



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 1 February 2017

at The Harlington at 7 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Denis Gotel, Alex Gray, Richard Hunt, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Dai Pierce, Richard Robinson, Jeff Smith, Neil Walton

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HCC
Cllr Forster-HDC
Cllr Wheale-HCC/HDC

Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park
Sue Tilley
Simon Clarke-local resident
Caren Holmes-local resident

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of Council, Cllr Schofield referred to the following matters:

- The appreciation of the family for all those who attended Cllr Cantle's funeral and the hope that the Pavilion project will be progressed
- Public exhibition of the Hartland Park development(Pyestock) on Saturday 4 February 2017 in the Harlington and the importance of completing a comments slip

- Attendance at 'The Ageing Well in Hart Group' in which other parishes are taking a proactive role to provide opportunities for older residents
- Attendance at the Community Bus Group with the group being steered to be more commercial
- Attendance at the Friends of Oakley Park AGM which was well attended with excellent presentations and kind words of support for FTC

FC/Feb 2017/ ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllrs Holt, Hope and Wright

FC/Feb 2017/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

FC/Feb 2017/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms Caren Holmes asked a question relating to noise and light levels at the Carnival and The Firework display which she believed were in breach of covenants which governed Calthorpe Park Although the incidents were occasional and did not constitute a statutory nuisance, it was explained that the council had given an assurance that her particular matter would be dealt with and this reassurance was reiterated.

Means of monitoring noise during public events would be investigated.

FC/Feb 2017/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

With the addition of Cllr Gray to the apologies presented (item 1), and the deletion of 'that' in item 14 Remembrance Day , the minutes and the confidential minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Council received the minutes of the following meetings:

Development Control Committee 9 and 23 January 2017

FC/Feb 2017 /ITEM 5 THE BUDGET 2017/2018

The members received and approved the 2017/2018 budget which includes the final tax base adjustment (10,132.20)

RESOLVED

To approve the 2017/2018 budget which includes the final tax base adjustment (!0,132.20)

FC/Feb 2017/ITEM 6 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING AND COMMUNITY DISPLAYS – TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017

The members considered the content and format of the Annual Residents' meeting to be held on 28 March 2017

RESOLVED

To approve the format for the Annual Residents' meeting on 28 March 2017 to include:

- What the Council has been working on during the last year (inc update on the Neighbourhood Plan)
- The Harlington Development
- Community Emergency Planning
- Open Forum

FC/Feb 2017/ITEM 7 FTC REPRESENTATION ON THE CRICKET CLUB COMMITTEE

The members considered the appointment of a representative to the Cricket Club committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/2017 until the Annual meeting of Council on 10 May 2017

RESOLVED

To appoint Cllr Oliver to serve on the Cricket Club Committee for the remainder of the 2016/2017 municipal year

FC/Feb 2017/ITEM 8 BID PROPOSAL

A report was presented which sought FTCs agreement on the proposed consideration of the forthcoming Fleet Business Improvement District BID)

RESOLVED

- a) That the Chairman of the Council is authorised to vote 'yes' on behalf of the Council in the BID ballot;
- b) That the Clerk to the Council be authorised to agree with the BID Company an Operating Agreement and Baseline Services Agreement;
- c) That the addition to the 2016/17 budget of £250 (current estimate) to provide for payment of the council BID levy in the event of a 'yes' vote
- d) That in the event of a 'yes' vote, a Councillor is nominated as the Council's BID Board representative.

FC/ Feb 2017 /ITEM 9 FUNDING FOR FLEET LINK

The members considered a report which set out information on the operation of the Fleet Link bus service to assist in deciding on the length of the contract extension which is due to expire in April 2017

Members were informed that Hartley Wintney operated a community bus service under a dual licence (19 and 22) allowing a scheduled and pre booked service

The members discussed the level and type of usage of the Fleet Link pre-booked service, which was disappointingly low, but were informed that Rushmoor Voluntary Action was only prepared to operate under the terms of a schedule 19 service (pre-booked service)

Members were of the view that a mixed service had merit and were minded to seek a transition to a mixed service supplier, which HCC believed was available

RESOLVED

To approve a one year extension to the RVA contract from 1 April 2017

FC/ Feb 2017 /ITEM 10 HARTLAND VILLAGE PRESENTATION

Members were reminded that the developers of Hartland Village had offered to present the final plans to FTC immediately before Council on 1 March 2017

To allow time it was suggested that the presentation should commence at 6.30pm with Council to follow immediately afterwards at 7.30pm

RESOLVED

That the Council meeting on 1 March 2017 commence at 7.30pm, to be preceded by a presentation by the Developer of Hartland Park at 6.30pm

FC/Feb 2017 /ITEM 11 ACTION DAY

The members considered an appropriate date to arrange the Action Day which Cllr Forster hoped could coincide with a proposed litter enforcement campaign by HDC

RESOLVED

That the next Action Day to be held on Saturday 20 May 2017

FC/Feb 2017 ITEM 12 HCC/HDC

HCC

Cllr Wheale reported on:

- Proximity of the HCC budget decision
- Proposed Fleet library improvements
- Food Festival to be held on Sunday 28 May 2017
- Continuation of the Lengthmans Scheme
- HCC bus service meeting on 10 February 2017
- Review of school places
- Further work to the footbridge at Fleet Station
- Hitches Lane flooding
- Resurfacing works at Elvetham Road

Cllr Bennison reported on:

- Devolution with the proposals of the unitary authorities (Portsmouth Southampton and IOW) now in abeyance
- Fire Service precept of 1.98% (£1.24)
- HCC likely to approve 3%, 3% and 0% budget increases over the next 3 years at full Council on 24 February 2017

HDC

Cllr Oliver reported on :

- Local Plan consultation dates
- The identification of Murrels Green as a new settlement (1,800 dwellings) but with no urban extensions
- Devolution and the emergence of a possible new north- east Hampshire unitary authority including Basingstoke and Deane

Cllr Gray reported on:

- The near agreement to the HDC 2017/2018 budget but the possibility of loss of funding amounting to £2m over the following 2 years

FC/Feb 2017 ITEM 13 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's update report was noted

Part 3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the public in accordance with Section 1(2) and by reason of the confidential nature of the business of the Council, the Public and Press were excluded from the Meeting.

FC/ Feb 2017 ITEM 14 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

See separate minute

Chairman.....Date.....