

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 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, Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Morgan (P) Murphy, Philpott (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle (P) , Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Aldermen Lucas, Train and Rushton

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jessop and Murphy and Honorary Alderman Searle

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the death of former Mayor of the Borough and Councillor Keith Edwards, Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

The Mayor advised that the funeral would take place on Wednesday, 6th March, 11.30am at Portchester Crematorium.

The Mayor read to the Council a letter he had written to Former Councillor Edwards' son expressing condolences of the Council.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 January 2013 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- (A) The Mayor advised that he had received 30 letters from children at Haselworth School following their visit to the Council Chamber. The Mayor read a letter that he had replied to and requested that the remaining letters be distributed to Councillors for them to read and reply to.
- (B) The Mayor advised that he was holding a fundraising evening on the 28th April, with performances by Shep Wooley. Tickets cost £10 and included a chicken and chip supper.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOARDS OF THE COUNCIL

Business Plan Update and Council Dwelling Rents 2013/14

Consideration was given to a recommendation by the Community Board at its meeting held on 4 February 2013.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That:

- a) the revised HRA Business Plan (Appendix A to the report) and associated 2012/13 Revised Budget and 2013/14 Budget (Appendix B to the report);
- b) in line with national guidelines the average weekly Council Dwelling, rent increases on average by £4.02 per week; and
- c) an increase in rent for older style garages is in line with dwelling rents, as agreed in the Garage Renewal strategy.

COUNCIL BUDGET 2013/14

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer which outlined the financial situation of the Council's General Fund in the current year and, after consideration of the main factors affecting the outlook for 2013/14, including Exchequer support and reserve levels, recommended a budget level for that year.

MOTION: That:

- a) a revised 2012/13 budget totaling £10,539,690 and a budget for 2013/14 totalling £10,284,090 be approved;
- b) the Pay Policy Statement (Appendix 3 of the Borough Treasurer's report) and Members' Allowances Scheme (Appendix 4 of the Borough Treasurer's report) for 2013/14 be approved;

- c) the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Discounts, as detailed in paragraph 7.4 of the Borough Treasurer's report, be approved and a notice of these determinations be published within 21 days of the decision in a local newspaper in accordance with legislation; and
- d) the proposed amendment to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy Guidelines be approved as detailed in Appendix 5 of the Borough Treasurer's report.

AMENDMENT: That:

- a) a revised 2012/13 budget totaling £10,539,690 and a budget for 2013/14 totalling £10,284,090 be approved;
- b) the Pay Policy Statement (Appendix 3 of the Borough Treasurer's report) and Members' Allowances Scheme (Appendix 4 of the Borough Treasurer's report) for 2013/14 be approved;
- c) the proposed amendments to the Council Tax Discounts, as detailed in paragraph 7.4 of the Borough Treasurer's report, be approved and a notice of these determinations be published within 21 days of the decision in a local newspaper in accordance with legislation; and
- d) the proposed amendment to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy Guidelines be approved as detailed in Appendix 5 of the Borough Treasurer's report.

This to be made up as per the budget book with the following amendments:

5	Supplies and Services	Reduce By	£5,000
10	Supplies and Services	Reduce By	£2,000
37	Supplies and Services	Reduce By	£5,000

Total Savings			£12,000
To Increase Assistance to Voluntary Organisations – Citizens Advice Bureau		£ =	£12,000

The Amendment was put to the meeting and declared LOST.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Motion be approved and adopted.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2013/14

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer which outlined the Council's prudential indicators for 2013/14 to 2015/16, together with the expected treasury operations for this period, fulfilling a key legislative requirement.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following be approved:

- a) the Treasury Management Strategy, as identified in paragraph 1.3 of the Borough Treasurer's report;
- b) the Prudential Indicators, as identified in paragraph 1.4 of the Borough Treasurer's report;
- c) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy statement set out in paragraph 2.2 of the Borough Treasurer's report; and
- d) the Annual Investment Strategy (paragraph 2.7.2 of the Borough Treasurer's report).

PART II MINUTES

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

Economic Development Board: 31 January 2013 (Minute Nos. 36-38)

Community Board: 4 February 2013 (Minute Nos. 38-39)

Policy and Organisation Board: 5 February 2013 (Minute Nos 32-35)

CHANGES TO POLLING STATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive which advised Council of the need to change two polling stations.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That:

- a) the Brockhurst Ward Polling District GE3 Polling Place at Middlecroft Gospel Hall be relocated to Solent Evangelical Church; and
- b) The Privett Ward Polling District GO1 Polling Place at St Mary's RC Primary School, Norman Road be changed to St Josephs Church Anns Hill Road or St Mary's RC Primary School Norman Road.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FAREHAM
AND GOSPORT CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillor Allen be nominated as the Council representative on the Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ALVERSTOKE
TRUST**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Councillor CR Carter be nominated as the Council's representative on the Alverstoke Trust.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2013/14

The Council was informed that in accordance with Standing Order 2.4 the Borough Solicitor had written to Group Leaders and Members of the Council to invite Member nominations for the selection of Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect for the next Municipal Year.

It was reported that one nomination had been received by the Borough Solicitor; Councillor J W Beavis, MBE for Mayor-Elect and two nominations received; Councillors Farr and Ronayne for Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2013-2014 Municipal Year.

A vote was held and Councillor Ronayne was subsequently elected as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2013-14 Municipal Year.

The Council accordingly approved the nominations and Councillors Beavis and Ronayne briefly returned thanks for their nominations.

The meeting ended at 7.51pm