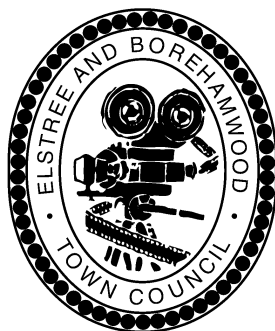


ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Town Council Offices, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present:

- Cllr Mrs S Parnell – Hillside (Mayor)
- Cllr C Butchins – Hillside (Deputy Mayor)
- Cllr A Collins – Cowley Hill
- Cllr S Rubner – Brookmeadow
- Cllr R Butler - Cowley Hill
- Cllr R Challice - Shenley Road
- Cllr V Eni – Brookmeadow
- Cllr P Kaza - Kenilworth South
- Cllr J Newmark - Kenilworth South
- Cllr Mrs P Strack – Hillside
- Cllr Mrs F Turner - Elstree
- Cllr M Vince - Cowley Hill

Also Present:

- Mr J Whitehead – Herts Young Homeless (Minutes 55 - 58)
- 3 Members of the Public

In Attendance:

- D Salter – Entertainments Officer
- H Jones – Town Clerk and RFO

Holocaust Memorial Day: Commemorated on Thursday 26 January 2023

Prior to the meeting commencing, the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs S Parnell made an address to those present about the forthcoming Holocaust Memorial Day.

The address concluded with a minute of silence.

Cllr Mrs S Parnell in the Chair (Mayor)

55. APOLOGIES

It was RESOLVED that:

apologies for absence be received and approved in respect of Cllr S Lawrence (Sickness).

56. DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

57. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that:

the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be signed by the Mayor as a true record and adopted by the Council.

58. HERTS YOUNG HOMELESS (hyh)

Members welcomed Mr J Whitehead – Herts Young Homeless, a charity providing services to young homeless people and those at risk of homelessness in Hertfordshire (40% funded by Hertfordshire County Council). The organisation focussed on:

- Education
- Mediation
- Outreach Services
- hyh Hub

It was noted with concern that 70% of young homeless people also had diagnosed mental health problems and the necessity for working in partnership with health providers (including Mind) and schools was emphasised.

The mission of hyh was to:

- prevent homelessness by empowering individuals to make positive, informed choices; and
- support young people and their families, those in crisis and individuals at risk of becoming homeless.

Mr Whitehead was thanked for the efforts of his organisation and provided with further details to contact the Council in order to apply for grant funding and to publicise its work, if appropriate.

Further information could be found at:

www.hyh.org.uk/our-services

59. FINANCE, BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND REPORT FOR 2023/24

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) a Special Meeting of Full Council be held on Monday 13 February 2023 at 7.30pm in Fairway Hall to agree the 2023/24 Council Budget and to set the Precept Demand for the ensuing Municipal Year; and**
- (ii) a Precept and Budget Sub-Committee be formed comprising the two Group Leaders and two In-House Auditors to meet, if possible, prior to the General Management Committee meeting scheduled for 2 February 2023 (at which time the Budget would be further considered).**

60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTION TIME

There was none.

61. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that:

under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1 (2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst staffing matters were discussed.

62. TOWN CLERK AND RFO RECRUITMENT

It was RESOLVED that:

an interview panel be formed comprising the Town Mayor and Labour and Conservative Group Leaders (together with the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk in his absence) to appoint a replacement Town Clerk and RFO.

63. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.30 pm in Fairway Hall (public meeting).

The next ordinary meeting of Full Council was scheduled for Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7.30 pm in Fairway Hall (last meeting of 2022/23 Municipal Year).

It was noted that a Special Meeting of Full Council would be held on Monday 13 February 2023 at 7.30pm in Fairway Hall to agree the 2023/24 Council Budget and to set the Precept Demand for the ensuing Municipal Year.

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