

**AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION
BOARD
WAS HELD ON 22 JULY 2009**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (ex-officio); Councillors Burgess (P), Carter (P), Cully, Gill (P), Hicks (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Langdon (P), Philpott (P), and Wright (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Mrs Cully had been nominated to replace Councillor Cully for this meeting. It was also reported that Councillor Ms Ballard had been nominated to substitute for the Liberal Democrat Group absentee for this meeting.

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of The Mayor and Councillor Cully.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

19. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

20. MS DEE CAFFARI MBE – FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Consideration was given to a cross reference from the Civic and Commemorative Events Sub-Board held on 9 July 2009 which had recommended that, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of her input into the maritime history of Gosport, the award of the Freedom of the Borough to Ms Dee Caffari be referred to an extraordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on 22 July 2009.

Members were impressed by Ms Caffari's sailing records and felt that she was an excellent role model having strong links with local children through her patronage of the Swallows and Amazons After School Club at Alverstoke Junior School.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in recognition of her input into the maritime history of Gosport, the award of the Freedom of the Borough to Ms Dee Caffari be referred to an extraordinary meeting of the Council, to be held on 22 July 2009.

21. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

22. PRIDDY'S HARD / EXPLOSION! MUSEUM

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that the following item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the need to conclude legal agreements so that the sale may be completed expeditiously as required by the prospective purchaser's wishes to maximise the benefits of opening during the school holidays.

This report was exempt from publication as the item under discussion included financial and business information of third parties. Disclosure of such information at this stage could prejudice current and future negotiation for the disposal of the land that would not be in the interests of the Council Tax payers of Gosport and therefore, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts which advised Members on the outcome of negotiations for the disposal of Priddy's Hard to the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust (PNBPT).

RESOLVED: That the Board:

- a) agree to sell the Council's freehold reversionary interest in the land currently leased to Crest Nicholson (South) Limited as set out in Section 2 of the report;
- b) agree that the first 35 % of any net capital receipt from the disposal of the land for development or notional disposals by PNBPT shall represent a priority return to the PNBPT to reflect the proposed reduction in new residential units to be constructed at the Priddy's Hard site; and
- c) instruct the Director of Economic Development, Tourism and The Arts and the Borough Solicitor to conclude the legal agreements between the Council and the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust subject to consent for the disposal being given and other legal agreements required to facilitate the disposal or give effect to the Heads of Terms as amended in this report.

Policy and Organisation Board
22 July 2009

The meeting ended at 5.31 p.m.

CHAIRMAN