

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 14 June 2010**

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (ex-officio); Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P); Councillors Mrs Bailey (P), Burgess (Chairman) (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Kimber (P), Murphy (P), Ronayne (P) and Mrs Searle (P).

7. APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from the Mayor.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hook declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, Sale of Land Adjacent to No8 Ewer Common and a personal interest in agenda item 9, Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2010-2015.

Councillor Mrs Hook declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, Sale of Land Adjacent to No 8 Ewer Common and a personal interest in agenda item 9, Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2010-2015.

Councillor Ronayne declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 11 St Vincent College contribution for relining the swimming pool.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 18 January 2010, 3 February 2010 and 19 May 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

10. DEPUTATIONS

A deputation had been received on Agenda Item 7, Lease of No2 Battery to the Historic Diving Society.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions had been received.

PART II

12. SALE OF LAND ADJACENT TO NO8 EWER COMMON

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Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Planning and Economic Development Services seeking Board approval for the sale of the freehold interest of the land shown edged in black on plan 1 of the report.

An updated photographic plan was distributed to the Board and is attached in the minute book as Appendix A.

Members advised that the fencing would be picket style and no higher than 2 foot.

Members felt that the cherry tree that has been planted on the Common Land without permission should not be removed, but this did not set a precedent for allowing any such future unauthorised planting on the Common Land

Members agreed to the recommendation as contained in the report.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) the sale of land adjacent to No8 Ewer Common as shown on Plan 1, attached to the report, on terms to be agreed by the Council's Head of Property Services, be approved;
- (ii) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into such documentation as is necessary to effect the above decision in consultation with the Head of Property Services; and
- (iii) authorisation be sought from the Policy and Organisation Board to proceed with the above resolutions.

13. LEASE OF NO2 BATTERY TO THE HISTORIC DIVING SOCIETY

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Planning and Economic Development Services seeking authorisation for the grant of a lease to the Historic Diving Society for No 2 Battery shown hatched black on plan 1 of the report.

Members were advised that, for clarification, paragraph 2.5 of the report had been amended to read:

The Council will be responsible for the external repairs. If the cost of repairs becomes costly because of the ingress of water or other causes then the Lease can be brought to an end by either the Council or the Lessee without any further obligation.

Councillor Carter was invited to address the Board. He advised that No 2 Battery was an important historical site which had been closed for a number of years. He welcomed the opportunity for the Historical Diving Society to take on the site and display the wealth of information they possessed.

He welcomed the proposal and that the museum would be a valuable asset to the town.

Councillor Edgar advised the Board that he supported the project and supported conservation by usage. Councillor Edgar advised the Board that, as Ward Councillor, he would not support the application if he felt it was to the detriment of local residents. He also supported marking the grave in the church yard, which had historic diving connections.

Members welcomed the proposal and thanked officers for their work in bringing a derelict building back into use.

RESOLVED: That:

- (iii) the grant of a lease of the Council land shown on Plan 1, attached to the report, on terms to be agreed by the Council's Head of Property Services, be approved;
- (iv) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into such documentation as is necessary to effect the above decision in consultation with the Head of Property Services; and
- (iii) authorisation be sought from the Policy and Organisation Board to proceed with the above resolutions.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (COMMERCIAL) SERVICE PLAN 2010/11

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager which sought the adoption, by the Board, of the report as the work plan for the Environmental Health (Commercial) Team for 2010-11.

RESOLVED: That the report be adopted by the Board as the work plan for the Environmental Health (Commercial) team for the year 2010-2011.

15. PROJECT INTEGRA ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2010-2015

Note: Councillor Mrs Hook declared a personal interest in this item, remained in the meeting room and took part in the discussion and voting thereon.

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Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager which sought approval for the adoption of the Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2010-2015 for the Partnership. Approval was sought in accordance with the Project Integra Constitution.

The Board were advised that other Local Authorities had already adopted the action

plan.

RESOLVED: That the Draft Project Integra Annual Action Plan 2010-2015 be approved.

16. LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT SKATE PARK EXTENSION AND UPGRADE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Service Facilities seeking Board approval to use £32,000 of 'Other Sports' funding to extend and upgrade the Skate Park facility situated on the promenade at Lee-on-the-Solent.

Members welcomed the proposal and advised the Board that the extension and upgrade would be welcomed by young people.

RESOLVED: That the use of £32,000 of 'Other Sports' funding to extend and upgrade the Skate Park facility situated on the promenade at Lee-on-the-Solent be approved and that the matter be referred to the Policy and Organisation Board.

17. ST VINCENT COLLEGE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION FOR RELINING THE SWIMMING POOL

Note: Councillor Ronayne declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the meeting room and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure Services Manager seeking Board approval for the Council to make a capital contribution of £22,000 towards the cost of relining the swimming pool at St Vincent College.

Members welcomed the proposal and recognised the importance of children being provided the opportunity to learn to swim whilst at primary school; currently 6 schools used the swimming pool.

It was seen as particularly important that facilities were available for children to learn to swim as Gosport was a peninsula.

RESOLVED: That a capital contribution of £22,000 towards the cost of relining the swimming pool at St Vincent College be approved and that the matter be referred to the Policy and Organisation Board.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.25 pm

CHAIRMAN