

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 4 April 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors S Bower, L Brunelleschi, C Cox, L Cox, J Edge, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, J Gent, E Hamilton, M Howard, T Holmes, A Jones, P Jones, and A Stevenson.

Also present: A Sharpe (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and 11 Members of the public.

133 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Beswick (work), C Neal (Health) and J Ward (other).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

134 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Councillors E Hamilton, S Bower, and T Holmes – Agenda item 14 (Planning applications) – personal – members of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

NOTE - ALL WOULD REMAIN IN THE MEETING BUT NOT CONTRIBUTE OR VOTE.

Councillors A and P Jones – Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Agenda item 9 (e)- Heanor Town Football Club and Agenda item 12 – Grants Salcare.

NOTE – THE COUNCILLORS WOULD LEAVE THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS.

135 Requests for Dispensation

None.

136 Public Speaking

Public Matters

A Member of the public spoke to ask the Town Council the following question and also make a statement about alternative use of the funds being considered for the grant applications to be considered later in the meeting.

“The works on the Market Place are almost complete. When will the town council publish a programme of events? Businesses desperately need events to increase footfall. Heanor Carnival and the Beer Festival are being organised by other organisations. The town council need to deliver a combination of small and large events ahead of the Christmas Light event to make the most of our new market place. I would be pleased to offer advice to the Council on what type of events would be most impactful, most affordable and the easiest for the council to deliver”

The Town Council responded that the Events Committee are currently considering this matter and invited the resident to attend the next Events Committee Meeting and deliver his suggestions for consideration.

Another resident attended and spoke in support of the release of a restriction at land adjacent to Roper Avenue Allotment which was due for consideration at agenda item 15.

136 Public Speaking (continued)
Borough and County Councillors reports

Council received reports from the Borough Councillor and County Councillor.

Leaders Report

Monday the 15th of April will see the reopening of the car parking spaces on the Market Place and the return of the bus stops.

In May the Town Council will be 40 years old. This is something that the council will be celebrating and whilst I have already been giving this some thought ideas are welcome from everyone.

137 Town Council Minutes – 7 March 2024

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2024, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

138 Events Committee Minutes – 28 February 2024

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2024, were received.

139 Exclusion of Public

Resolved: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 15.

140 Mayors Announcements

None.

141 Town Council Items for Decision/Agreed Action

(a) Community Bank Hub

Resolved: That it be noted that the proposal for a Community Banking Hub did not meet the criteria that LINK follow so could not be progressed further at this time.

(b) Security at Town Council meetings

Withdrawn.

(c) Christmas Lighting Scheme

Resolved: In accordance with the Executive Committees recommendation contract standing orders be waived to allow the award of a 5-year contract to Lite Limited.

(d) Groundwork Nottingham – RRLNR reports April to December

Resolved: That the reports be noted.

(e) Heanor Town Football Club

Further to consideration at the last meeting of the Town Council, Officers had worked with the Football Club to find a way to support the club in getting supporters and children to the Senior Cup Final.

Resolved: To support the Club by granting £1,000.00 to cover the cost for the supporters and their children.

Councillors A and P Jones, having previously declared an interest, left the meeting during this item. Councillor E Hamilton took the Chair for this item.

141 Town Council Items for Decision/Agreed Action (continued)**(f) Events**

Councillor Stevenson spoke regarding a possible D Day event and agreed for this to be considered at the next Events Committee meeting.

Resolved: Accordingly.

142 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Withdrawn

143 Finance**(a) Bacs payments – February 2024**

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Tudor landscapes	Maintenance - WS	19.00	00.00	19.00
Viking	Box files	7.98	1.60	9.58
Derbyshire CC	WW land rental	10.00	00.00	10.00
Wm Frost	Car park rental	850.00	00.00	850.00
Carlin Security	Town Council meeting	150.00	00.00	150.00
TDP Ltd	Replacement benches - WS	1781.34	356.27	2137.61
Info Commissioner	Subscription	35.00	00.00	35.00
Chubb F&S Ltd	Fire alarm contract - TH	471.88	94.38	566.26
Waterplus	TH water supply – downstairs	34.22	00.00	34.22
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning - WS	34.00	6.80	40.80
Smartest Energy	Gas supply - WS	355.89	71.18	427.07
Staff/Mayor	Wages/allowance	5518.98	00.00	5518.98
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	999.34	00.00	999.34
HMRC	Paye, NI	1086.94	00.00	1084.94
Chubb F&S Ltd	Emergency light contract - TH	123.83	24.77	148.60
Waterplus	TH water supply - upstairs	371.27	00.00	371.27
Waterplus	TH water supply – downstairs	26.19	00.00	26.19
British Gas	Electricity supply - TH	1584.33	317.64	1901.97
Waterplus	Water supply – WS	102.66	00.00	102.66
SSE Energy	Electricity supply – WS	287.08	14.35	301.43
SSE Energy	Electricity supply – FS	185.80	9.29	195.09
XLN Telecom	Phone lines and broadband	219.42	43.88	263.30
Nat West	Bank charges	18.55	00.00	18.55
EDF energy	Gas supply – FS	117.50	23.50	141.00
Total		14391.20	963.66	15354.86

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved at a total of £15,354.86.

(b) Income for February 2024

Town Hall lettings	1661.50
Fire Station	1000.00
Wilmot Street	1916.00
Town Hall	747.87
Enviro events	440.00
Total	5765.37

Resolved: This information is received.

143 Finance (continued)

(c) Bank Reconciliations – February 2024

Resolved: The above document was received.

144 Grant Aid

(a) Salcare Ltd

Resolved: That a grant of £3,000 be made for the 2024/25 financial year to meet the costs of the purchase of stock for food poverty projects.

Councillors A and P Jones having previously declared an interest left the meeting during this item. Councillor E Hamilton took the Chair for this item.

(b) The Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre

Resolved: That a grant of £900 be made for to fund holiday places for two children from Heanor and Loscoe area.

145 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2024/0059 – Theaker Recycling Ltd, Heanor Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Installation, operation and decommissioning of a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) with an import and export capacity of up to 40 MV/80MWh with associated infrastructure, for a period of 40 years.

Resolved: To note the above planning application.

Councillors E Hamilton, T Holmes, and S Bower, having previously declared a personal interest remained in the meeting whilst the item was discussed but took no part in the debate or vote.

146 Date of next meeting

Resolved: To hold the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Thursday 9 May 2024 (Town Hall at 7pm) and convene the Annual Town meeting on Monday 20 May 2024 (Wilmot Street at 6.30pm)

147 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the likely disclosure of exempt information.

148 Land Adjacent to Roper Avenue Allotment Site

Resolved: That the request to release the restriction on the land be deferred to enable the Town Clerk to seek formal legal advice on the full implications on the restriction and the covenant relating to all of the land and properties affected.