



Borough of Gosport

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Council Chamber at the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **FRIDAY**, the **EIGHTH** day of **DECEMBER 2006** at **6.00PM**.

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Cully) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Gill) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Carr (P), Carter (P), Mrs Champion (P), Champion (P), Chegwyn (P), Clinton (P), Cully (P), Davis (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P), Foster (P), Foster-Reed (P), Hicks (P), Hook (P), Jacobs (P), Kimber (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Mudie (P), Philpott (P), Redrup (P), Rigg (P), Mrs Salter (P), Smith (P), Taylor (P), Train (P), Ward (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

APOLOGY

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was submitted on behalf of Honorary Alderman Foster.

NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) It was reported that Councillor Smith had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.3:

“That the Council suspend Standing Orders 4.6 and 4.14 for the purpose of considering Motions (ii) and (iii) below.”

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Chegwyn.

The Motion was put to the meeting and duly RESOLVED.

(B) It was reported that Councillor Chegwyn had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.3:

“That the Council reverses its decisions of 29.11.06 relating to the Gosport Festival Working Group and the Holbrook Recreation Centre Working Group and re-appoints the Working Groups that existed prior to 29.11.06.”

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Smith.

Councillor Chegwyn then moved the following Addendum to this Motion:

“That the Council:

i) appoints Councillor Smith as Organiser of the 2007 Gosport Waterfront Festival;

ii) gives officers delegated authority to confirm main acts and infrastructure for the Festival, in liaison with the Festival Organiser and the Festival Working Group;

iii) gives officers delegated authority to sign contracts for the Festival; and

iv) gives officers delegated authority to arrange the Festival launch with Quay Radio and to undertake all necessary arrangements to promote the Festival, seek advertising and sponsorship, confirm stall bookings and proceed with all organisational tasks associated with the Festival, working in liaison with the Festival Organiser and Festival Working Group.”

The Addendum was accordingly seconded by Councillor Foster-Reed.

The Motion was put to the meeting, and upon the Mayor’s casting vote, duly RESOLVED.

(C) It was reported that Councillor Chegwyn had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.3:

“That the Council considers its position on the re-introduction of two hours free car parking in the town centre short-stay car parks and also considers proposals for providing free car parking in the town centre over the Christmas and New Year trading periods.”

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Smith.

Councillor Chegwyn then moved the following Addendum to his Motion:

“That the Council:

i) Does not enforce the charges in the short-stay Gosport town centre car parks between Monday 11th December 2006 and Wednesday 31st January 2007 inclusive to encourage people to shop in Gosport town centre;

ii) Does continue to enforce all the other regulations relating to each of these car parks, in particular the regulations relating to length of stay and return to the car parks; and

iii) Does agree to re-advertise the Borough of Gosport (Off Street Parking Places) (Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent) (Amendment) (No 3) Order 2006 and re-commences with immediate effect all legal procedures and consultations required in connection with this Traffic Regulation Order.”

The Addendum was accordingly seconded by Councillor Smith.

AMENDMENT: That the Motion be approved and adopted subject to the Council introducing free car parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays in all Town Centre Car Parks and that all car parks are free of charge on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Upon the Amendment being put to the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 4.12.4, it was requisitioned that the voting on the Amendment be recorded. A recorded vote was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Amendment were read to the Council as follows:

FOR AMENDMENT: Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter, Mrs Champion, Champion, Clinton, Dickson, Edgar, Foster, Hook, Jacobs, Kimber, Langdon, Philpott, Rigg, Taylor and Ward (17)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Ms Ballard, Carr, Chegwyn, Cully, Davis, Farr, Foster-Reed, Hicks, Mrs Mudie, Redrup, Mrs Salter, Smith, Train, Wright and Mrs Wright (17)

The Amendment was declared TIED.

Whereupon the Mayor used her casting vote against the Amendment which was declared LOST.

Upon the Motion being put to the Meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 4.12.4, it was requisitioned that the voting on the Motion be recorded. A recorded vote was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Motion were read to the Council as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Ms Ballard, Car, Chegwyn, Cully, Davis, Farr, Foster-Reed, Hicks, Mrs Mudie, Redrup, Mrs Salter, Smith, Train, Wright and Mrs Wright (17)

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter, Mrs Champion, Champion, Clinton, Dickson, Edgar, Foster, Hook, Jacobs, Kimber, Langdon, Philpott, Rigg, Taylor and Ward (17)

The Motion was accordingly declared TIED.

Whereupon the Mayor used her casting vote for the Motion which was duly RESOLVED.

At this point Councillor Hook gave notice that he wished to resign as Leader of the Council and his administration would also resign forthwith. Councillor Hook and his Conservative Group then left the Council Chamber.

The remaining Councillors resolved to arrange an Extraordinary Council Meeting in order to appoint a Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board before the 16 January 2007.

The Council rose at 6.45pm