

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
WAS HELD ON 18 January 2010**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (ex-officio); Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P); Councillors Beavis (P), Burgess (Chairman) (P), Cully (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Kimber (P), Mrs Mitchell-Smith (P), Murphy (P) and Wright (P).

29. ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the recent death of Councillor Jackie Carr, Members of the Community and Environment Board stood in silent tribute for one minute.

30. APOLOGIES

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

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Edgar declared that any decision he made at this meeting would not affect any decision made as a Hampshire County Councillor.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 7 September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

33. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations had been received.

34. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions had been received.

PART II

35. PRESENTATION –UK CLIMATE IMPACT PROFILE FOR GOSPORT

A presentation was given by Alan Williams, Environment Futures Manager, Hampshire County Council (attached in minute book as appendix A).

Members were advised of the UK Climate Projection possibilities for the future, particularly the projections for the South East and Hampshire and were provided with an introduction the Hampshire Vision and Strategy for Climate Change.

In answer to a Member's question, it was clarified that the projections for future summers

could include more intense rainfall over shorter time periods.

Members queried whether provision had been made within the action plan for the retention and storage of excess water from the projected increase in rainfall. The Board were advised that consultation was currently being undertaken in Havant and North Hampshire for the provision of two new reservoirs.

In answer to a Member's question, Mr Williams advised that the importance of trees in reducing carbon levels had been acknowledged, but that it had been recognised in professional journals that the planting of additional trees would not be sufficient to combat increasing carbon levels.

Mr Williams advised the Board that there were no current plans to reassess the scientific data used to inform the projections.

36. ALVER VALLEY – MANAGEMENT OF FISHING LAKE

Consideration was given to a report of the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager advising the Board of the recommended action agreed by the Alver Valley Steering Group in respect of the future management of the Alver Valley fishing lake.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) 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;
- (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.

37. NEW STORE AT MIDDLECROFT ALLOTMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts which sought approval for the grant of a lease of land to the Allotment Holders Association for the purpose of constructing a new store in the location shown coloured red on Plan 1, attached to the report.

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38. ANY OTHER ITEMS

Councillor Forder provided a verbal update to the Board as the Gosport Borough Council representative on SCOPAC (Standing Conference on Problems Affecting the Coastline).

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.50 pm

CHAIRMAN