



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 6 March 2019

at The Harlington at 7pm

Councillors

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Ruth Ashworth, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Leslie Holt, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Dai Pierce, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, Sharyn Wheale, Peter Wildsmith, Ruth Williams, Jonathan Wright

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HCC
Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC
Cllr Makepeace-Brown -HDC

Representative of Friends of Oakley Park

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Hope, Kirkpatrick and Woods

Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman welcomed those present to the penultimate meeting of Council in the 2018/2019 Council Year
- A successful meeting with 8 potential bidders for the Harlington survey contract was held on 4 March 2019. Responses given to questions raised were posted on the appropriate website on Tuesday 5 March 2019.
- A further bidders meeting will be held on Monday 11 March 2019 regarding the proposed Calthorpe Park playground tender

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of interest from:

Cllr Chenery- Item 7 –Fleet Phoenix and Item 8 HVA

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 February 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman

The Council received the minutes of the following Committees

Extra ordinary RLA	6 February 2019
Development Control	11 February 2019 (reminder to follow up earlier request for a HDC Planning Officer to make a presentation to FTC)
Policy and Finance	18 February 2019

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 5 HCC/HDC UPDATE

HCC

Cllr Bennison reported on the following:

- Resignation of HCC leader, Cllr Perry wef May 2019
- Trade only events at future Farnborough Airshows with limited public access and flying displays
- Renewal of highway white lining
- 98% of pupils obtained first choice places in schools. 100% Fleet children were successful

Cllr Forster reported on the following:

- The Local Plan and exclusion of a new settlement during the coming plan period
- Mis-use of blue badges and possible prosecutions
- Consultation on Calthorpe Park School new 2 Form entry extension with an open event on 18 March 2019
- Works in Kennels Lane
- List of roads for resurfacing being compiled including Fleet/Kings./Leawood Roads . Further requests to Cllr Forster

HDC

Cllr Oliver reported on the following:

- Housing numbers approved with a 12 year land supply. HDC Cabinet to discuss response to Inspectors findings . New settlement to remain on the table for future planning rounds

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 6 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING TUESDAY 26 MARCH

The members considered the content of the Annual Residents' meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 March 2019

The members discussed a range of possible issues including:

- An invitation to the local police to attend and take questions
- Devolution and the local residents view on taking on additional services by FTC
- Town centre regeneration and what local residents would like to see
- Issues around traffic and parking
- Encouragement of an interactive meeting

RESOLVED

To approve the general approach to the Annual Residents' meeting

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 7 FLEET PHOENIX –TENANCY AT WILL

The members considered a request from Fleet Phoenix regarding the rent payable within the Tenancy at Will and asked for the annual rent payable for 2019/2020 to be waived or considerably reduced.

Members were reminded that a rental of £1,000 pa was payable for the two offices occupied by Fleet Phoenix but the rest of the accommodation was free of charge although it had a potential commercial rental value of £11,856 pa

Members discussed :

- Possible legal issues for HDC relating to the Tenancy at Will
- Securing a contribution from other authorities (issue to be raised at Basingstoke and Deane/FTC meeting on 7 March 2019)
- Acknowledgement of the good work undertaken by Fleet Phoenix
- Recognition required by Elvetham Heath PC , Church Crookham PC and Yateley Town Council of the work undertaken for their residents who are Fleet Phoenix service users

After discussion and careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

Subject to confirming with HDC that it would have no adverse legal implications for the Tenancy at Will, FTC agree to waive the rental due for 2019/2020 and on condition that in future years Fleet Phoenix collect hard evidence of the area of residence of their service users and that appropriate bids for financial support be made to the appropriate local authorities

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 8 GRANT APPLICATION- HART VOLUNTARY ACTION

At its meeting on 18 February 2019 the P&F committee had considered an application for a grant of £2,000 to help fund the delivery of HVA's 121 Youth Counselling Service to children and young people aged 11-25 who are Fleet residents. The committee had asked for the matter to be referred to Council to allow the applicant organisation to be present

The Chief Executive of HVA was present and explained the background to the grant application and the detail of the Hampshire CCGs contract .

The members were advised of the following elements:

- Details of the 121 Counselling service
- Numbers of young people requesting help/receiving help/on a waiting list
- Funding streams
- CCG contract for short term sessions (NHS) and longer term sessions (HCC)
- High and increasing levels of demand

Members discussed the recognition of elements of devolution in the absence of sufficient funding from HCC and the NHS. The service had expanded whilst funding was shrinking leaving FTC to be asked to assist. The service remained free to access which HVA confirmed they wished to continue.

It was agreed that this was an example of the type of expenditure on which local residents views should be obtained at the Annual Residents' meeting on 26 March 2019

It was suggested that FTC may like to consider a mechanism for selecting core clients to replace a stream of grant applications

Following careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

To approve a one-off grant of £2,000 to HVA to help fund the delivery of HVAs 121 Youth Counselling Service

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 9 TOWN AND PARISH SPRING WORKSHOP

The members considered FTC's representation at the Town and Parish Councils Spring Workshop .

RESOLVED

As the event clashed with the date of the RLA committee it was not possible to secure a representative and it was therefore appropriate for apologies to be presented for FTC

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The members considered the H&S policy statement and associated officer structure

RESOLVED

To approve the Health and Safety policy statement and officer structure

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 11 FLEET LINK

The members noted that the exceptional cost claim payment of £4,997.17 would be funded by the Fleet Link vehicle replacement fund

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 12 ANCELLS FARM BUS UPDATE

Cllr Collett and Cllr Woods were unable to be present at the meeting but members were advised that a meeting had been held with County Councillors and the MP. HCC was still unable to guarantee bus places beyond 2019/2020

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 13 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The members received and noted the Town Clerk's report

FC Mar 2019 ITEM 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday, 3 April 2019 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....

Chairman

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