



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 3 July 2019

at The Harlington at 7pm

**Councillors**

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Glyn Carpenter, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Kathy Jasper, James Kirkpatrick, Alan Oliver, Sue Tilley, Ruth Williams, George Woods, Jonathan Wright

**Also Present**

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk  
Sheila Rayner –Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HCC

Representative of Friends of Oakley Park

Local resident (Neighbourhood Plan interest)

**FC July 2019 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Ashworth, Robinson and Wildsmith

**FC July 2019 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**Chairman's announcements**

Cllr Schofield referred to the following matters:

- The success of the Fleet Food Festival with 11,000 visitors over 2 days. Issues relating to access to The Views will be resolved for next year
- Resignation as Chairman of BID by Emma Molyneux with Bruce Bulgin as her successor. Members wished to record the thanks of the Council to Emma Molyneux
- Cricket club- new high quality cricket nets, 180 junior members, and the installation of a plaque acknowledging support of FTC
- Update on approach to HDC regarding the Saturday market which showed no real progress
- The forthcoming marriage of Cllr Williams and presentation of a bouquet

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of Council held on Wednesday 5 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman

The Council received the minutes of the following Committees

Development Control 28 May, 10 June 2019

RLA 19 June 2019

Noted that the list of capital projects would be circulated to members of the RLA committee

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 5 HCC/HDC UPDATE**

#### **HCC**

Cllr Bennison reported on the following:

- HCC carbon neutral foot print target by 2030
- Examination of climate change issues

#### **HDC**

Cllr Oliver reported on the following:

- Award of government funding for Shapley Heath for garden village development to be progressed outside the Local Plan

Cllr Hope entered the meeting at 7.25pm during discussion of the above item

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 6 BUSES IN FLEET**

Prior to the presentation of the report by Cllr Woods, the Chairman reminded the members of the need to include positive and specific recommendations to facilitate the debate and voting mechanism as provided by Standing Orders

The members considered the report which summarised the background to service provision in Fleet and outlined FTCs current level of support. The members considered this against the background of continuing expansion of Fleet, overstretched traffic infrastructure, the ageing population, and ongoing HCC budget cuts

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

Notwithstanding any financial commitment, that FTC continues to support the provision of bus services for local residents in a variety of ways including through publicity (such as Town Talk) and administrative support (including meetings)

### **FC April 2019 ITEM 7 CHILD PROTECTION AND VULNERABLE ADULT SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

The members received a draft Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy Which, if adopted, would be acceptable to the Lawn Tennis Association in connection with the use of FTC tennis courts

Members raised various issues particularly regarding the status of hirers and the implications for hire agreements, and the definition of 'user groups' and 'abuse'

In order to provide time for these issues to be considered, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

That any further consideration of the draft policy be suspended until the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 8 COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW**

The members considered a report which reviewed FTC s communication practices. The report examined the present channels of communication and possible extension of communications aims and goals and additional vehicles of communication including videoing and live streaming Council meetings, structured resident group meetings and the enhanced use of the FTC website

Members discussed:

- Current low public interest in routine council meetings
- Need for a professional technician and significant equipment
- The need to engage younger people
- Monitoring the public reaction to live broadcasting of District Council Meetings
- Consideration of broadcasting specific events/meetings

Following discussion and careful consideration it was

#### **RESOLVED**

- a) Not to progress the introduction of videoing and live streaming of Council meetings
- b) To appoint an ad hoc communications working group comprising Cllrs Carpenter, Chenery, Holt, Kirkpatrick, Schofield, Tilley and Woods.
- c) To trial random selection structured residents group meetings with Councillors
- d) To urgently investigate the upgrading and updating of the FTC website software , possibly beyond the current budget allocation if required , with a report back to a future meeting

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 9 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The members received and considered a draft Code of Conduct based on the HDC model to replace the existing FTC Code of Conduct and were advised that the HDC Monitoring Officer was available to provide training for members on dates to be circulated by the Town Clerk

Any impact on the Grievance Procedure as a consequence of the Ledbury Case would be considered at a later date

**RESOLVED**

To adopt the Code of Conduct based on the HDC model

**FC July 2019 ITEM 10 CALTHORPE PARK-SITE INVESTIGATION**

Cllr Schofield reported that the 140 page document had been received and was available for inspection in the office. Issues raised were to be the subject of consideration by the RLA Committee in September 2019

It was noted that the nature and condition of the waste on the site indicated that significant settlement was still to take place.

**RESOLVED**

To note the current situation

**FC July 2019 ITEM 11 DEATH OF A SENIOR NATIONAL FIGURE**

Members considered a report which outlined the national arrangements in the event of the death of a senior national figure.

Several actions were identified which FTC may like to take including a book of condolence, marking a silence, possible cancellation of celebratory events and the wearing of armbands

**RESOLVED**

- a) To approve the delegation to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council and the Town Clerk to decide which actions are appropriate
- b) To allocate a budget of up to £1,000 for any associated expenses

**FC July 2019 ITEM 12 HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL “BALANCING THE BUDGET” CONSULTATION**

The members received copies of the HCC “Balancing the Budget” consultation paper Although several members had responded in their own right, it was important for a FTC response to be submitted by 17 July 2019

**RESOLVED**

To appoint an ad hoc working group comprising Cllrs Carpenter, Holt, Schofield, Tilley and Woods, with authority to formulate a response on behalf of FTC for submission to HCC by 17 July 2019

**FC July 2019 ITEM 13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The members received a report following the completion of the second consultation and a series of interactions with HDC and the independent examiner

The major issues to emerge related to Town Centre policies and Policy 10 (design management policy)

The process and content of the interactions were explained in detail and on balance, the Working Group's assessment of the proposed final form of the Neighbourhood Plan was that it achieved the majority of the original aims of the Plan and any major changes had been driven by planning considerations alone and not by ignoring the public's comments.

### **RESOLVED**

- a) To approve the External Examiner's proposed amendment to the Neighbourhood Plan and that FTC notify Hart District Council accordingly
- b) For clarity, that FTC should communicate a brief explanation of the process to the general public

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 14 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE-HARLINGTON CONDITION SURVEY**

The members noted that the Harlington survey programme is on target with the final report expected in September 2019

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 15 HAMPSHIRE PENSION SCHEME**

The members noted the response that had been submitted to HCC by the Pension Working Group

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 16 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The members received and noted the Town Clerk's report with the addition of :

- Land at Forest End
- GDPR training attended by members and staff
- Successful Football Forum
- Friends of Groups Get Together and recognition of the Friends of Oakley Park's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 17 COMPLAINTS**

Members noted the schedule of complaints received since April 2010

### **FC July 2019 ITEM 18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

### **Part 3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**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 Town Council, the Public and Press will be excluded from the Meeting**

**FC July 2019 ITEM 19 CALTHORPE PARKGROUND WORKS TENDER**

See separate confidential minute

**FC July 2019 ITEM 20 ANCELLS FARM ZIP WIRE**

See separate confidential minute

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

**Signed**.....

**Date:**.....

**Chairman**

