

## **ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING (CSM)**

MINUTES of a meeting held under the powers contained within the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4 April 2020. The regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May 2021. The 2020 Regulations apply to local council meetings, committee and sub-committee meetings in England.

The meeting was held remotely on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87080371306?pwd=cjRta2lSQm9yYWlTMVpqZjFIWIY0UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8037 1306

Passcode: 599368

on Wednesday 30 September 2020 at 7.00pm

Present:

- Cllr C Butchins (CSM Chairman) (in the Chair)
- Cllr Mrs S Parnell (CSM Vice Chairman - EBTC)
- Cllr A Collins – EBTC
- Cllr K Prabakar – EBTC
- R Williams (Watch Commander) – Herts Fire and Rescue
- Cllr T Hone – Hertfordshire County Council
- 4 additional Members of the Public
- H R O Jones - EBTC Town Clerk

[Only those attending on behalf of an organisation and/or wishing their names to be included in the Minutes are recorded above.]

Abbreviations:

- EBTC - Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council
- HBC - Hertsmere Borough Council
- HCC - Hertfordshire County Council
- EBRA - Elstree and Borehamwood Residents' Association
- BETTA - Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association

#### **01. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES**

The Chairman, Cllr C Butchins, welcomed those present to the Town Council organised CSM at what was noted as being a very challenging time for the Community in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Clapper (HBC) and Cllr Mrs P Strack (EBTC).

## **03. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were none.

## **04. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

**the minutes of the meeting of 29 January 2020 be approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.**

## **05. POLICING**

There was no report.

## **06. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

There was no report.

## **07. HERTS FIRE AND RESCUE**

The meeting received a report from R Williams (Watch Commander) – Herts Fire and Rescue. All present wished to thank the service for their sterling work during a very difficult time. It was noted, in particular, the increase in numbers of people being at home during ‘Lockdown’ had entailed an increase in domestic accidents and kitchen fires. The service had been dealing with road traffic collisions (including an accident on Dagger Lane in Elstree).

## **08. CLARION HOUSING**

There was no report.

## **09. COUNCIL REPORTS**

The meeting reviewed a written report presented in person by Cllr T Hone (HCC Exec Member Community Safety & Waste Management) of 14 September 2020 which covered:

- the response from Herts Fire and Rescue service to the local community effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the changes to the administrative framework of the organisation (e.g. Zoom meetings and virtual communications);
- On Call Fire Fighters;
- ‘Post Grenfell’ Training;
- Need for Fire Fighters to have up to date and fit for purpose equipment (especially tall ladders);
- the Need for the service to be more involved in planning matters (e.g. where High Rise buildings are proposed);
- the use of drones and welcome to the new dog called “Thor”; and
- Defibrillator training.

## **10. OPEN SESSION**

Observations about local policing and community safety from the floor included:

- Concerns over perception of police actions relating to an incident publicised on social media on Borehamwood High Street (Shenley Road); and
- A desire to see more police patrols.

## **11. VICE CHAIRMAN’S SUMMARY REPORT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next Zoom meeting would be scheduled at a convenient time, subject to advice on holding meetings remotely and the Chairman’s direction.

## **12. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....