

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 6.00PM

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (P) (In the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Carr) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley, Burgess (P), Carter (P), Champion, Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Edwards, Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), Gill (P), Hicks (P), Hook (P), Hylands (P), Kimber, Langdon (P), Mrs Mitchell-Smith (P), Mrs Mudie (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Smith (P), Ward, Miss West (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Hayward, O'Neill, Searle and Train.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bradley, Champion, Kimber and Ward and Honorary Aldermen Foster, Lucas and Rushton.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2009 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) MAYOR'S CHARITIES

The Mayor informed councillors of a number of events in support of her charities. She also updated councillors of the work of Motiv8.

Coffee Morning (12 December)

A Coffee Morning with various stalls in the Town Hall would be held on Saturday, 12 December from 10am – 1pm.

Murder Mystery Cheese and Wine Evening (29 January)

Tickets were now available from the Mayor's PA for the above Cheese and Wine Murder Mystery Evening on Friday, 29 January.

The Mayor's PA also had tickets for two further events in March – 6 March (Rock and Roll Evening) and 13 March 2010 (Spring Dinner at Palmerston Bowling Club, Fareham).

Motiv8

The Mayor referred to the Garden completed by the Motiv8 Charity which scooped five awards in Gosport in Bloom, one of them being a Gold Award.

The Mayor reported that starting in January she would be releasing funds for the first six young people from Motiv8 to start studying for a music certificate. If successful this certificate would be accepted by Highbury College in order for them to further a career in music. With the generous support of the people in Gosport she hoped to be in a position to pay for six more groups to sit the exam during 2010.

In conclusion the Mayor stated that the youngsters from the Charity had successfully met her challenge to design her Mayoral Christmas Card.

New Year's Day Mayor's Charity Swim (1 January)

The Mayor gave an open invitation to join herself and Julie Gillies from Civic and others for her New Year's Day Mayor's Charity Swim at Stokes Bay.

(B) POST 16 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN GOSPORT

The Mayor gave permission for Councillor Forder to address the Council meeting on the above which would be the subject of an extraordinary Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday, 15 December 2009.

Councillor Forder reported that the extraordinary Committee meeting would start at 5pm and this would give members of the Committee the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of Heads and Principals of education providers in Gosport. He felt that this topic is an important issue for the Borough and all

councillors were given an open invitation to attend this Public meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS

REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ISSUED UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

At its meeting on 11 November 2009, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that Council adopt the revised Gambling Act Statement of Principles for the issue of licences under the Gambling Act 2005.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

At its meeting on 11 November 2009, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that:

- a) the Chairman of the Board and relevant Ward Councillors be informed of any application for a Minor Variation;
- b) the functions and powers set out in Section 2 and illustrated by Appendix A to the report be delegated to the Environmental Services Manager, following consultation with the Chairman (or in their absence the Vice Chairman) of the Board;
- c) approval be given to the Scheme of Officer Delegation in the Council's Constitution being amended by the Borough Solicitor to reflect Resolutions a) and b) above; and
- d) the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy be amended by the Borough Solicitor to reflect Resolutions a) and b) above.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION

(A) Motion 1

It was reported that Councilor Ms Ballard had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.3:

“That the Council suspends Standing Order 4.6 so that this Council Meeting may consider the motion to amend the Constitution set out in Motion 2.”

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Chegwyn.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Council suspends Standing Order 4.6 so that this Council Meeting may consider the motion to amend the Constitution set out in Motion 2.

(B) Motion 2

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

“That the provisions of Standing Order 6.10 apply to the Economic Development Sub-Board and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the necessary changes to the Constitution as set out below.

6.10 Reference to Council (Service Boards and Economic Development Sub-Board only).

6.10.1 Immediately following a vote on a decision taken by a Service Board or Economic Development Sub-Board under delegated powers (and before the next agenda item is called) 2 members of the Service Board or Economic Development Sub-Board present and voting at the meeting may require that the decision be submitted to the Council as a recommendation.

6.10.2 Where a reference has been made pursuant to Standing Order 6.10.1 the decision of the Service Board or Economic Development Sub-Board shall not be implemented before consideration of that recommendation by the Council.”

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Chegwyn.

The Leader of the Council advised of his agreement to the wording in Motion 2.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the wording in Motion 2 be approved and adopted.

PART II MINUTES

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

Policy and Organisation Board: 11 November 2009 (Minute Nos: 40 – 43)

Housing Board: 14 October 2009 (Minute Nos: 20 – 21) and 4 November 2009 (Minute Nos: 27-31)

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 Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive to introduce their respective reports related to Report on the Conference on Loneliness and Isolation Amongst Gosport's Older People held on 8 October 2009 and Governance Arrangements for the CCTV Partnership.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive to introduce their respective reports related to Report on the Conference on Loneliness and Isolation Amongst Gosport's Older People held on 8 October 2009 and Governance Arrangements for the CCTV Partnership.

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE ON LONELINESS AND ISOLATION AMONGST GOSPORT'S OLDER PEOPLE HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2009

The Borough Solicitor introduced her report on the above. The purpose of her report was to advise Council of the outcome of the recent Conference on Loneliness and Isolation amongst Gosport's Older People and the three recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Members debated the second recommendation and in particular the two representatives on the Working Group from the Community. To ensure they were truly representative of the Community it was recommended that their appointment be delegated to the Borough Solicitor in consultation with Group Leaders.

COUNCIL RESOLVED:

- a) That approval be given to the setting up of a Stakeholders Working Group to progress the matters identified at the conference and work up proposals for the Older Person's Forum;
- b) That the Older Person's Stakeholders Working Group comprise 2 Borough Councillors and a representative from each of the following:-
- Health
 - County Council
 - Schools
 - Community (2 representatives)
 - Older Person's Organisation
- c) That the appointment of Community Representatives on the Stakeholders Working Group be delegated to the Borough Solicitor in consultation with Group Leaders; and
- d) That Councillors Carter and Forder be appointed to the Older Person's Stakeholders Group.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CCTV PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the above. He advised that the Council had been working in partnership with Fareham Borough Council to provide CCTV in both areas for some time. His report set out formal arrangements for the Corporate Management of the Partnership.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the arrangements for the corporate management of the partnership as outlined in the Deputy Chief Executive's report be approved and Councillor Smith together with the Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board as Standing Deputy be nominated to the CCTV Partnership Panel.

ST VINCENT CORPORATION GOVERNOR

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillor Gill be nominated to fill the Governor vacancy on the St Vincent Corporation for a four year term of office.

CATHERINE MCDONALD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER

Members acknowledged that this was the last Council meeting Catherine McDonald, Democratic Services Officer would be attending before her move to Swansea in the New Year. They thanked her for her work over the years and wished her well for the future.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm