

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council

Date: Thursday, 11 May 2023

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

M J Ford, JP
(Mayor)

F Birkett
(Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Ms C Bainbridge, I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, R Bird,
Mrs P M Bryant, Ms F Burgess, Miss J Burton,
Mrs L E Clubley, M R Daniells, H P Davis, S Dugan,
Mrs T L Ellis, J M Englefield, D G Foot, D J Hamilton,
Miss T G Harper, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs C L A Hockley, S Ingram,
Mrs K Mandry, S D Martin, Mrs J Needham, P Nother,
Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs K K Trott, N J Walker, Mrs S M Walker
and S D T Woodward



1. PRAYERS

Following the meeting being opened with prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplains, Reverends Mike and Nicky-Sue Terry, the Mayor extended a warm welcome to all guests at this annual meeting of the Council and went on to announce the Citizens of Honour for 2023.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Mayor presented the Citizen of Honour badge to Charlotte Fairall and Abu Suyeb-Tanzam and the Young Citizen of Honour badge to Ben Richardson.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - MORNING SESSION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Hamilton and N Gregory.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

On the Council being invited to submit nominations for the election of Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor S D Martin "that Councillor F Birkett be elected Mayor of Fareham for the municipal year 2023/24". On the nomination being put to the meeting it was declared CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED that Councillor F Birkett be elected Mayor of Fareham for the municipal year 2023/24.

After Councillor Birkett had received the personal congratulations of the Mayor, he retired from the meeting to be robed and, upon his return, signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR F BIRKETT MAYOR IN THE CHAIR

The Mayor thanked the Council for his election. In informed Members that Reverends Mike and Nick-Sue Terry would be his Chaplains for the year. He further announced that the Mayor's charity appeal would this year be in support of Sophie's Legacy and Veteran's Outreach Support.

The Mayor named his wife, Lisa Birkett, as his Mayoress for the year and invested her with his chain of office.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

On the Council being invited to submit nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor of Fareham for the municipal year 2023/24, it was proposed by

Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor S D Martin “that Councillor Mrs P Hayre be elected Deputy Mayor of Fareham for the municipal year 2023/24”. On the nomination being put to the meeting, it was declared CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P Hayre be elected Deputy Mayor of Fareham for the municipal year 2023/24.

The Deputy Mayor named Narinder Hayre as her Consort for the year.

(1) Vote of Thanks

It was proposed by Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor S D Martin “that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor M J Ford, JP, and Mrs Anne Ford for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during the past municipal year. On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor M J Ford, JP, and Mrs Anne Ford for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during the past municipal year.

Councillor Ford replied to the vote of thanks and expressed his appreciation of the support he had been given throughout his term of office. The Mayor then presented Councillor Ford with his Past Mayor’s badge and Mrs Anne Ford with her Past Mayoress badge.

6. MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor presented his Mayor’s Cadet for 2023/24, Sergeant Ethan Chambers from the 1350 (Fareham) Squadron Air training Corps, with his badge of service.

7. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3PM

It was proposed by Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor S D Martin “that this meeting now adjourn and resume at 3pm in the Council Chamber in the Civic Offices, Fareham”.

On being put to the meeting, the proposition was declared CARRIED unanimously.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - AFTERNOON SESSION

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N Gregory.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 April 2023.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded Members that Reverends Mike and Nicky-Sue Terry would be his Chaplains for the year.

The Mayor also reminded Members that the charities he had chosen to support for his Mayoral year were Sophie's Legacy and Veteran's Outreach Support.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

12. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Executive Leader

Members were reminded that at the Annual meeting of the Council in May 2021, Councillor S D T Woodward was elected to be the Executive Leader for a term of 3 years from 2021/22 to the end of the 2023/24 municipal year.

(2) Number of other Executive Members

Members were reminded that following the resolution of the Council on 16 December 2010, the Executive Leader would be invited to advise the Council on his appointment of two or more (but no more than nine) members to form the Executive.

The Council was duly advised by the Executive Leader would be appointing five other members to form the Executive to work alongside him. He also advised that Councillor S D Martin would be appointed as the Deputy Executive Leader.

RESOLVED that the above decision be noted.

(3) Appointment of Other Executive Members

Members were reminded that following the resolution of the Council on 16 December 2010, the Executive Leader would be invited to advise the Council of his appointment of other Executive Members, consequent to his decision at item 11(2) above.

The Council was duly advised that the Executive Leader would be appointing Councillors I J Bastable, Miss J Burton, D Foot, S D Martin and Mrs S M Walker as Executive members for 2023/24.

(4) Areas of Executive Responsibility

The Council was reminded that the Executive Leader is responsible for determining the areas of Executive responsibility and for allocating the portfolios to the Executive Members appointed.

The Council was duly advised that the Executive Leader would be allocating responsibilities to the Executive portfolios for the municipal year 2023/24 as follows:

Health and Public Protection - Councillor Miss J Burton
Planning and Development – Councillor S D Martin
Streetscene – Councillor I J Bastable
Leisure and Community – Councillor Mrs S M Walker
Housing – Councillor D Foot
Policy and resources – Councillor S D T Woodward

RESOLVED that the above decision be noted.

13. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Council received a report by the Head of Democratic Services, proving calculations for the political balance relating to the allocation of seats on committees and panels for the municipal year 2023/24.

The report asked the Council to confirm the functions and appointment of committee seats as well as the role of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each committee. The minority group was invited to appoint opposition spokesmen to each of the Executive portfolios.

Appendix B Committee Nomination Schedule 2023/24 was tabled at the meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED that the Council approves:

- (a) the committee functions and number of seats on each committee for the municipal year 2023/24, as listed at paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of the report;
- (b) the allocation of seats to political groups for the municipal year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- (c) the nominations of the political groups to seats on committees, deputies and spokesmen, for the municipal year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix B to the report; and
- (d) the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each committee for the municipal year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix B to the report.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council was reminded that it was required by Standing Order 1.9 to make appointments to outside bodies other than those appointments which were

required by law to be made by the Executive. Council therefore considered the report by the Head of Democratic Services on the appointments to be made and also received guidance on the duties and responsibilities of members when acting as appointee to an outside body.

Appendix B to the report - Outside Bodies Schedule 2023/24 was tabled at the meeting outlining the proposed appointments to be made.

The Executive Leader advised that amendments to be made to the Schedule of Outside Body Appointments 2023/24 were as highlighted in yellow in the Tabled Appendix B to the report.

The Executive Leader advised members of an amendment to the Tabled Schedule in respect of the Police and Crime Panel (No. 32 at tabled Appendix B to the report) which should read that Councillor S D T Woodward be appointed as the Representative and Councillor Miss J Burton be appointed as the Deputy.

It was proposed by Councillor S D T Woodward and seconded by Councillor S D Martin that, subject to the amendment at number 32 in the Schedule, the appointments to Outside Bodies as outlined at Tabled Appendix B to the report be agreed.

RESOLVED that the Council:

- (a) notes those Outside Bodies that have not met within the 2022/23 municipal year, or no longer require the Council to make an appointment, and agrees that these be deleted from the Schedule;
- (b) agrees the addition to the Schedule of any new Outside Bodies to which an appointment needs to be made for the 2023/24 municipal year;
- (c) subject to the amendments at No. 32 of the Schedule as outlined above, appoints the representatives for the 2023/24 municipal year to the organisations as set out in the tabled Appendix B to the report; and
- (d) notes the guidance to Members on their duties and responsibilities as appointees to Outside Bodies.

15. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements.

16. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Member announcements.

17. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions presented at this meeting.

18. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 12 April 2023 of Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 12 April 2023 were tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 12 April 2023 be received.

19. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.12

There were no questions submitted at this meeting.

20. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 2.6

There were no motions submitted at this meeting.

21. POLICY FRAMEWORK

RESOLVED that the Policy Framework for 2023/24 be confirmed as comprising those plans and strategies identified in the table below:

Policy/ Strategy	Last adopted or approved by	Date
Affordable Housing Strategy	Executive	19 November 2019
Licensing Policy	Council	26 February 2021
Fareham Borough Local Plan 2037	Council	05 April 2023
Welborne Plan	Council	08 June 2015
Community Safety Strategy	Council	29 May 2014
Corporate Strategy	Council	14 December 2017
Statement of Gambling Policy	Council	25 February 2022

(The meeting started at 10.30 am
and ended at 3.10 pm).