

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6 APRIL 2011

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

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Mrs Bailey, Foster, Gill, O'Neill, and Train.

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the death of Peter Lister, former Head of Electoral Services on Thursday, 3 March 2011, Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

APOLOGIES

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

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the Council held on 2 and 28 February 2011 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) CHARITY RACE NIGHT

The Mayor informed Councillors that the Charity Race Night held on 12 March 2011 at HEDCA Community Association, was a success and raised £1,009. The Mayor thanked Councillor Kimber for organising the event.

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Kimber on a suspended Councillor claiming allowances was answered by the Leader of the Council.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BOARDS

ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL FOOD HYGIENE RATING SCHEME

At its meeting on 7 March 2011, the Community and Environment Board recommended:

That:

- a) the Council be recommended to adopt the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme as the means of publishing food hygiene inspection findings for food premises in the borough; and
- b) the existing Safe2Eat scheme be discontinued with the adoption of the national scheme.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

PART II MINUTES

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

Community and Environment Board: 7 March 2011 (Minute Nos 49 – 52)

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 report on Constitution – Responsibility for Functions and Delegations.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Borough Solicitor to present her report on Constitution – Responsibility for Functions and Delegations.

CONSTITUTION – RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS AND DELEGATIONS

The Borough Solicitor had submitted a report to Members of the Council in connection with the above.

The report advised of a review of the existing delegation of functions and the proposed new arrangements for the delegation of functions.

The report recommended:

Council resolves to:

1. Approve the Responsibilities for Functions and Delegations of the Boards, Sub-Board and Committees set out in Appendix 1 of this report and with effect from the Annual Council meeting on 18 May 2011 to delegate the functions to each of them as set out in Appendix 1 of this report;
2. Approve the Scheme of Delegation to Officers and Statutory (Proper) Officer Appointments set out in Appendix 2 of this report and with effect from the Annual Council meeting on 18 May 2011 to delegate to Officers those functions set out in Appendix 2 of this report;
3. To amend the definition of Policy Framework as set out in paragraph 2.6 of this report;
4. To delegate all the Council's functions in respect of Building Control matters as set out in Appendix 2 of this report to Fareham Borough

- Council pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling legislation;
5. To delegate all the Council's functions in respect of Environmental Health and Licensing matters as set out in Appendix 2 of this report to Fareham Borough Council pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling legislation; and
 6. To delegate authority to the Borough Solicitor to make changes to the Constitution and any other document and enter into any necessary agreement with Fareham Borough Council to give effect to the Council's resolutions in respect of this report.

The Borough Solicitor updated her report as follows:

Appendix 1 (Responsibilities and Functions and Delegations)

- Standards and Governance Committee –
Page 22 – Add in on the 2nd line of paragraph 8...
“particularly in relation to contract standing orders, financial regulations and codes of conduct.”

Appendix 2 (Scheme of Delegations to Officers)

- Page 23 – change...6.0 Delegation to Deputy Chief Executive and Borough Treasurer

Appendix 3 (Calendar of Meetings 2011/12)

- Change S & G Committee in April 2012 to Thurs, 5 April 2012
- Change two P & O Board meeting dates:
 - change 6 July to Weds, 29 June 2011
 - change 9 November to Weds, 28 September 2011

The Leader of the Council also wished to move that the Economic Prosperity Board be changed to the Economic Development Board and the proposed revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers and Statutory (Proper) Officer Appointments be introduced with immediate effect. The Leader of the Council subsequently supported Councillor Mrs Cully's proposed amendment to change the wording to Appendix 2 to ensure that paragraph 4.1.5 under the Delegations to Borough Solicitor is not gender specific.

The Council accordingly approved the amendments moved by the Borough Solicitor and the Leader of the Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations as amended by the Borough Solicitor and Leader of the Council be approved and adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010 – 2011

Councillor Forder, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, introduced his report. He reported that the Committee on 24 March had received the report and requested that it be forwarded to this Council meeting. He thanked the Members of the Committee for the successful way they had worked together and hoped that the membership would not be changed thus ensuring continuity in the Committee's future operation.

Councillor Forder advised that the Committee had completed the following scrutinies:

- Member Development
- Nursery Operations at Grange Farm
- Gosport Dial a Ride

The following reports were received and debated:

- Cultural Strategy Planning
- Local Strategic Partnership and Sustainable Community Strategy
- Disability Equality Scheme
- Outturn Budget, 2008-2009
- Gender Equality Scheme
- Race Equality Scheme

Following on from the previous year's report on Vocational Education in Gosport, the Committee were pleased to note the establishment of Gosport College which had served the purpose of broadening the range of vocational training opportunities available to the Borough's young people. This was a key recommendation made by the Committee during the previous Council Year.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Annual Report be noted.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Mayor confirmed that this was his last Council meeting and thanked the members of the Council for their support over the last Municipal Year.

The Leader of the Council and the Group Leaders of the Labour Group and Independent Liberal Democrat Group congratulated the Mayor for his excellent service throughout his year of office.

The meeting ended at 6.50pm