

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 JULY 2007

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Kimber) (P);

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

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Mrs Bailey, Foster and O'Neill.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Champion and Mrs Salter and Honorary Alderman Hayward.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual and Adjourned Annual meetings of the Council held on 16 and 17 May 2007 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

SHORT STAY CAR PARKS IN LEE-ON-SOLENT

The Mayor reported that he had received two petitions requesting free 2 hour car parking in short stay car parks in Lee-on-Solent similar to the rest of Gosport. The first petition from residents in the Borough had 2,353 signatures and the second from Lee businesses had 73 signatures.

The Mayor referred the two petitions to the Environmental Services Manager for acknowledgement by him.

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

- (A) Question No 1 Standing in the name of Councillor Allen on the Council's policy for payment of creditors was answered by the Leader of the Council.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS

ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY

At its meeting on 27 June 2007, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that Council adopt the new Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy in line with best practice and the Audit Commission's Key Lines of Enquiry – Use of Resources, for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

NEW DELEGATIONS UNDER THE HOUSING ACT 2004

At its meeting on 27 June 2007, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that Council approve the delegation of powers contained within the Housing Act 2004 to the relevant stated officers.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PART ONE, CHAPTER ONE OF THE HEALTH ACT 2006

At its meeting on 27 June 2007, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that:

- a) the delegations to the Environmental Services Manager be amended to include the power to authorise officers as required by Section 10(5) of the Health Act 2006;
- b) the appointment of the Environmental Services Manager, or the Head of Environmental Health in his absence, as the appropriate person to decide upon the cancellation of a Fixed Penalty Notice be approved; and
- c) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make all necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution to give effect to Recommendations a) and b) above.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

At its meeting on 27 June 2007, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that the Statement of Community Involvement, as amended by the Inspector, be adopted as a Local Development Document.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

At its meeting on 27 June 2007, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that the Asset Management Plan be approved for adoption by the Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It was reported that Councillor Taylor had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.3:

“That a review of car parking charges be undertaken with immediate effect to ensure parity for all traders in the Borough of Gosport.”

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Burgess.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That in accordance with Standing Order 4.6.1 the Motion be referred without discussion to the Community and Environment Board for consideration.

PART II MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received:

Policy and Organisation Board: 17 May and 27 June 2007 (Minute Nos 1 – 7 and 13 – 22)

Community and Environment Board: 17 May and 18 June 2007 (Minute Nos 1 – 14)

Housing Board: 17 May and 13 June 2007 (Minute Nos 1 – 13)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned for 5 minutes from 6.30 – 6.35pm so that Councillors could read the tabled report of the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager on the Redevelopment of Holbrook Recreation Centre.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that notice had been received requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager to present his report related to the “Redevelopment of Holbrook Recreation Centre – Selection of Consultant”.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager to present his report related to the “Redevelopment of Holbrook Recreation Centre – Selection of Consultant”.

REDEVELOPMENT OF HOLBROOK RECREATION CENTRE – SELECTION OF CONSULTANT

The Leisure and Cultural Services Manager introduced his report on the above.

He reported that the Holbrook Recreation Centre Working Group had met on 10 July 2007 to consider the submissions from two leisure consultancies to undertake preparatory work in advising the Council on options for redeveloping the existing facility. The Working Group had recommended Council to approve the appointment of PMP Consultancy Ltd to undertake Stage 1 of the preparatory work to redevelop the Holbrook Recreation Centre. PMP had indicated £20,000 (plus VAT and expenses capped at 10% max) for Stage 1 and a further set of costs between £20,000 - £40,000 for Stage 2 which would comprise implementation and procurement of the preferred developer, subject to the procurement route selected by the Council.

MOTION: That Council is recommended to approve the appointment of PMP Consultancy Ltd to undertake Stage 1 of the preparatory work to redevelop the Holbrook Recreation Centre.

AMENDMENT: That the Motion be approved and adopted subject to the addition of the word “not” after recommended and the addition of the following words after Holbrook Recreation Centre “.... and to appoint a project manager to oversee this and other projects such as Priddys Hard, Bus Station site and Waterfront Development.”

The amended recommendation would therefore read as follows:

“That Council is recommended not to approve the appointment of PMP Consultancy Ltd to undertake Stage 1 of the preparatory work to redevelop the Holbrook Recreation Centre and to appoint a project manager to oversee this and other projects such as Priddys Hard, Bus Station site and Waterfront Development.”

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned from 7.38 – 8.11pm to allow the political groups to consider the implications of the proposed Amendment.

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 THE AMENDMENT: The Deputy Mayor and Councillors Allen, Burgess, Carter, Champion, Clinton, Dickson, Edgar, Foster, Hook, Jacobs, Langdon, Philpott, Rigg, Taylor and Ward (16).

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: The Mayor and Councillors Ms Ballard, Carr, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Cully, Davis, Farr, Foster-Reed, Hicks, Mrs Mudie, Smith, Train, Mrs Wright and Wright (15).

The Amendment was accordingly declared **CARRIED**.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Substantive Motion as amended be approved and adopted.

OUTSIDE BODIES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Councillors be appointed to the Outside Bodies detailed below for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

- (i) Hampshire Action Team (HAT) (Fareham and Gosport)
Councillors Hook and Langdon**
- (ii) Local Government Association Fourth Option
Special Interest Group (SIG)
Councillor Train**

The meeting ended at 8.17pm