

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2010

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (P) (In the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Carter, C R) (P);

Councillors Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Edwards (P), Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook, Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P), Miss West and Wright (P) .

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor Hook and Honorary Aldermen Gill, Hayward and Lucas.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary and Ordinary meetings of the Council held on 29 September 2010 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) CHAMPIONS

The Mayor stated that all Councillors had been contacted regarding the appointment of an Older Persons Champion. He was pleased to report that

Councillor Forder had been appointed to this role and he congratulated Councillor Forder on behalf of the Council on this new role.

Councillor Forder thanked the Council for their support and advised he was pleased to accept the role.

He advised that the Gosport Older Person's Forum were up and running and were meeting monthly. They were being led by Richard Strong with the support of Edith Kinghorn and were working hard with Gosport Voluntary Action towards a launch event in March. The Forum were aiming to address, amongst other issues, loneliness and isolation, computer and internet access for the older person and the issue of transport provision for the elderly.

Councillor Forder advised Members that they would be invited to and welcomed to attend the launch event.

The Mayor reported that Councillors had also been contacted regarding the Youth Champion vacancy following Councillor Hook's resignation after 4 years in this role. He thanked Councillor Hook for his previous service in this role and was pleased to advise that Councillor Christopher Keith Carter had been appointed Youth Champion following successful interviews. The Mayor on behalf of the Council congratulated Councillor Carter on his new role.

Councillor Carter thanked the young people of Gosport for his appointment and advised that he would be working closely with the Youth Council.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS

ADOPTION OF REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTE: Councillor Hylands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the meeting room and took no further part in the discussions or voting thereon.

Councillor Edgar declared a personal interest in this item, remained in the meeting room and took no part in the voting thereon.

At its meeting on 10 November 2010, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that:

- a) the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, as set out in Appendix A of the report of the Environmental Services Manager, be adopted; and

- b) the scheme of delegation set out in the original Statement of Licensing Policy, and repeated in the revised policy at Appendix A of the report of the Environmental Services Manager, continue to be incorporated into the Council's Constitution and Authority be delegated to the Borough Solicitor to make any necessary and any consequential amendments to the Constitution.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

PART II MINUTES

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

Policy and Organisation Board: 10 November 2010 (Minute Nos 54 – 55)

Community and Environment Board: 1 November 2010 (Minute Nos 32 – 34)

Housing Board: 3 November 2010 (Minute Nos 24 – 26)

ROYAN TWINNING

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor on the above. The report set out to review the administrative arrangements for Twinning. The report recommended:

That Council agrees:

- a) to set up a Gosport and Royan Twinning Forum comprising representatives of the Council, sporting, cultural and other organisations involved in the above twinning, to be chaired by the Deputy Mayor;
- b) the remit of the Forum as set out in Paragraph 2.3;
- c) to delegate authority to the Financial Services Manager to pay accounts and invoices in respect of twinning within the budget set by the Council;
and
- d) to appoint the Deputy Mayor and 4 other Councillors to the Forum.

Council accepted an amendment to recommendation d) that '4' be deleted from this recommendation to allow any Councillor to attend the Forum if they wished to do so.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved and adopted subject to '4' being deleted from recommendation d) and Councillors Beavis, Dickson, Mrs Forder and Philpott being appointed to the Gosport and Royan Twinning Forum.

REGULATION OF WATERMEN IN PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor on the above.

It was felt that the consultation on the Boatmasters Regulations 2006 offered a sensible way forward for this Council to transfer Waterman's licences to Portsmouth City Council and abolish the outdated legislation which required the two Councils to support a Portsmouth and Gosport Joint Board. This route would also potentially significantly reduce the costs of both Councils in not having to promote a Harbour Revision Order to abolish primary legislation.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the consultation on amending the Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterways and Limited Coastal Operations) (Boatmasters' Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 be welcomed and that the opportunity is taken to use the Regulations to revoke the Acts of 1809 and 1812 and the Gosport and Alverstoke Urban District Council Act 1919 sections 60 to 85 and Portsmouth Corporation Act 1920 sections 80 to 87.

CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT BRIDGEMARY COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillor Geddes be appointed as the Council's representative on the Centre Management Committee at Bridgemary Community Sports College for the remainder of the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm