

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 26 MARCH 2014 AT 6pm**

Attendance:

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

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Ronayne) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Carter CK, Carter CR (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P) Forder (P), Foster-Reed, Geddes (P), Gill (P), Hazel, Henshaw, Mrs Hook (P), Hook (P), Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Lane (P), Langdon (P), 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 Foster, O'Neil

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Honorary Alderman Train, Councillors Foster-Reed, and Hazel.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- (I) The Mayor referred to a letter that he had sent to Gosport Borough Football Club commending their achievements in the FA Trophy Cup final at Wembley offering to host a civic reception with an open top bus parade through the Borough.

It was advised that Club secretary Brian Cosgrove had replied to the Mayor thanking Gosport Borough Council for their kind words, confirming that they would be happy to attend a civic event following the end of the football season on 26th April 2014, however that due to the current busy period, they would have to decline the offer of an open top bus parade.

- (II) The Mayor advised that a Charity Supper Evening followed by entertainment provided by vocal and musical entertainer Dave 'D' was being held at The Gosport Masonic Hall on 12th April 2014. Tickets for the evening, starting at 7pm, cost £10 per person and were available from the main reception at Gosport Town Hall or from the Mayor's PA.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

QUESTIONS

There were no public questions received.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

- a) Question No 1 standing in the name of Councillor Langdon on confirmation that full support would be given to Hampshire County Council's realistic £80 million plans to improve road and public transport routes to and from the Gosport peninsula was answered by the Chairman of the Economic Development Board.
- b) Question No 2 standing in the name of Councillor Gill on how the Council's building programme was progressing now that Central Government had eased the expansion of Council house building for Local Authorities was answered by the Chairman on the Community Board.
- c) Question No 3 standing in the name of Councillor Chegwyn on the recognition of Gosport Borough Football Club's success in reaching the FA Trophy Final at Wembley, whether agreement would be given to support a civic reception and open top bus parade so that the Council and public could show their appreciation to the players, manager and staff of the Football Club for their great achievement this season was answered by the Mayor.
- d) Question No 4 standing in the name of Councillor Jessop on when the final demolition of Livingstone Walk and Hillary Court otherwise known as the "Concrete Jungle" would take place was answered by the Chairman of the Policy & Organisation Board.
- e) Question No 5 standing in the name of Councillor C R Carter in respect of the article relating to the Submarine HMS Alliance that appeared in the Sunday Times Magazine published Sunday 23rd March 2014 and whether representation had been made to the Sunday Times relating to inaccuracies that had appeared in the article was answered by the Chairman of the Economic Development Board.
- f) Question No 6 standing in the name of Councillor Chegwyn asking:
 - Why an Officer was suspended from 20th June 2013 to 22 July 2013, subsequently dismissed for 'Breach of Policies' being paid a total of £1675.53 during the period of suspension;
 - What was the 'Breach of Policies' for which the Officer was suspended and subsequently dismissed;
 - Why had the incident never been reported to the Personnel Sub-Board or any other Board of the Council;

- How many Members of the Council knew of this incident; and
- Why had other Members of the Council had never been informed of this incident;

was answered by The Chairman of the Policy & Organisation Board.

PART II MINUTES

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

- Community Board: 10 February 2014 (Minute No.37-38) and 10 March 2014 (Minute No 43-45)
- Economic Development Board: 12 March 2014 (Minute No.46-47)
- Policy & Organisation Board: 19 March 2014 (Minute No.31-37)

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

Consideration was given to a Report of the Chief Executive advising Members of the recruitment process for an Independent Person under The Localism Act 2011 and recommending appointments be made by the Council.

Members requested further details be provided on the new Independent Persons appointed.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the appointment of Ms S Craven and Mr R J Newman as the Independent Persons for the purposes of Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 for the period of 4 years ending on 25 March 2018.

RETIRING COUNCILLORS

The Group Leaders acknowledged the retirement at the forthcoming Municipal election of Councillors Kimber, Jacobs and Lane and thanked them for their hard work and commitment to Gosport Borough Council during their time as Members.

The meeting ended at 7.27pm