

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE**

Present: Councillors R. Varney (Chairman), C. Barnes, K. Butcher, C. Bilson, F. Johnston-Banks, S. Shepherd
Co-opted member C. Jackson

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	Chairman Councillor Barnes nominated Councillor Varney who was duly elected Chairman
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Madden and reasons for absence given approved.
3.	Public Questions or Comments It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. No members of the public were present therefore no questions were asked.
4.	Clerk's Progress report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email was sent to the Olive Branch to refuse the request for extra seating • Fraser Lane has been contacted regarding repairing the bandstand and has confirmed that he hopes to start work the 3rd week in August • Contact has been made with a possible contractor to refurbish the flagpole and a meeting will be arranged with the Clerk's office in July
5.	Action List 5.1 The action list was received and it was RESOLVED to add the benches in front of the Galtres Centre to the list and to see if it is possible to salvage them once they are removed. It was AGREED to get updated quotes from Fraser Lane for the walls in the Memorial Park. 5.2 A verbal and an electronic update on wifi provision was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks
6.	Market 6.1 An update was received on the general running of the market. 6.2 The current waiting list was noted. Councillor Johnston-Banks suggested that those on the waiting list should be directed towards Little Bird Made artisan markets.
7.	Paths Project An update was received from Councillor Barnes and it was RESOLVED to express thanks to Councillor Barnes for managing an excellent project.
8.	Toilets 8.1 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was noted. It was RESOLVED to obtain expert advice for managing the gents toilet with a view to a possible refurbishment, given the ongoing problems and to add this item to the action list. 8.2 There were no other matters to consider.
9.	Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 30/06/2023 was considered and it was AGREED that the Clerk should check the Stalls garage rent code as the expenditure was higher than anticipated.
10.	Outside Seating An email was received from TeaHee and the Fika Room and it was RESOLVED to refuse the request for extra space for tables since there is not enough room.
11.	Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for 16 th October 2023, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 19.42

Signed