



## Minutes of the Council

### *Minutes of a meeting held on 21 June 2012 at the Civic Offices*

**PRESENT:**

Councillor D L Steadman  
(Mayor)

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford  
(Deputy Mayor)

**Councillors:** B Bayford, Miss S M Bell, J V Bryant, Mrs P M Bryant, T M Cartwright, P J Davies, Mrs M E Ellerton, J M Englefield, G Fazackarley, M J Ford JP, J S Forrest, N R Gregory, Miss T Harper, Mrs C L A Hockley, T J Howard, L Keeble, T G Knight, A Mandry, Mrs K Mandry, D J Norris, Mrs S Pankhurst, R H Price JP, D C S Swanbrow, Mrs K K Trott, N J Walker, P W Whittle JP, and S D T Woodward.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received by Councillors K D Evans and D M Whittingham and from Mr D Basson (Co-opted member).

#### **2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 May 2012 ([cl-120510-m](#) refers) be confirmed and signed as a correct record with the following amendments to the appointments included at Appendix B:

No. 9 Fareham Welfare Trust - the period of current appointment be amended to show as 2012-16;

No. 22 William Price Charitable Trust - the period of current appointment for Councillor Mrs P M Bryant be amended to show as 2012-16;

No. 46 Titchfield Community Association - the representative for the last municipal year be amended to show as Councillor Miss T Harper;

No. 47 Victory Hall Management Committee - the representative for the last municipal year be amended to show as Councillor M J Ford, JP;

No. 62 Community Safety Partnership sub group meetings, the representative for the last municipal year be amended to show as Councillor A Mandry;

### **3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed Eric Dunn, Ruth Godrich and Mary Nadolski to the meeting and announced that they were attending the meeting to receive Long Service Awards in recognition of the service they have given to the Borough of Fareham as ward councillors.

The Mayor advised that the Mayoress had completed her abseil down the Spinnaker Tower, and expressed his thanks to those who had sponsored her. He confirmed that donations are still being received, should any Members wish to do so.

The Mayor announced the following forthcoming events:

- Mayor's Tea Party on 5 July in the Mayors Parlour with guest speaker of Tom De Wit from Westbury Manor Museum
- Charity Festival on 8 July at Fareham Town Football Club. With live music and a parade of Harley Davidson motorbikes.

### **4. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Executive Leader advised that following the departure of the group of travellers who had encamped at Cams Alders, the Council had worked quickly to clear a tonne of builder's rubble from the site. He also confirmed that although the site is leased to Fareham Town Football club, the Council had agreed to pay the necessary Bailiff's costs to enable the clearance of the site, thus ensuring that the children's football tournament scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> June could go ahead as planned.

The Executive Leader also advised that the Council has now received the £100,000 Government grant funding which has been awarded in recognition of the desired improvements to Fareham Town Centre. The Executive Leader announced that he would be hosting a breakfast event on Tuesday 10 July at Ferneham Hall for local businesses and traders from the Town Centre to discuss ideas for improvements they would like to see. He encouraged Members to also put forward their ideas towards an action plan which will be developed.

### **5. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley placed on record her thanks to Fareham Borough Council officers and the many volunteers who worked hard to ensure that the various Diamond Jubilee celebrations held throughout the Borough were a great success.

### **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors Mrs C L A Hockley, T M Cartwright, L Keeble and N J Walker declared Personal Interests for items 7 and 8 as they were all members of the Portchester Community Centre Task & Finish Panel which met on 21 May 2012 to recommend the awarding of the lease for the new Community Centre.

Councillor Miss S M Bell\* and D J Norris declared Personal Interests for items 7 and 8 as they are representatives on Portchester Community Association Management Committee.

Councillor R H Price, JP declared a Personal Interest for items 7 and 8 as he is a member of the Portchester Community Centre Task and Finish Panel; a Council appointed representative for Fareham Borough Council on Portchester Community Association; and a Hampshire County Council appointed member of the Portchester Community School Management Committee.

\* As subsequently amended at the meeting of the Council on 26 July 2012, Councillor Miss Bell also declared a Personal Interest for items 7 and 8 as she is a member of the Portchester Community Centre Task & Finish Panel, but was not present at the meeting held on 21 May 2012; and was previously a Fareham Borough Council appointed representative on the Portchester Community School Management Committee.

## **7. DEPUTATIONS**

The Mayor advised that there were 3 deputations to be heard and as that he would hear these before any petitions were presented.

The Council received a deputation from Mrs Stella Bell in relation to item 8 - Petition on the Award of Lease for the New Portchester Community Centre and she was thanked accordingly (see minute 8 below).

The Council received a deputation from Mr Nick Hall in relation to item 8 - Petition on the Award of Lease for the New Portchester Community Centre and he was thanked accordingly (see minute 8 below).

The Council received a deputation from Ms Sarah Moss in relation to item 8 - Petition on the Award of Lease for the New Portchester Community Centre and she was thanked accordingly (see minute 8 below).

## **8. PETITIONS**

The Council was presented with a petition of 1511 signatures from Mrs Stella Bell entitled "Keep Portchester Community Association at the New Community Centre. Keep the Community Centre for Local People."

The text of the petition was given as:

"We the undersigned strongly want the current Community Association Trustees to run the New Community Centre. They have a proven record of understanding and responding to the residents needs for all age groups, also through their management money has been raised with grants to expand numerous services. They have also acted as a catalyst for providing the Christmas Tree and organising the village Gala. The Association organises both indoor and outdoor activities, we believe no other organisation could ever have or be able to provide such an excellent service."

The Mayor advised that the petition would be dealt with in accordance with the Council's petition scheme and accordingly, asked Members if they wished to debate the petition.

Following the debate the motion was proposed and duly seconded that the



(2)	Planning Committee	23 May 2012	<a href="#">pc-120523-m</a>
(3)	Strategic Planning and Environment Policy Development and Review Panel	15 May 2012	<a href="#">spe-120515-m</a>
(4)	Leisure and Community policy Development and Review Panel	16 May 2012	<a href="#">l&amp;c-120516-m</a>
(5)	Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel	17 May 2012	<a href="#">ssp-120517-m</a>
(6)	Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel	22 May 2012	<a href="#">ppp-120522-m</a>
(7)	Standards Committee	10 May 2012	<a href="#">sc-120510-m</a>
(8)	Housing Policy Development and Review Panel	24 May 2012	<a href="#">hsg-120524-m</a>
(9)	Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee	10 May 2012	<a href="#">lc-120510-m</a>

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25 April 2012 be received;
- (b) the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 23 May 2012 be received;
- (c) the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Environment Policy Development and Review Panel held on 15 May 2012 be received;
- (d) the minutes of the Leisure and Community policy Development and Review Panel held on 16 May 2012 be received;
- (e) the minutes of the meeting of the Streetscene policy Development and Review Panel held on 17 May 2012 be received;
- (f) the minutes of the meeting of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel held on 22 May 2012 be received;
- (g) the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 10 May 2012 be received;
- (h) the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Policy Development and Review Panel held on 24 May 2012 be received;
- (i) the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on 10 May 2012 be received;

## **12. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 17.2**

There were no questions submitted for this meeting.

## **13. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 15**

There were no motions submitted for this meeting.

## **14. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **(1) Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership**

Fareham Borough Council has recently entered into a partnership agreement with Portsmouth City Council, Gosport Borough Council and Havant Borough Council to deliver a Shared coastal Deference Management Service for the Eastern Solent. The Council was asked to appoint a representative for the Joint member Shared Coastal Management Service Board which will assist with the governance of the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership.

RESOLVED that Councillor K D Evans be appointed as a representative to the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership for the remainder of the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

### **(2) Highlands Hub Management Committee**

The council has been invited to appoint a representative to the Highlands Hub Management Committee

RESOLVED that Councillor D M Whittingham be appointment as a representative to the Highlands Hub Management Committee for the remainder of the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

## **15. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Council was advised of the flexibility that the Localism Act 2011 has given local authorities to choose their own governance arrangements. The Council was asked to decide if it wished to change the current governance arrangements from one of Executive Leader and Cabinet (Executive) to a committee system or other arrangement, as permitted by the Secretary of State ([report cl-120621-r01](#) refers)

The motion was proposed and duly seconded that there would be no change to the current Governance Arrangements of Executive Leader and Cabinet. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED (26 Members voting for, 2 against).

RESOLVED that the council would not change its governance arrangements from Executive Leader and Cabinet (Executive).

## 16. STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

The council was reminded that the Localism Act 2011 implemented significant changes to the Standards regime which requires the Council to put in place new arrangements to deal with matters of ethics, probity and Members conduct. The report ([cl-120621-r03-lus](#) refers) sets out the actions that need to be taken to enable the Council to comply with the requirements of the new standards regime which come into effect on 1 July 2012.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the revised Members Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix A to the report, be adopted to come into effect on 1 July 2012 pending the development of any Hampshire wide generic Code;
2. Mr David Basson and Mrs Mary Kilbride be appointed as the Council's two Independent Persons for the purposes of consideration, investigation and hearing of complaints under the Members Code of Conduct as required under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011;
3. the arrangements for the consideration, investigation and hearing of complaints under the revised Members Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix B to the report be agreed;
4. Standing Order 28 be amended to require a Member who has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, in an item of business being considered at a meeting of the Council, the Executive, the Scrutiny Board, a committee, sub-committee or panel to declare that interest and withdraw from the room during the discussion and not vote on that item;
5. authority be delegated to the Solicitor to the Council in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to make any amendments to the Code and arrangements for dealing with Member conduct which may be necessary as a result of any statutory requirement or further advice;
6. authority be delegated to the Solicitor to the Council in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to amend the Council's Constitution to take into account any further amendments required as a result of the Localism Act 2011 and its associated regulations; and
7. that training sessions for Members be arranged as soon as practicable on the details of the new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

## 17. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

There were no changes to appointments to committees

(The meeting started at 6:35pm  
and ended at 8:35pm).