

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 6.10PM

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, Edgar (P), Edwards, Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes, Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands, Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne, Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P), Miss West and Wright (P).

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dickson, Edwards, Geddes, Hylands and Ronayne and Honorary Aldermen Lucas, Rushton and Train.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2010 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM

The Mayor reported the following awards won at the regional South and South East in Bloom Awards Ceremony held on 10 September 2010 at Gillingham Football Stadium in Kent:

Gosport	Best Small City/Large Town	Silver Gilt
Lee-on-the-Solent	Coastal Resort	Silver
Lee-on-the-Solent	Town Centre	Silver
Crescent Gardens	Best Small Park	Gold & Overall Winner
Stanley Park	Best Large Park	Silver Gilt
The Wildgrounds	Conservation Area	Silver Gilt
The Grove	Best Small Park	Silver Gilt
Leesland Park	Best Large Park	Bronze

Sian Jones, Landscape Support Officer also won the Commendation Award for her hard work in the Campaign.

The Council added their congratulations for the above awards and the Commendation Award received by Sian Jones.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS

ADOPTION OF REVISED SCHEDULE 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) PROVISIONS ACT 1982 AND COUNCIL POLICY TO INCORPORATE LICENSING OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

At its meeting on 15 September 2010, the Policy and Organisation Board recommended that:

- a) the revised Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982 be adopted; and
- b) the Council's existing policy on Sex Establishments to incorporate Sexual Entertainment Venues as Sex Establishments be amended.

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: 26 July (Minute Nos 28-29) and 15 September 2010 (Minute Nos 36-47)

Community and Environment Board: 6 September 2010 (Minute Nos 23-26)

APPOINTMENT OF SUB-BOARD/REVIEW OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS PANEL

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor on the above. The report advised of the need to set up a Major Contracts Sub-Board and to allocate the seats to the political groups. The report also reported on the need to increase the number of members who may sit on a Customer Complaints Panel. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the delegated powers for the Sub-Board.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That:

- (i) the setting up of the Major Contracts Sub-Board with the delegated powers set out in Appendix 1 and with the seats allocated to the political groups 4:1:1:1 be approved;**
- (ii) Councillors Burgess, Carter CR, Chegwyn, Mrs Forder, Langdon, Philpott and Wright be appointed as members of the Major Contracts Sub-Board;**
- (iii) approval be given to increasing the number of members who may sit on the Customer Complaints Panel to 8 with the seats allocated to political groups 2:2:2:2 together with Nominated Deputies from each group; and**
- (iv) Councillors Burgess, Forder, Langdon, Mrs Searle and Wright with the Liberal Democrat Group reserving their right to nominate be appointed to the Panel with Councillors Allen, Mrs Cully, Mrs Forder, Ronayne and Scard being appointed as Nominated Deputies.**

FEES AND CHARGES

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Borough Treasurer on the above.

The report advised that given the serious financial situation facing the Council it was recognised that there was a need to introduce some budget measures in advance of the next financial year in order to make inroads into the forecast deficit of over £700,000 as soon as possible. This report began the review process by seeking to ensure that amended fees & charges were implemented early in order to produce an improvement in income in the current year as well as a full year's benefit in 2011/12. Proposed fees & charges for the balance of this financial year and the next financial year were set out in the appendix to the report.

Generally the new charges were to be implemented as soon as possible after 29 September 2010. In practice this would mean that existing prepaid bookings for pitches etc would be honoured at current prices so implementation would be gradual for charges of this nature. The proposed changes to car parks would not be implemented until after Christmas so that local businesses were not affected at this peak trading time. Subject to the statutory processes these changes would be implemented on 1 January 2011.

In summary the following changes are proposed to the car parks:

1. Charging hours for all car parks excluding Seafront long stay car parks will change from 8am – 6pm to 8am – 7pm
2. Charges for Motor Vehicles and Trailers in all Long Stay Car Parks excluding Mumby Road Bus Station Car Park will be 70p per hour, over 5 hours £4
3. Charges for Motor Vehicles in the Mumby Road Bus Station Car Park will be 80p per hour, over 5 hours £5 and trailers will not be allowed
4. The current Town Centre short stay car parks known as Mumby Road Bus Station Car Park and Minnitt Road North Car Park are to be redesignated Long Stay car parks with charges as set out in 2 above
5. The remaining Town Centre short stay car parks (subject to above), including Town Hall car park at weekends and Bank Holidays, charges for Motor Vehicles 20p for 1 hour, 50p for 2 hours
6. Hardway Slipway Car Park Charging Hours 8am – 7pm, charges for Motor Vehicles and Trailers 50p one hour, £1 for 3 hours, waiting limited to 3 hours no return within 2 hours
7. To ameliorate on street car parking problems in the vicinity of Bay House School it is proposed to restrict the use of No 2 Battery East Car Park, Monday to Friday (term time only), to Bay House School under a permit scheme which will allow up to 120 authorised users to be given a pass for the car park. There will be one charge only for the Bay House School Permit of £1,200 per year.

The proposals in this report were being brought forward to ensure that the income produced reduced the burden falling on the general fund and, ultimately, the local Council Tax payers. It was anticipated that the measures would produce net income of approximately £30,000 in 2010/11 and in excess of

£200,000 in 2011/12, significantly reducing the expected budget deficit. This would help to protect essential services and improve the affordability of the Council's Capital Programme in the longer term.

MOTION: That the Council approve the fees & charges referred to in the report and as set out in the appendix and authorise officers to undertake any statutory or contractual processes in order to implement the Council's decision.

AMENDMENT: That the Council approve the fees & charges referred to in the report and as set out in the appendix and authorise officers to undertake any statutory or contractual processes in order to implement the Council's decision subject to the following amendments to sub-paragraphs 3 and 5 of paragraph 2.3.

3. Charges for Motor Vehicles in the Mumby Road Bus Station Car Park will be 80p per hour, over 5 hours £5. Trailers and Valid Parking Permits excluding Medical Permits are not allowed.

5. The remaining Town Centre short stay car parks (subject to above), including Town Hall car park at weekends and Bank Holidays, and Flower Buildings Car Park (which now becomes a 2 hour car park with no return within 2 hours) charges for Motor Vehicles 20p for 1 hour, 50p for 2 hours. No Trailers or Valid Parking Permits excluding Medical Permits are allowed.

The Amendment was put to the meeting and declared **CARRIED**.

Upon the Substantive Motion being put to the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 4.12.4, it was requisitioned that the voting on the Substantive Motion be recorded. A recorded vote was thereupon taken and the names of the Members voting for and against the Substantive Motion and those abstaining were read to the Council as follows:

FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Beavis, Burgess, Carter, CK, Edgar, Henshaw, Mrs Hook, Hook, Jacobs, Jessop, Kimber, Lane, Langdon, Murphy, Philpott and Scard (17)

AGAINST THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION: Councillors Mrs Bailey, Ms Ballard, Bradley, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Foster-Reed, Mrs Searle and Wright (8)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors Mrs Forder and Forder (2)

The Substantive Motion was accordingly declared **CARRIED**.

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

The meeting ended at 7.26pm