

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 4 APRIL 2018 AT 6.00pm**

Attendance:

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

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

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman O'Neill, Honorary Alderman Gill

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Beavis, Edgar and Mrs Morgan.

MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2018 be confirmed and signed.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor received a certificate acknowledging Gosport's retention of Fairtrade borough status. Mark Smith, addressed the Council offering congratulations and thanks to the Council for their support.

DEPUTATIONS

One deputation had been received.

Mr Percival was invited to address the Council. He advised that he was speaking on behalf of the Gilkicker Action Group.

He advised that for decades, the area, which had SSSI status had been enjoyed by the public and provided views of the Solent and good walking routes. The Council was advised that following the sale of the Fort, the developers had blocked walking routes, and existing rights of way. Residents had been unhappy about this and the strength of feeling had resulted in a public meeting with the Council at which over 200 residents attended.

Gosport Borough Council had made progress in designating the rights of way but this had been as a result of the community.

Mr Percival advised that the Group had arranged to meet Caroline Dinenage MP at the site to allow her to witness the current situation.

He advised that a number of questions had been raised to the Council and that not all had been answered, he expressed concern at the lack of consultation and advised that it was felt there had been a lack of scrutiny of the works. He felt that residents' requests had been ignored and that the key issues the group would like reassurance on were the promise of safe pathways for Military Road and the reinstatement of the north west path by the developer. The designations of rights of way for the area and whether Gosport Borough Council would commit to the reinstatement of the areas of conservation for the protected wildlife that had been removed. He also requested that greater transparency be given to the decisions regarding the site to keep members of the public informed, and questioned what would happen if the 5 year loan of land to complete the works was exceed. Mr. Percival concluded by requesting some assurance on the financial stability of the project and hoped that lessons would be learnt for this and other future developments in the Borough.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were no questions received.

PART II MINUTES

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

- Community Board: 7 March 2018
- Economic Development Board: 14 March 2018

GOSPORT LOTTERY

Consideration was given to a Report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive recommending the Council facilitates a Gosport community lottery in order to raise funds for local charities, voluntary organisations and good causes in the Borough.

It was recommended that the Council approve:

1. A community run Gosport focused lottery being introduced in 2018, called The Gosport Community Lottery (the Lottery).
2. The purpose of the Lottery is to raise funds for local charities, voluntary organisations and good causes in the Borough.
3. That the Council works with Gosport Voluntary Action (GVA) and Gatherwell (an external lottery management company) in order to deliver the Lottery.
4. The initial set up fee of £3500 is given by the Council to GVA to initiate the Lottery.
5. The ongoing annual licence fee is assigned from ongoing Lottery income streams.
6. An annual £1,000 marketing budget is allocated to the Lottery (from ticket receipts) to ensure ongoing lotto awareness and promotion to drive ticket sales and to promote the Lottery amongst good causes.
7. That GVA are the holders of the remote operating licence
8. The Council hosts a launch event to promote the Lottery to include press, PR and social media, as well as provide additional first draw prizes (iPad, theatre tickets etc.).
9. Delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree with GVA a policy and the process for the allocation of the good causes central pot in conjunction with relevant officers.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that recommendation 9 be amended to read;

Delegated authority is given to a sub-board of three Members to agree with GVA a policy and the process for the allocation of the good causes central pot in conjunction with relevant officers.

And that an additional recommendation 10 be added to read;

That the lottery be reviewed by the Council after 12 months

A subsequent amendment was proposed and seconded that was similar to the first amendment in that recommendation 9 be amended to read;

Delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders to agree with GVA a policy and the process for the allocation of the good causes central pot in conjunction with relevant officers.

And that an additional recommendation 10 be added to read;

That the lottery be reviewed by the Council after 12 months

Following discussion it was requested that paragraph 5.1 be withdrawn from the report, this was agreed.

It was agreed that the amendments be combined and that the amendment put to the Council be the following;

Delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Group Leaders to agree with GVA a policy and the process for the allocation of the good causes central pot in conjunction with relevant officers;

And that an additional recommendation 10 be added to read that the lottery be reviewed by the Council after 12 months;

And that paragraph 5.1 of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive's report be withdrawn.

The Amendment was accordingly declared CARRIED.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Substantive Motion as amended be approved and adopted.

RIGHTS OF WAY AROUND FORT GILKICKER

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive seeking authority from Council to take the necessary steps to dedicate footpaths around Fort Gilkicker as formal rights of way.

It was recommended that;

That Council agrees to the creation of rights of way around Fort Gilkicker:

- (i) By entering into a Public Path Creation Agreement with Hampshire County Council in respect of the paths on land within the Council's ownership (the approximate position of which are shown in red on the plan attached as Appendix A) at such time as the land is no longer necessary for the redevelopment of Fort Gilkicker; and
- (ii) Encouraging and supporting the developer to enter into a Public Path Creation Agreement with Hampshire County Council in respect of the paths on land within the developer's ownership (the approximate position of which are shown in blue on the plan attached as Appendix A) at such time as the land is no longer necessary for the redevelopment of Fort Gilkicker; or
- (iii) In the event that the developer is unable or unwilling to enter into a Public Path Creation Agreement as set out at (ii) above, to make a Public Path Creation Order in respect of the paths on land within the developer's ownership at such time as the land is no longer necessary for the redevelopment of Fort Gilkicker.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the recommendations be approved.

RETIRING COUNCILLORS

The Council paid tribute to Councillors Edgar, Wright and Mrs. Forder who would be retiring at the forthcoming election and former Councillor Ms. Diffey who had recently stood down from the Council.

The long and distinguished service of Councillors Edgar and Wright was commended and it was requested that the thanks of the Council to them be recorded.

The Council thanked the Mayor for the way she had chaired Council meetings throughout her period of office.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm

The Mayor.