

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016 AT 6.00pm**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hook) (P) (in the Chair);

Councillors Allen , Ms Ballard (P), Bateman (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Bergin (P) , Burgess (P), Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Earle (P), Edgar (P), Farr (P), Mrs Forder (P), Foster-Reed , Mrs Furlong (P) Hicks (P), Hook (P), Mrs Huggins (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott, Mrs Prickett (P), Raffaelli (P), Ronayne(P), Scard (P), Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allen, Foster-Reed, Philpott and Honorary Freeman O'Neill and Honorary Alderman Foster

MINUTES

The Mayor and Councillors Hook and Edgar left the room at the point Gosport Borough Football Club was discussed and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon.

It was requested that a named vote be taken and that names of Members voting for and against the conformation of the Minutes be recorded.

Voting was thereupon taken and the names Members voting for and against the recommendation and those abstaining were read to the Council.

FOR THE APPROVAL: Councillors Bateman, Mrs Batty, Beavis, Bergin, Burgess, Carter, Mrs Forder, Huggins, Jessop, Mrs Jones, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Rafaelli, Ronayne, Scard **(16)**

AGAINST THE APPROVAL: Councillors Ms Ballard, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Ms Diffey, Earle, Farr, Hicks, Hylands, Miss Kelly, Mrs Prickett, Mrs Wright, Wright **(12)**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 October 2016 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor advised that The Alverstoke Trust trustees had nominated Mr Gillett as the Gosport Borough Council representative on the Alverstoke Trust.

RESOLVED: That Mr Gillett be appointed as the Gosport Borough Council representative on the Alverstoke Trust.

The Mayor advised that she would be taking part in the GAFIRS New Year's Day charity swim, and welcomed Members to the Parlour for Christmas drinks following the Council meeting.

DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none.

PART II MINUTES

Councillor Mrs Cully declared that she was a Member of the Allotment Association; Councillor Miss Kelly declared that her partner was a Member of the Allotment Association

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

- Community Board: 16 November 2016.
- Economic Development Board: 23 November 2016

EXTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS AFTER 2017/18

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer explaining the latest position in relation to the requirement in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 for the Council to appoint its own auditor.

It was recommended that The Council accepts 'Public Sector Audit Appointments' (PSAA) invitation to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2018 (paragraph 2.4)

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved

The meeting concluded at 6.37pm

The Mayor.