



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

9 January 2013 at 7.30pm
The Harlington
Fleet

Present

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Richard Appleton, Chris Axam, Chris Butler, Paul Einchcomb, Dennis Gotel, Leslie Holt, Alan Oliver, Helen Perthen, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, Wallace Vincent, George Woods

Also Present

James Corrigan-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner- Committee Clerk

Cllr Collett-HDC/HCC
Cllr Parker-HDC
Cllr Wheale-HDC/HCC
Cllr Evans-HDC

Mr Gray, Fleet Pond Society

The Chairman wished members of the Council a Happy New Year and confirmed that a report will be presented to Council in February regarding an additional grant to support the Council Tax requirement in 2013/14

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chenery, Fisher, Forster, Hope and Pierce

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 5 CAB Grant application-Cllr Robinson -volunteer for Farnborough and Rushmoor CAB

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Gray, of the Fleet.Pond Society, referred to the HDC Consultation Document on Fleet Pond and asked if FTC would be making representations and would be prepared to provide space at The Harlington for a public consultation table. It was agreed that FTC would provide space and would be submitting comments on the consultation document. Mr Gray agreed to submit a copy of the Fleet Pond Society comments to the Town Clerk.

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

With the agreement that in future a copy of reports will displayed on the website with Council minutes, the Town Council received and approved as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2012.

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings

Development Control	10 December 2012
Policy and Finance	17 December 2012
Establishment	17 December 2012 (Amend to read 17 December 2012, Cllr Paul Einchcomb, Cllr Leslie Holt)

The Town Clerk commented that Kitty Harwood would be leaving the Council on 11 January 2013, and this had assisted with the revised structure agreed by the Establishment Committee. The Council wished to place on record their thanks to Kitty and to wish her every success in her new job.

Police Liaison 11 December 2012

ITEM 5 GRANT APPLICATION –CAB

The Council considered an application from the CAB seeking a grant of £7,000 to support the funding of the general advice service for the benefit of all members of the community. The members were reminded that the CAB had received a grant in 2012/13 and that in order for a grant to be payable in a consecutive year, the CAB would need to be added to FTC's core list of grant recipients. After careful consideration and recognition of the excellent work of the CAB, the application was approved.

RESOLVED

- That the Hart CAB be added to the Council's list of core recipients for grant
- That a grant of £7,000 be approved for 2013/14 with the standard grant conditions

ITEM 6 REPORT OF THE CORE STRATEGY WORKING GROUP ON THE LOCAL PLAN

The meeting considered the FTC response to the consultation exercise undertaken on whether the Hart District Local Plan: Core Strategy 2011-2029 (Pre-submission Version) and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal had been prepared on accordance with legal requirements and whether it was sound.

The Town Clerk had submitted the response prepared by the working party in order to meet the HDC deadline but with the proviso that minor alterations could be submitted on 10 January 2013 following Council consideration of the matter. The Working Party had drafted a covering letter and detailed comments and these were before the members. Suggested amendments and an additional paragraph to the covering letter had also been submitted by members.

Following a lengthy, detailed and careful consideration of the draft covering letter and comments the wording of both was agreed.

RESOLVED

- That the content of the covering letter and detailed comments be agreed for submission to HDC on 10 January 2013 with a record copy attached to these minutes.

- That FTC seek permission to be allowed to appear at the Public Enquiry

ITEM 7 FLEET TOWN COUNCIL CAR PARKING CHARGES

Members considered the report of the Fleet Town Centre Parking Review Working Party. Representatives from the Parking Review Working group have been involved in a number of meetings with Councillors and Officers representing Hart District Council to assess the potential for modifying the parking charges and a broader range of parking issues.

FTC's stance has been to secure a short term variation to the charging regime that would be simpler to understand and be of benefit to both the community at large and to the retailers of Fleet and a longer term commitment from HDC to move to a pay on foot (pay on exit) parking regime.

The Committee discussed all the elements and advantages and disadvantages of the two options on offer from HDC

RESOLVED

- That an evening charge of £2 be retained at Gurkha Square, and of £1 in all other car parks, to be applied from 6pm -9am
- That FTC make it a condition of adopting Option 1 that HDC actively pursue implementing a pay on foot(pay on exit) scheme within the next two years
- That Option 1 , the removal of all red bays and the imposition of a charge of 20p for the first half hour in all car parks, be approved, with the condition , that reversion to the staus quo be secured in the event of the abandonment of Option 1 for any reason. **Cllrs Appleton, Axam, Butler, Oliver and Vincent recorded their votes against this resolution**
- That FTC notify HDC of its intention by not later than the end of January 2013 to secure implementation of a revised scheme in May 2013

ITEM 8 REPORT FROM HDC/HCC MEMBERS

Members noted the report of HDC/HCC members (copy attached to record minutes)

ITEM 9 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

The Council noted the Clerk's report on progress (copy attached to record minutes)

ITEM 10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 February 2013 at 7.30pm at The Harlington.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....