

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2013

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Beavis) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Carter C K (P), Carter CR (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P) Forder (P), Foster-Reed (P), Geddes (P), Gill (P), Hazel (P), Henshaw (P), Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon, Mrs Morgan (P) Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (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 Councillor Langdon and Honorary Aldermen Mrs Bailey, Hayward and Train.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 October 2012 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- (A)** The Mayor reported that on 24 October 2012 Corporal David O'Connor of 40 Commando Royal Marines and Corporal Channing Day of 3 Medical Regiment (attached to 40 Commando Group) had been killed in Afghanistan.

The Royal Marines having in the past been granted the Freedom of the Borough, the Mayor had written to Lieutenant-Colonel Matt Jackson expressing the Council's condolences. A letter had been received back on behalf of Lieutenant-Colonel Jackson thanking the Mayor and undertaking to pass on the Council's condolences to the families of Corporals O'Connor and Day.

- (B) The Mayor reported that Dr Bob Pennells, who had provided valuable assistance to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, had died. The Mayor read out a letter he had written to Mrs Pennells expressing the Council's condolences.
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PART II MINUTES

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

Community Board: 26 November 2012 (Minute Nos. 28-30)

Economic Development Board: 12 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 29-31)

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive which advised Members of the recruitment process for an Independent Member under the Localism Act 2011 and recommended an appointment be made by the Council.

The Leader of the Council paid tribute to Mr Richard Perry for volunteering to take on this role

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the appointment of Mr Richard Perry as the Independent Person for the purposes of Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 be approved for the period of 4 years ending on 22 January 2017.

LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer which informed Members of the proposed final scheme for Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) for Gosport, following grant allocation for the scheme from central Government and the Public Consultation undertaken on the proposed scheme.

Officers were congratulated on their comprehensive report.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That:

- a) the Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme for Gosport, as attached at Appendix A of the Borough Treasurer's report, be approved: and

b) the statutory scheme for Pension Age customers be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.18 pm