



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 7 June 2017

at The Harlington at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

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

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Michael Peddell
Sharyn Wheale
GeorgeWoods

Chairman's Announcements

- Cllr Schofield reported receipt of a letter from a group running a campaign-Who Cares Hampshire . The single question consultation meeting will take place on Friday 16 June 2017 at 12.30pm at the Evangelical Church Basingstoke.
Cllr Smith and/or Cllr Gotel to attend
- Cllr Schofield along with other Council Members had attended a presentation and workshop by SE Water

FC/June 2017/ ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllrs Hope and Hunt

FC/June 2017/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

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

There were no questions from the public

FC/June 2017/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Annual meeting of Council held on 10 May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings:

Development Control Committee	8 and 23 May 2017
Planning Committee	23 May 2017
Policy and Finance Committee	22 May 2017

FC/June 2017 ITEM 5 CO-OPTION

Cllr Schofield reported that Sue Tilley had withdrawn her application for co-option. She would continue to serve on the Harlington and Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups

There were therefore four applicants for four vacancies. The application from each co-optee candidate had been circulated to all members. As there were no known objections or serious impediments it was.

RESOLVED

To appoint Michael Peddell, Sharyn Wheale, Luke Wood and George Woods to serve as co-opted members of Fleet Town Council for the remainder of the Council’s term of office which concludes in May 2018.

The Clerk to allocate the new councillors to their respective wards.

FC/June 2017/ITEM 6 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Cllr Schofield presented a lengthy and detailed document explaining the current state of play on the Harlington development project. Details of the Scape procurement process had been made available to all members

The proposals, which provided an appropriate level of project support, but lightened the burden of the conventional contract route for FTC Officers, had proven to be a successful delivery method for HDC in the construction of the Leisure Centre project.

It was explained that a benefit of the proposed ACCESS Agreement was the production of a detailed Feasibility Study which was at no cost to FTC and no commitment on both sides

As the scheme was well developed a detailed report could realistically be delivered within eight weeks setting out the opportunities, risks and cost estimates; providing a reliable third party check on the work carried out to date..

Members discussed various elements of the project:

- The possible future involvement of HDC, particularly with regard to the proposed lease of the Harlington site
- Closer liaison with HDC regarding any lease of land, parking issues and The Point arrangements which HDC are ready to help solve
- An HDC liaison group chaired by the portfolio holder for Partnerships, with the HDC leader and Chief Executive together with The Town Clerk and two members from FTC supported by an HDC secretariat
- The benefits of progressing the feasibility study
- Availability of Gurkha Square
- The availability of the Scape framework if only a refurb scheme finally emerged say, through lack of planning permission
- Confirmation that the HCC library building is not included in the scheme
- The need to resolve the issue of land value

Following discussion it was,

RESOLVED unanimously

- a) That the Town Council sign the Access Agreement, at no cost or long term commitment to the Council to initiate the Feasibility Study to determine the reliability of the proposed scheme and the associated cost estimate.
- b) In order not to lose time in the overall delivery of the project that a provisional Extraordinary Council Meeting be scheduled in early August to receive and review the Feasibility Study

FC/June 2017/ITEM 7 AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Policy and Finance Committee of 22 May 2017, the members received the Internal Auditor's report for 2016/2017 and the proposed Action Plan

RESOLVED

- a) To receive and note the Internal Auditors report for 2016/2017
- b) To approve the proposed Action Plan

FC/June 2017/ITEM 8 ANNUAL RETURN

The members received and approved the Annual Return for 2016/2017

RESOLVED

To approve for signature by the Chairman and Town Clerk and submission of the Annual Return for 2016/2017

FC/ June 2017 /ITEM 9 REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Policy and Finance Committee of 22 May 2017, the members received and noted the earmarked reserves and the identification of capital projects for 2017/2018

It was noted that Earmarked Reserves of £337,267 are a subset of general reserves and could be re-directed to other projects if necessary.

The allocation of the surplus from the Cemetery budget to the Cemetery Garden of Remembrance was particularly noted

RESOLVED unanimously

To approve the proposed use of Earmarked reserves in 2017/2018

FC/ June 2017 /ITEM 10 THE LOCAL PLAN

Members were reminded that the deadline for submission of comments to HDC on the Local Plan was 5pm on 9 June 2017.

The members considered the proposed comments of FTC and particular reference was made to:

- Ancells pre-school
- Consistency in the name of Hartland Park/Hartland Village/ Pyestock
- Light pollution on Fleet Pond
- Difficulties of site assembly with Winchfield much easier to assemble than Murrells Green
- Access to Fleet Railway Station from the Hartland site
- The preference for a new settlement option
- Concern about delivery of 10,000 sq. m of new retail space in Fleet Town Centre
- Weak town centre infrastructure

FTC members were urged to submit their individual comments

RESOLVED

To submit to HDC the proposed comments with the inclusion, where appropriate, of the comments set out above.

FC/June 2017 /ITEM 11 FLEET RADIO

Members considered a letter from a local resident requesting a letter of support for the creation of a community radio station for Fleet, Farnborough and surrounding areas.

RESOLVED

To agree to provide a letter of support for the application of an FM licence for a community radio station to serve Fleet, Farnborough and surrounding areas

FC/JUNE 2017 ITEM 12 ARMED FORCES DAY

The members considered a request from the Ministry for Defence to fly a flag to mark Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24 June 2017

RESOLVED

To approve the flying of a flag at the Harlington to mark Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24 June 2017

FC/June 2017 ITEM 13 S106 STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

The members noted the statement of S106 funds available to FTC in the sum of £ 301,981.

FC/June ITEM 14 CCTV OAKLEY AND BASINGBOURNE PARKS

Members noted the proposed replacement of three failing CCTV cameras (two in Oakley Park and one in Basingbourne) in the sum of £10,125

FC/June 2017 ITEM 15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr Oliver confirmed that a report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Council

FC/ June 2017 ITEM 16 HCC/HDC

HDC

Cllr Oliver reported on :

- New cabinet at HDC with a planned Away Day on 27 June 2017 to settle priorities
- High priority of the Local Plan process
- Management of littering fines
- Need to report any fly tipping concerns to the District Council ward member concerned

FC/June 2017 ITEM 17 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The members noted the Town Clerk's report specifically the circulation of councillor training courses

FC June 2017 ITEM 18 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Members noted the closing date of 9 June 2017 for comments on options for ward change proposals

FC June ITEM 19 FLEET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT-BID

Cllr Schofield reported that the first Board Meeting of the BID had been held with the appointed Board members

FC/June 2017 ITEM 20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at the Harlington at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32 pm

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

NOTE

A group photo of the Council for 2017/2018 will be taken at 6.45pm immediately before Council on 5 July 2017. Please arrive at 6.40pm

The newly co-opted members should arrive at 6.30pm for an individual portrait photograph before they are included in the group photo