

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2017 AT 6.00pm**

Attendance:

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

Councillors Allen (P) , Ms Ballard (P), Bateman (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 , Foster-Reed , Mrs Furlong (P) Hicks (P), Hook (P), Mrs Hook , Mrs Huggins (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Mrs Prickett (P), Raffaelli (P), Ronayne (P), Scard, and Wright (P).

**MINUTE'S SILENCE**

Members stood for a minute's silence in remembrance of former Councillor Colin Jacobs.

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Foster-Reed, Mrs Forder, Mrs Hook and Scard.

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**MINUTES**

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2017 be confirmed and signed.

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**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor welcomed newly elected Councillor Hammond to the Council.

**DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations received.

**QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4**

There were none.

## PART II MINUTES

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

- Economic Development Board: 15 November 2017

### GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### BY-ELECTION IN THE BRIDGEMARY NORTH WARD HELD ON

30 NOVEMBER 2017

1. I have to report that one vacancy arose for the office of Councillor for the Bridgemary North Ward of the Borough by reason of the death of Councillor Jill Wright
2. Three candidates were validly nominated in the election of Councillors for the Bridgemary North Ward to fill the resulting vacancy. A Poll was taken on 30 November 2017 and the votes cast for the respective candidates were as follows:

<u>Names of Candidates</u>	<u>Votes Given for Each Candidate</u>
Richard James DICKSON	212
James Llewellyn FOX	255
Stephen Geoffrey HAMMOND	644

3. The under-mentioned candidate who received the greatest number of votes was therefore elected Councillor for the Bridgemary North Ward to serve until May 2020.

Stephen Geoffrey HAMMOND

#### **REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS**

The Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive had submitted a report to advise the Council of the balance of the seats on the Council and the position with regard to Political Groups and to undertake a review in accordance with the "Proportionality Rules" of the balance of seats on the Boards and Committees of the Council.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Council approve:

1. The allocation of seats on the Boards and Committee as set out in paragraph 3.1

### **TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY BOARDS**

Councillor Hammond was nominated to the vacant positions on Community Board and Regulatory Board.

### **REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES FOR THE CHRISTCHURCH AND GRANGE ELECTORAL WARDS**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Council approve

The proposed designation of Polling Places:

- The Queens Social Club as a Polling Place for the Christchurch Ward in place of Nicholson Hall; and
- The Youth, Arts and Media Centre of the Nimrod Community Centre as Polling Place for the Grange Ward in place of Siskin School.

- 2.2 The proposed re-allocation of seven streets from Grange GI2 to Grange GI1 to balance the number of electors between both Polling Districts.

### **LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME**

**RECOMMENDED:** That Council approve the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS) for Gosport at Appendix 1 of the report and notes the statutory scheme for Pension Age customers and that statutory changes to the Pension Age scheme will be released by Department for Communities and Local Government at the end of December 2017 and that these changes will be incorporated into the statutory scheme at that point.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm

The Mayor.