



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 2 November 2016

at The Harlington at 7pm

PRESENT

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

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HCC

Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park
Angus McArthur-Harlington user

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Schofield reported on the following matters:

- The HDAPTC meeting and the request to respond to the Government's Financial proposals on Council Tax referendum proposals
- The HALC AGM particularly the Crowdfunding presentation and the need to respond to the Government's Financial Settlement.
- A meeting with the Business Forum and the proposed BID
- The 'Friends' evening on 1 November 2016
- Letter from the MP regarding a complaint principally against HCC and pre-school provision, but precipitated by the possible redevelopment of the Harlington
- Public consultation event at the Harlington on Saturday 12 November 2016 10am-4pm regarding the proposed Hartland Village (Pyestock)
- A presentation on the Hartland Village scheme to FTC on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 6.30pm

- The Hartland EIA submission to HDC showing 4-6 storey apartment blocks and a 70 per hectare density in some parts of the scheme

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllrs Cantle, Gotel and Hunt

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Angus McArthur, a regular user of the Harlington, asked for information in connection with item 6- Harlington Development update.

Cllr Schofield confirmed that the first draft report on the three options would be available for consideration by members by the end of December 2016. A public consultation exercise would be held during February/March 2017 with a view to analysing the responses and selecting the preferred option in time to announce this at the Annual Residents' meeting on 28 March 2017.

However there would then follow a period of detailed design and the preparation of contract documents scheduled to be sent out at the end of 2017

Cllr Schofield gave an assurance that the identification of any alternative space arrangements that became necessary would allow a long lead in time for Harlington regular users.

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

It was requested that HDC provide a date for the onward transmission of FTC views (Item 5 Community Governance) to The Local Boundary Commission

The Council received the minutes of the following meetings:

Development Control Committee 10 and 24 October 2016

Policy and Finance Committee 17 October 2016

Members were reminded that the next Planning Committee will be held on 7 November 2016

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 5 FINANCIAL MONITORING

The members received :

- a) Cash book up to September 2016

- b) List of payments for September 2016
- c) Bank reconciliation September 2016

Cllr Robinson confirmed that he had reconciled the accounts for September.

RESOLVED

To receive into the minutes

- a) Cash book up to September 2016
- b) List of Payments for September 2016
- c) Bank reconciliation September 2016

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 6 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The members considered a report which provided an update on the progress of the Harlington. Since the last Council meeting on 5 October 2016, Burrell Foley Fischer (BFF) together with the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager (FOSM), had carried out an in-depth tour of the building prior to starting on the main core of their work.

A meeting of the Harlington Development Group had taken place on 19 October 2016 when the initial feedback from BFF had been given including the following topics:

- That not much of the existing building could be retained
- The scope of the lighter touch option
- Car parking
- Flexibility around the perimeter of the building
- The War Memorial
- Library
- Link Road next to The Prince Arthur
- Pedestrian access
- Business Plan for The Harlington
- Review of the core elements eg auditorium, second performance space, stage facilities, office space, café etc.

It was reported that the contract with BFF will be finalised during the coming week and a further meeting with the Library has been arranged for 9 November, 2016

Cllr Schofield reported that a meeting had been held earlier in the day on developing all three options:

- Essential refurbishment
- Major refurbishment
- New build

The first rough sketches mapping out connectivity were under discussion

RESOLVED

To formally confirm the appointment of Burrell Foley Fischer as architects for the first phase of the Harlington Development in line with the tender brief.

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 7 BUDGET 2017/2018

The members noted an interim report on the preparation of the budget a draft of which would be considered by the Budget Working group immediately after this meeting

Cllr Schofield was able to report that a near balanced budget would be presented to the Budget Preparation Working Party meeting

It was confirmed that the accrued funds for the Harlington project would continue to be ring-fenced

FC/Nov 2016/ITEM 8 FLEET CRICKET CLUB

This item was deferred until the next meeting as Cllr Cattle was unable to attend as he was unwell

FC/ Nov 2016/ITEM 9 HALC AGM

Following the attendance of the Chairman and the Town Clerk at the HALC AGM on Saturday 22 October 2016 the members noted a report which dealt with:

- Co-option
- The future of local government in Hampshire
- Funding of projects through Crowdfunder
- Parish precept capping consultation
- Appointment of the HALC Auditor and the small increase in member council fees
- Presentation of awards

Cllr Schofield referred to the £22 pa rise in HALC fees which was considered to be reasonable

FC/ Nov 2016/ITEM 10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Oliver gave a verbal update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan

The last meeting had been held on 31 October 2016 with discussion concentrating on Local Plan issues

Progress had been slower than hoped and the programme was now approx. 6 weeks behind schedule

Special development sites remained the most important issue together with the impact of the Hartland Village proposals

It was possible that available funds could be used to appoint a technical author but a draft Neighbourhood Plan would not be available until early in 2017

HCC

Cllr Bennison reported on the following matters:

- Closure of part of the Basingsoke Canal between Dec-April 2017 to deal with the Dogmersfield land slip
- The closure of the consultation on Devolution with the results being considered by HCC Cabinet on 12 November 2016 and Council on 24 November 2016
- The Government's micro management of waste disposal
- Establishment of a Fly Tipping working group
- The search for Resilience Planning ideas.

Cllr Wheale had submitted a written report on:

- fly tipping. There will be working groups set up in November and December. Positive steps have been taken to allow traders to use HWRC sites for a competitive charge. The majority of fly tipping arises from commercial or industrial waste.
- Cllr Wheale will report the final decision once it has been determined.
- The changes in opening hours and one day closures of HWRCs have been deferred until October 2017:

HDC

Cllr Gray and Cllr Oliver reported on the following matters:

- The consideration of setting up a Housing Company acting as a social housing landlord with a view to purchasing 125 properties over the next 5 years to let to local people.
- The Local Plan requirement for a site for a new secondary school with up to 1000 extra pupils expected by 2030

FC/Nov 2016 ITEM 12 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The members noted the report of the Town Clerk. Additionally the Town Clerk referred to the following:

- A request for volunteers for the Christmas lights switch on event on 23 November 2016
- The CCTV survey of the sink hole in Oakley Park which had been arranged by the Town Clerk and revealed a pipe separation near the initiation of the sink hole
- A chef had now been found for the Christmas Day lunch to be provided at the Harlington

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/Nov 2016 13 COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

See separate confidential minute

FC/Nov 2016 ITEM 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 7 December 2016 **at 8pm** following the presentation by the Developers of Hartland Park at 6.30pm

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Chairman**Date.....**