



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7 March 2012 at 7.30pm
The Harlington
Fleet

Present

Cllrs Bob Schofield (Chair), Richard Appleton, Chris Butler, Paul Einchcomb, Steve Forster, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Helen Perthen, Sue Tilley, George Woods.

Also Present

Janet Stanton –Deputy Clerk

Sheila Rayner- Committee Clerk

Cllr Davies - Hart District Council

Cllr Wheale- Hart District Council/Hampshire County Council (arriving at 8.25pm during item 12)

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Axam, Chenery, Fisher, Gotel, Macallan, Oliver, Pierce, and Robinson.

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 2: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 3: Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 4: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1 February 2012, Planning and Development Committee on 13 and 27 February 2012, Policy and Finance Committee on 20 February 2012 and Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 15 February 2012, were received and approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Butler

Seconded by Cllr Einchcomb

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 5: FLEET TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

It was reported that there had been a delay in progressing the website as there had been a suggestion that a more complex website was required. However Cllr Oliver agreed to progress it and had now met with the supplier and it had been agreed that the original proposal was satisfactory. The contract had therefore been let and the website is being actively progressed. The members considered colours and layouts and selected the preferred schemes.

RESOLVED

To progress the design of the website using the West Bletchley layout and the Aylesbury paler and darker greens and orange.

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 6: CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR

The members considered the application of Mr Alastair Hill for the position of a casual vacancy at Ancells Farm ward

RESOLVED

To co-opt Mr Alastair Hill to the casual vacancy at Ancells Farm.

Proposed by Cllr Appleton
Seconded by Cllr Woods

Action: Deputy Clerk to write to Cllr Hill and update records accordingly

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 7: HART VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

The members considered the invitation to nominate a person/organisation for a Hart Volunteer Recognition Award. Whilst noting the work of those associated with coaching youth football teams, the Fleet Carnival and the Lions Community Store, it was noted that as the deadline for suggestions was not until 11 April 2012 it be deferred.

RESOLVED

That the nomination be deferred until the next Full Council Meeting on 4 April 2012 to allow time for members to consider the matter.

Action: Deputy Clerk to bring forward to the next meeting of Full Council

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 8: FLEET TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The members considered a proposed schedule of committee meetings for 2012/2013 . With the deletion of Planning and Development Committee on 27 August 2012 and the Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee on 19 December 2012 it was approved.

RESOLVED that

- The schedule of meetings for 2012/2013 be agreed

- That there would be a review of the committee structure before the Annual Meeting on 9 May 2012

Action: Current chairmen to undertake a review of the committee structure before 9 May 2012

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 9: LENGTHSMAN REPORT

The meeting received the minutes of the Lengthsman scheme meeting and the draft legal agreement between HCC and FTC in relation to the introduction of a Lengthsman scheme. The meeting was informed that an administration fee of £300 would be paid to FTC by HCC at the beginning of the municipal year. The funding of £3000 could be expended on a single project, otherwise a monthly report on activities would be required to be sent to HCC. The revised terms of the proposed contract (not Deed) were explained.

RESOLVED

That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk and Chairman to proceed with the contract governing the Lengthsman scheme with HCC

Proposed Cllr Woods
Seconded Cllr Tilley

F.C. Mar 2012 ITEM 10: FLEET TOWN CENTRE PARKING

The meeting received a report on the town centre parking contribution identified in HDC's 2012/2013 budget and was informed that local traders did not support free parking on Sundays as the Hart centre is already free on that day .

It was explained that measures equivalent in value to £37,000 were available to FTC. The members requested that further information be sought from HDC to assist them in making a decision on the measures to be chosen.

RESOLVED

- That Cllrs Forster and Woods gather further information from HDC on the various options
- That the matter be considered at the next H&T committee on 28 March 2012
- That HDC be requested to provide a start date for the implementation of the High Street scheme approved 7 months ago

F.C. MAR 2012 ITEM 11: YOUTH PROVISION

An oral report was made by the Chairman on the award of Youth Service provision to Step by Step and Fleet Phoenix who had won the provision of outreach services in Fleet. It was noted that Nigel Pool's charity wished to terminate the lease of the building held on behalf of the tripartite agreement. As the lease is still with HDC the letter requesting the termination had been sent to HDC who were seeking clarification on FTC's future arrangements for the building. It was noted that FTC will be meeting with Fleet Phoenix to explain those elements that FTC is prepared to fund. It was also noted that the proposed Grove Farm development provided a good opportunity to secure a purpose built building and this should be broached with HDC.

F. C. MAR 2012 ITEM 12: FLEET LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

The meeting received an oral report from the Chairman who explained that there had been 40 attendees at the inaugural meeting of the Fleet Local Business Partnership and 4 sub-groups had been set up.

The Mary Portas Report was received. Although there was an opportunity to bid for a £100,000 grant to become a Pilot Town Project for innovative rejuvenation schemes, the bidding time was short with a deadline of 31 March 2012. Current resources and not having all the relevant stakeholders in place did not allow time to prepare a meaningful bid.

It was agreed that some elements of the Portas Report were commendable and it was hoped that FTC could work with the Fleet Local Business Partnership and HDC to consider how there could be addressed.

F.C. MAR 2012 ITEM 13 : CLERK’S REPORT

The meeting received the Clerk’s report and noted that

- 30 acceptances had already been received to the Annual Residents’ meeting and FTC members should indicate whether they would be attending.
- It was confirmed that Fleet members on HDC and HCC and the local MP would receive a personal invitation
- Cllr Butler’s request that development in Fleet should not be considered in isolation was noted
- HDC planners were welcome to attend the Annual Residents’ meeting to assist with answering questions on planning issues.
- Attendees would be asked to supply their name and address before speaking

F.C. MAR 2012 ITEM 14: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wednesday 4 April 2012 at The Harlington , Fleet Road, Fleet at 7.30pm

FC MAR 2012 ITEM 15-CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Council resolved that, in terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the public Section 1 (2), by reason of the item referring to an individual/s and to confidential information, the Public and Press would be excluded from the following item on the agenda.

The members received an up date on the appointment of the Town Clerk

Signed.....

Date:.....