing Org - cleaning supplies		6321138		152.22
8. Electrofix - new oven Grainger kitchen		6387438		298.00
9. Total Gas&Power - Gas Grainger				401.41
10. Amazon - rat bait boxes		6387333		40.50
11. Ferncroft Environmental - Asbestos training				30.00
12. YLCA - Allotment Webinar Tenancy agreements				22.50
13. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec				38.25

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

£

1. Community Centre				1,500.00
2. Cemetery Fees				1,280.00
3. Recreation ground pitch hire				315.00
4. FCC Communities Foundation - woodland grant				21,430.00
5. HMRC - Q1 VAT reclamation				1,727.97

(c) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 31/7/21.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note and accept the budgetary control statement and bank reconciliation for the period ending 31/7//21 and (2) a sum of £20000.00 be transferred from the Co-op Deposit account to the Cambridge Building Society account.

**2021.140 Correspondence/information items.**

**RESOLVED** to note the following items:-

1	DMBC	Temporary footpath closure order - No.8 Warmsworth from its junction with Low Road East, proceeding over the footbridge for 85 metres to the junction with Barrel Lane
2	YLCA	White Rose Updates 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021 & electronic/ training programme
3	YLCA	Law & Governance Bulletin's 9/7/21 & 28/7/21
4	YLCA/NALC	National resilience strategy – call for evidence

**2021.141 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.**

**RESOLVED** to notify the Clerk of any respective agenda item requests.

**2021.142 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - Future of Edlington Wood and the Wood House**

**RESOLVED** that (1) the press and public be excluded for this item on the grounds that it was prejudicial to the Town Council's position and interests regarding the future use and

protection of this land & property; (2) to note that there was no further information available to enable the Town Council to consider a way forward at this time, although it was noted that in conjunction with DMBC, efforts were being made to re-institute the formal recording/registration of a tree preservation order giving wider protection to the species within the woodland boundary.

**2021.143 Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 14th September 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 11.30am