

Borough of Gosport

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Ballroom of the **THORNGATE HALLS, BURY ROAD, GOSPORT** on **WEDNESDAY**, the **SIXTEENTH** day of **MAY 2007** at **11.00 AM**.

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Cully) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Gill) (P);

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

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman Ashby and Honorary Aldermen Flory, Foster, Hayward, Hewitt, Lucas, Miles, O'Neill and Mrs Snaith.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Carr, Mrs Champion, Champion, Cully, Davis, Foster-Reed and Redrup.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHEGWYN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH

That Councillor Keith Laurence Gill be elected Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Retiring Mayor thereupon vacated the Chair, which was taken by the newly elected Mayor, who made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

REPLY BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

The new Mayor replied to the Council's resolution and returned thanks for his election.

THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYOR'S ESCORT

PROPOSED BY HONORARY ALDERMAN HEWITT
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MRS WRIGHT

That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Mrs J E Cully and Mr J Cully for their services as Mayor and Mayor's Escort respectively during the past Municipal Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BURGESS
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

That Councillor Derek Ronald Kimber be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and returned thanks for his election.

GOSPORT CITIZEN AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Mayor awarded a Citizen of the Year Certificate and medallion to Mr L Stent for his eminent services to the Borough. The Mayor also awarded Young Citizen of the Year Certificates and medallions to Kimberley Davies and Becky Ward.

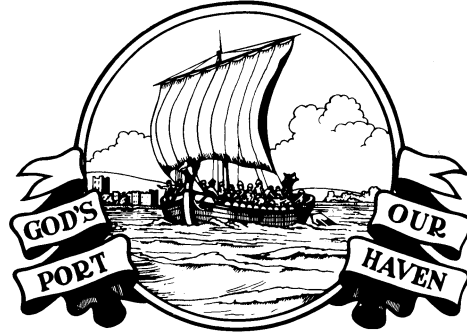
ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL

PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR
SECONDED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

That the Council do now adjourn until 6.00pm on Thursday, 17 May 2007 at the Town Hall, Gosport.

CARRIED

The Council rose at 12.31 pm



Borough of Gosport

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Council Chamber at the **TOWN HALL, GOSPORT** on **THURSDAY**, the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **MAY 2007** at **6.00 PM**.

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, 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), Redrup (P), Rigg (P), Mrs Salter (P), Smith (P), Taylor (P), Train (P), Ward (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

APOLOGIES

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

MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the Council held on 04 and 19 April 2007 be confirmed and signed.

Prior to the next item the Mayor moved that as no Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board had been appointed he would like the Council to consider Councillor Chegwyn's Notice of Motion tonight.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Chegwyn's Notice of Motion be considered at tonight's meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

"This Council congratulates Councillor Peter Edgar on his 25 years as an elected Borough Councillor and thanks him for his service to the Borough and people of Gosport over that period."

The Motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Smith.

The Motion was put to the meeting and duly RESOLVED.

Following the approval of the Motion the Mayor presented Councillor Edgar with a Borough Council Plaque.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that a notice had been received requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Solicitor to present her reports on the new Model Code of Conduct and Review of Council Boards, Sub-Boards and Committees and Determination of Allocation of Seats.

RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Solicitor to present her reports on the new Model Code of Conduct and Review of Council Boards, Sub-Boards and Committees and Determination of Allocation of Seats.

NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the Council had before them a report of the Borough Solicitor (a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix "C1") in connection with the above.

The report advised the Council of the new Model Code of Conduct and of the Standards and Governance Committee's recommendation that the Model be adopted without amendment.

The Borough Solicitor reported that in this light Members would be receiving a new Register of Interests Form to complete at the start of the 28 day period from 1 June. She therefore wished to amend her report's recommendation to read as follows:

"That Council adopt as from the 1st June 2007 the New Model Code of Conduct without amendment and that the Ten Principles of Local Government Conduct are a non-enforceable annex to the Code as a replacement to the existing Code of Conduct."

MOTION: That the amended recommendation contained in the Borough Solicitor's report be approved and adopted.

The Motion was accordingly put to the meeting and duly RESOLVED.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS, SUB-BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The Borough Solicitor had submitted a report to Members of the Council (a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix "C2") in connection with the above.

The report advised the Council of the balance of the seats on the Council and the position with regard to Political Groups and the review undertaken by the Borough Solicitor in accordance with the "Proportionality Rules" of the balance of seats on the Boards, Sub-Boards and Committees of the Council.

It was proposed that the allocation of seats on Boards and Overview and Scrutiny Committee stays as agreed by Council in November 2006. However, the one Member who did not belong to a Political Group did currently have a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which was allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group. It was proposed to allocate seats on the Sub-Boards as close to the proportion of seats the Political Groups had on the Council.

The proportionality rules did not apply to the Standards and Governance Committee. However, the Council had previously agreed that in addition to the two independent members, each Political Group should have two seats.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council approve:

- (i) the allocation of seats on the Boards and Committee as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report;**

- (ii) the allocation of seats on the Sub-Boards as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report; and
- (iii) the allocation of seats on the Standards and Governance Committee as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report

MOTION: That the recommendations contained in the Borough Solicitor's report be approved and adopted.

The Motion was accordingly put to the meeting and duly **RESOLVED**.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF
POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cully be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

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- (A) **APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS, NOMINATED DUPUTIES FOR THE REGULATORY AND LICENSING BOARDS, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**
 - (B) **APPOINTMENT OF SUB BOARDS, WORKING GROUPS AND BOARD OUTSIDE BODIES**
 - (C) **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members considered a provisional list (a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix "C3") of appointments to vacancies listed at (A), (B) and (C) above for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

MOTION: That the provisional list of appointments to vacancies listed at (A), (B), and (C) above for the Municipal Year 2007/08 be approved and adopted.

The Borough Solicitor reported that she wished to amend the provisional list by moving the Gosport Festival Working Group and Holbrook Recreation Centre Working Group listed on page 7 under the Community and Environment Board to Council as Panels on page 11, as they reported direct to Council.

The Borough Solicitor's Amendment was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

The Leader of the Conservative Group wished to amend the provisional list as follows:

Page 1	C & E Board	Councillor Philpott for Councillor Champion
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Page 2	Nominated Deputy for Regulatory and Licensing Boards	Councillor Clinton
Page 5	Gosport Voluntary Action	Councillor Allen for Councillor Kimber
Page 6	Surestart	Councillor Champion for Councillor Mrs Champion
Page 8	Gosport Peninsula Access HAT Working Group	Councillor Langdon

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group wished to amend the provisional list by substituting Councillor Foster-Reed for Councillor Carr on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Page 1) and by adding Ms Ballard's nomination for the Surestart vacancy (page 6).

In putting the above amended nominations to the vote the Mayor advised that separate votes would have to be taken on nominations for Surestart and the Gosport Peninsula Access HAT Working Group as there were more nominations than vacancies.

The amended nominations for pages 1 – 5 of the provisional list were put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

The amended nominations for Surestart and the Gosport Peninsula Access HAT Working Group were separately put to the vote and the nominations for Councillors Ms Ballard and Davis and Smith respectively declared CARRIED.

The Mayor moved that Surgeon Captain T Hall be re-appointed on the Alverstoke Trust for a further 4 year term of office until September 2011.

This nomination was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

The Substantive Motion was put to the meeting and duly RESOLVED.

The Council rose at 6.54pm.