



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 24th September 2020. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Mayor	*Cllr J Robini
Deputy Mayor	*Cllr S Dear
Councillors	*Arrick, Barton, *Cole, Davidson, *Dullaway, *Ellis, *Hewett, *Isherwood, *Keen, *Lloyd, *Matthes, *Nicholson *Odell, *Round, *Weldon, *Whitby

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork. Arran Acott was also in attendance; Cllr Robini welcomed him in his role as project Open Spaces Manager. Daniel Gee from the Haslemere Herald was also present.

79/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Cllr Barton and Cllr Nicholson who both have family commitments are accepted.

80/20 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Keen declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 (on committee of A Place to Be) and item 15 (HTC Representative for Haslemere Penny Ha'Penny Trust).

Cllr Robini declared a non-pecuniary interest as spouse of above.

Cllr Dear declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15 as a Trustee of the Haslemere Penny Ha'Penny Trust.

Cllr Odell declared a pecuniary interest in item 12 as the former Treasurer of Haslemere Community Rail Partnership.

Cllr Round declared a non-pecuniary interest as spouse of above.

Cllr Dullaway declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 as spouse works at Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Cole declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 as involved with the Haslemere Community Rail Partnership.

81/20 DISPENSATIONS

All Councillors who pay Council Tax and live within the Council's Boundary have been granted dispensations by the Clerk in budget setting.

82/20 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None.

83/20 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

Cllr Harmer was present and would like to be involved with the Transport Committee that is being formed, Cllr Robini will send an invite for Cllr Harmer to attend the meeting.

84/20 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 23rd July 2020 are approved.

85/20 REVENUE GRANTS

1. HOPPA

Hoppa has received an annual revenue grant of £5000 from HTC since 2010 and have requested the funds for 2021-22.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Hoppa service is vital to many within the town and all Councillors voted to award the full grant of £5,000.

2. A Place to Be Youth Club

APTB Youth Club has previously received a revenue grant of £5000 in 2020-21 when Council asked for it to be placed on the list of revenue recipients.

Cllr Keen stated that the Youth Club has now re-opened and is operating in a limited capacity due to Covid. They have a new leader on board and 3 part time leaders.

Cllr Round commented that we only seem to be supporting APTB who only use 'The Hub' once a week, and queries why we have not received any grant requests from any other groups?

RESOLVED

The Council voted to fund the full £5000 to A Place To Be Youth Club.

3. Haslewey

Haslewey has applied for a revenue grant for £10,000, they have not received a revenue grant from HTC in the past.

Cllr Dullaway fully supports this grant request; their revenue have been severely affected due to Covid and this fund will help them to carry on supporting the community by providing meals.

Cllr Round would like to show his disgust with WBC for not supporting Haslewey via the Orchard Club and implores twin hatted members of the Council to request funding for Haslewey from WBC. Cllr Robini confirmed that WBC are granting Haslewey £22,000.

RESOLVED

The Council voted to fund the full £10,000 to HasleWey.

4. Citizens Advice Bureau

CAB Waverley has received an annual revenue grant from HTC since at least 2010, in 2018-2019 it was increased from £10,000 to £11,520 based on funding formula of £20 per Haslemere client who used the service in the previous year. CAB revenue grants are set for 3 years.

RESOLVED

The Council voted to fund £12,500 to Citizens Advice Waverley for the next 3 years.

86/20 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor gave his update highlighting the following:

- Red Court has now been heard by the planning Committee. This as expected bought a huge number of comments from the Community. The planning committee voted to object and in due course the application will go to Waverley as the planning authority.
- As previously mentioned, Waverley has recognised the work done by Haslewey, during the epidemic and has agreed to award the service level agreement sum to £22,000 for the remainder of this year.
- The Town Office will be closed again except for vital arranged appointments. The Town Clerk has ensured that Covid regulations are being applied.
- The Haslemere Museum has been severely affected by the Covid crisis and we are hoping to be able to provide further support for them in the coming months.

87/20 CLERKS UPDATE

The Clerk's Report had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

88/20 CHARITABLE FACILITY FOR HASLEMERE

Malcolm Carter, the Chair of Trustees for The Haslemere Penny Ha'Penny Trust, presented a proposal to the Council for setting up a Charitable Facility for Haslemere, which will help to fund organisations to donate to Haslemere residents who are experiencing shortage of funds due to the Covid outbreak.

The Town Clerk confirmed that HTC have secured a hardship fund from WBC for £7,000 for this. These funds will be held in a restricted account which will be managed by HPHT.

Councillor Lloyd requested that the board should have Trustees from the current Council (a number of ex councillors are on the Board). It was clarified that Cllr Dear is on the Board and Cllr Keen is the HTC representative.

RESOLVED

Haslemere Town Council supports the establishment of the Charitable Facility for Haslemere residents via the HPHT. The facility will be managed on a day to day basis by the HPHT. Initial funding for this venture has been secured by the Town Council, further applications for donations will be considered by the Council on an ad hoc basis.

89/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 4 and 5 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and virements are approved.

90/20 BUDGET WORKING PARTY 2020-2021

RESOLVED:

A Budget Working Party to be made up of the following Councillors, who will present the final budget to Council in January:

Councillors: Dullaway, Lloyd, Hewett, Davidson, Round plus the Town Clerk.

91/20 BUDGET ITEMS FOR INCLUSION 2020-2021

The following budget proposals were put forward for consideration as part of the budget round 2020-21:

1. Solar Panels £3,000 - Councillor Lloyd

In September 2019 HTC declared a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency which included a commitment to become carbon-neutral by 2030. The addition of Solar Panels onto the Public Toilets in Haslemere High Street would help to promote, educate, and encourage the community to use renewable energy resources and enable the Council to lead by example.

Cllr Dear stated that objective research and cost analysis would need to be carried out prior to the project commencing; he has concerns that not only will the panels uglify building but will prove cost inefficient.

Cllr Round and Cllr Weldon support the idea and suggest that the proposal be expanded to include the Town Hall.

Cllr Lloyd to investigate costings for solar panels to be placed on the Town Hall as well as the Public Toilets.

2. Lion Green Orchard £1500 – Councillor Lloyd

As part of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declaration; a proposal for the adoption of a wildlife-friendly land management initiative is put forward by utilising the northern tip of Lion Green into a Community

Orchard, this will promote locally-sustainable practises and environmental awareness and can be used for education purposes.

All Councillors support this initiative, Councillor Lloyd to provide further costings for this and to also consider Town Meadow as an additional location.

3. CCTV

Proposals for the installation of CCTV were put forward for the following areas:

Hindhead - £3,450

Beacon Hill - £5,820

Lion Lane - £2,126

Cllr Lloyd does not support this project as he believes that the installation of CCTV does not solve the problem, it just moves the problem elsewhere.

RESOLVED

That the remainder of the budget currently held in a n earmarked reserve is used in 2020-21 to install CCTV in Beacon Hill. Hindhead to be budgeted for 2021-22. Council to see what images are obtained around Lion Green by the Wey Hill installation before installing more CCTV in that area.

4. Tourism – Cllr Barton

Cllr Barton is absent from the meeting but has produced a paper detailing the project. Haslemere Community Rail Partnership is requesting a grant of £2500 to enable it to continue to employ a part time volunteer coordinator for the Information Hub at the station.

Cllr Dullaway would ideally like to see more in-depth financial details for this project to make a firm decision, Cllr Dear agreed with this observation and requested further financial reports.

Town Clerk to clarify what criteria future proposals should include.

RESOLVED

That £2500 for this project is added to the 2021-22 budget.

92/20 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the minutes of those meetings and any recommendations therein, not already made under delegated authority, be adopted:

- Planning & Highways Committee –13th August & 10th September
- Amenities 20th August
- Grants 14th September

93/20 PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR LION GREEN

The Amenities committee has put forward costings for a DDA inclusive roundabout, a DDA inclusive swing and the repair of wetpour under seesaw and multiplay unit at a cost of £11,018.10

RESOLVED: The Council voted to fund the above projects at a cost of £11,018.10

94/20 TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of reference for the Transport Working party have been put forward (Appendix 16) for adoption.

RESOLVED: The Terms of Reference for the Transport Working Party is adopted.

95/20 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Weldon (HTC representative to the Haslemere Health Group) commented that the health provision services are being devolved to the local community and there is indecision over the future of the Minor Injuries Unit at Haslemere Hospital, we need to be aware that the situation regarding this is yet to be resolved and we may still need to act to protect it.

Cllr Round confirmed the above and will circulate a copy of a plan produced by Cranleigh Council which we may need to replicate in the future.

96/20 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TENDER

The Christmas Lights working party has awarded the contract for the next 4 years to Light Angels at a cost of £16,596.96. Council to note that only 2 quotes could be obtained and other contractors could not do the work for the stated budget. The basic cost was within budget but the Working Party wish to see 4 trees on Lion Green, 4 trees on St Christopher’s Green and 3 trees at the station wrapped in lights which will result in an overspend of £1269 (The additional sum could be covered within the year’s budget then budgeted for in the following 3 years).

Cllr Lloyd questioned the electricity usage for this, the Town Clerk stated that Light Angels provided a comprehensive spreadsheet detailing this which she will circulate to the Council.

Cllr Weldon commented that he felt uncomfortable with the costs for this in the current climate.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to instruct Light Angels to wrap the 11 trees identified by the Christmas Lights working party at an additional cost of £1269.46 per annum for the 4-year contract.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....