

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2011

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Carter, C R) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Edwards (P), 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 and Wright (P).

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Honorary Aldermen Foster, Gill, Hayward, and Searle.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of the Council held on 20 July and 3 October 2011 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

(A) HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FREDERICK ALLGOOD

The Mayor reported that the Vice-Chairman of Hampshire County Council and former Mayor of Winchester City Council, County Councillor Frederick Allgood (Winchester Southern Parishes), had recently died.

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the death of County Councillor Frederick Allgood, Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

(B) RETIREMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER

The Mayor stated that Mr David Martin, Community and Customer Services Manager is to retire next month after 26 years service with the Council. The Council expressed its appreciation of his roles in the new Ferry Pontoon and Leisure Park and conveyed its best wishes for his future retirement.

(C) VASCULAR SERVICES

The Mayor introduced Councillor Edgar to the meeting so that he could update Councillors regarding Vascular Services in this area. He gave notice that he wished to move the following Motion:

“This Council supports the investigation by the Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee into the consultation on the proposed changes to the delivery of Vascular Services in the South Hants area.”

Councillor Edgar did not wish to add any further detailed information as he did not wish to pre-judge the Overview and Scrutiny's investigation. He had every confidence in the Committee as they had previously done an excellent scrutiny of Medical Services (Gosport War Memorial Hospital Minor Injuries Unit) in the Town. Since October 2011 he had spent 20 hours attending meetings in South Hants. He advised that vascular surgeons were specialists and were a significant back up at Queen Alexandra Hospital to diabetes, strokes, cancer, trauma, venous disease and renal cases.

The Leader of the Council seconded the Motion and supported an all party approach to this matter. He endorsed the work done by Councillor Edgar as Health Spokesperson for the Council. The Leader of the Labour Group acknowledged that County Councillors Edgar and Burgess as members of the Hampshire Health Scrutiny Committee were also keeping a careful eye on this subject. He stated that three options had been presented in the consultation:

- to move surgery from QA Hospital in Cosham to Southampton General Hospital
- to share services between the two cities
- to share services between Portsmouth and Chichester Hospitals

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.

PART II MINUTES

Note: In moving page 3 of the agenda the Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook), Councillors Mrs Hook, Smith and Henshaw declared personal interests when Minute No 18 (Waterfront Community Festival) of the Policy and Organisation Board meeting of 4 August 2011 was called; they left the Council Chamber and took no further part in the discussions thereon. The Vice Chairman of the Board (Councillor Burgess) called the remaining pages of the Board minutes.

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

Policy and Organisation Board: 4 August (Minute Nos. 17 -18) and 28 September (Minute Nos. 24 – 27) 2011

Community Board: 3 October 2011 (Minute Nos. 23 – 25)

Economic Development Board: 21 September (Minute Nos. 24 – 26) and 2 November (Minute Nos. 32 – 34) 2011

PROPOSALS FOR THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive on the above. The purpose of the report was to advise Council of the responses to the consultation on the Review of the Parliamentary Constituency Polling Districts and Polling Places and to agree changes as set out in the report. The report indicated that changes were proposed in Lee East, Elson and Grange Polling Districts.

The Council was required by Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to carry out the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the Parliamentary Constituency by the end of this year. The review did not consider the boundary of the Parliamentary Constituency. The arrangements put in place following the review would be used for Local Government elections.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had prepared draft proposals for consultation and had also considered the one objection received at its meeting on 14 November. A copy of the Committee's report was attached as Appendix 4 to the Chief Executive's report. The Committee subsequently approved the report for transmission to this Council meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That:

(i) the response to the consultation be noted and changes be not made in response to the objection from the Governors of Alverstoke Junior School; save to correct the name of the School to Alverstoke CE (Aided) Junior School; and

(ii) the Polling Districts and Polling Places set out in the Schedule to the Chief Executive's report be approved.

PORTSMOUTH AND GOSPORT JOINT BOARD

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillors Burgess, Chegwyn, Edgar, Hook, Ronayne and Mrs Searle be appointed to the Portsmouth and Gosport Joint Board for the three year period up to 31 December 2014.

The Mayor concluded the meeting by referring to the following events:

- The Mayor reported that he had completed the Great South Run in Portsmouth and the Gosport Half Marathon, a total of 23 miles. If Members wished they could still sponsor him for these events
- On Friday, 17 February 2012 there would be a Royal Marines Band Concert at St Mary's Church, Alverstoke
- On Saturday, 12 May 2012 he was hoping to hold a Maritime Event at Holy Trinity Church, Gosport
- On Sunday, 18 December 2011 there would be a Carol Service at St Faith's Church, Lee on the Solent

The Mayor concluded by advising Members that the Standards and Governance Committee meeting tomorrow night had been cancelled as Mr Perry, the Independent Member Chairman, was unwell. As this was the last meeting of the calendar year he wished Members a Very Happy Christmas.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm