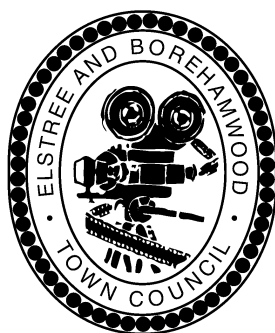


ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL

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 a Zoom Webinar:

(826 2833 7890) on Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Rubner (Mayor) (In the Chair)
Cllr Mrs S Parnell – Hillside (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr C Butchins – Hillside
Cllr R Butler - Cowley Hill
Cllr R Challice - Cowley Hill
Cllr V Eni – Brookmeadow
Cllr P Kaza – Kenilworth South
Cllr S Lawrence – Kenilworth North
Cllr J Newmark - Kenilworth South
Cllr Mrs P Strack – Hillside
Cllr Mrs F Turner - Elstree
Cllr M Vince - Cowley Hill

In Attendance: D Salter – Entertainments Officer
H Jones – Town Clerk

Also Present: A total of 2 spectators/attendees

Cllr S Rubner in the Chair (Mayor)

15. MAYOR'S WELCOME

An explanation of rules and conduct for Remote Meetings was set out. The Mayor stated that it was “good to see Shenley Road getting back to the ‘new’ normal” and that he offered his thanks on behalf of the Town Council for the hard work of Gratitude and Goods for Good.

He was proud to unveil the WW2 memorial bench in Borehamwood and the Tommy at St Nicholas War Memorial in Elstree on the revised VJ Day.

Representatives of the Police and Ambulance services were also thanked for their hard work over recent months.

16. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Collins (Other Business).

17. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

18. MINUTES OF COUNCIL

It was RESOLVED that:

the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3 June 2020 be signed by the Mayor as a true record and adopted by the Council.

19. REPORT OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Outside Bodies Reports

Fairway Hall Town Clerk

A report was provided on Fairway Hall improvements and use of the Hall during the Lockdown period.

It was RESOLVED that:

£14,700 of Earmarked Reserve monies (A/C 313 Capital Projects) be utilised for reflooring Fairway Hall along the terms agreed by the General Management Committee.

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum Group (1)

Councillor (1) Cllr A Collins

Cllr C Butchins provided a report from the Volunteer Group at the Museum. The Council provided Best Wishes to Museum Volunteer Florrie Cowley on reaching 100 years of age.

Elstree, Borehamwood and District Community Association (2)

Councillor (1) Cllr S Parnell
Councillor (2) Cllr Richard Butler

It was noted that 23 customers had returned to Allum Hall in September/October. As with Fairway Hall, much of the Lockdown period had been spent in redecorating the premises. Members welcomed the news of the Hall being used by the Gratitude charity and for Blood Donor Clinics. Cllr S Rubner asked for special thanks to be recorded to Michael (Alum Hall Caretaker) for his personal help during the time he was assisting with Gratitude.

Hertsmere MENCAP (1)

Councillor (1) Cllr V Eni

Hertsmere MENCAP continued to provide an invaluable service despite the pandemic conditions and was meeting on a virtual basis.

Communities First (1 Member, 1 Standing Deputy)

Councillor (1) Cllr F Turner
Standing Deputy Cllr P Kaza

Cllr Mrs F Turner reported that Communities First had been highly praised for its remarkable work during Lockdown and wished for the Town Council to add its thanks to the organisation. It was noted that a virtual AGM was scheduled to take place in the near future.

Aldenham Country Park (1)

Councillor (1) Cllr P Strack

Cllr Mrs P Strack updated the Council on the initiatives to “Save the Reservoir.” Concern had been expressed over the fencing off of the pathway around the lake and the lowering of the water level. It was noted that Hertsmere County Council had been asked to obtain legal advice. It was further noted that discussions with key stakeholders were ongoing.

Maxwell Park Management Group (1)

Councillor (1) Cllr J Newmark

It was noted that the Community Centre could potentially reopen from 12 September 2020.

First Impressions Group (2)

Councillor (1) Cllr S Parnell
Councillor (2) Cllr A Collins

It was reported that a Zoom meeting had been planned.

20. CHINA UIGHURS

It was RESOLVED that:

with unanimous support the motion proposed by Cllr J Newmark and seconded by Cllr R Butler be agreed as follows:

“This Council is deeply troubled by all examples of persecution, victimisation, genocide and similar injustices. The alleged treatment of the Uighur Muslim population in China is one recent example. The sight of people being shaven headed, lined up and boarded onto trains destined for supposed re-education is of grave concern.

We are equally concerned about restrictions on press freedom in many regions, as it is a clear indicator of regimes being repressive.

The murder, terrorisation, victimisation, intimidation and removal of the liberties of any minority for whatever reason is abhorrent and strikes at the heart of Article 18 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

This Council believes that this must be challenged in the strongest possible terms and we urge all parties in favour of democracy to oppose such trends using all possible legal means.”

21. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

It was RESOLVED that:

the terms of reference of the Sustainable Transport Working Group be approved as set out in the report (subject to the matter of membership being approved by the General Management Committee).

22. COMMUNITY GRANTS

It was RESOLVED that:

the Community Grant Applications referred to Full Council by the GMC meeting of 23 July 2020 be approved as set out in the report as follows:

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Sought	Amount Recommended by GMC	Agreed Award with Power
(i) Aldenham Renaissance CIC	Costs of Covid-19 and new “touchless” car park system	£5,000	£2,500	£5,000 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
(ii) Penniwells Riding for Disabled Centre	Costs of Covid-19	£500	Approved by GMC	£500 Approved by GMC Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
(iii) Boreham Wood Football Club	Stadium Board (previously a Budgeted Grant)	£1,600	£1,600	£1,600 (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 To revert to a Budgeted Grant in 2021/22
(iv) Borehamwood 2000 FC	Towards the cost of goal posts	£768	£768	£768 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

It was noted that BETTA had been awarded a Budgeted Grant of £1,000 towards running costs as per the 2019/20 application process (Local Government Act 1972 s.144).

23. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was **RESOLVED** that:

the payment of accounts be confirmed as follows:

		2020/21	
Page	Vch.	Date	Amount
1-2	1-18	16/04/20	£ 38,758.58
3-4	19-33	28/04/20	£ 5,165.22
5-6	34-62	26/05/20	£ 36,014.39
7-8	63-88	11/06/20	£ 27,287.47
		Total	£ 107,225.66

[In addition to the Agenda appendices, details of all payments over £500 are published on the Town Council's website for public inspection - www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk]

24. ANNUAL RETURN 2019/20

It was noted that at the time of agenda publication, the 2019/20 Annual Return had not been returned to the Town Council by the External Auditors.

25. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

the 2020 meeting schedule for Full Council, Committee and Other Meetings as previously published (pre-Covid-19) be put into effect from 15 September 2020 (meetings to be held on Zoom Webinars until further guidance from NALC or until the Council decided otherwise).

26. FAIRWAY HALL FOR REGULAR HIRERS AND CASUAL USE

It was noted that the regulations pertaining to the use of community halls could change very quickly depending on the Government's announcements during the Covid-19 pandemic. As such, the Town Council would react to whatever new regulations came into effect in a responsible and effective manner.

It was RESOLVED that:

Fairway Hall be reopened for Casual and Regular Booking Hire from 21 September 2020 with appropriate social distancing, adherence to face covering regulations and the Town Council's Covid-19 Risk Assessment (subject to new regulations/guidance from Government).

27. NOTICE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

The Proper Officer gave notice that Standing Order 14(a) applied – namely receipt from Hertsmere Borough Council that it was dealing with a Code of Conduct Complaint alleging that a Town Councillor with voting rights had breached the Council's Code of Conduct.

28. CLOSE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no Public Questions.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 25 November 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Date:.....MAYOR.....