



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes Annual Council

Time and date

8.00pm on Thursday 11 May 2017

Place

The Upper Guildhall, Andover

Cllr K Bird (Chairman) (Town Mayor) (P)
Cllr L Gates (Vice Chairman for items 1 – 3) (P)
Cllr B Long (Vice Chairman from item 3) (P)

Cllr C Bartholomew (P)	Cllr L Bird (P)	Cllr A Cotter (P)	Cllr B Carpenter (P)
Cllr P Crossman (P)	Cllr C Ecclestone (P)	Cllr Revd. A Fitchet (P)	Cllr L Gregori (P)
Cllr S Hardstaff (P)	Cllr K Hughes (P)	Cllr R Hughes (A)	Cllr R Kidd (P)
Cllr G McBride (P)	Cllr M Mumford (P)	Cllr V Pond (P)	Cllr R Rowles (P)

Officers Present: W Coulter (Town Clerk) (taking the minutes)

Members of the Public: 3

Members of the Press: 1

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Council received a presentation from Rebecca Outram, Head of Housing for Hampshire from Aster Housing.

Members asked questions throughout the presentation and Mrs Outram agreed, if they were sent to her direct via email, she would answer them.

C 001/17 Election of Chairman

Councillor Steven Hardstaff proposed and Councillor Revd. Andy Fitchet seconded that Councillor Katherine Bird be elected Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year 2017/2018.

There was a second proposal.

Councillor Barbara Carpenter proposed and Councillor Luigi Gregori seconded that Councillor Len Gates be elected Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year 2017/2018.

As there were 2 nominations for Chairman, the current Chairman, Councillor K Bird moved that the Council take a vote by show of hands as per Standing Orders.

Cllr L Gregori requested that the vote be recorded in the minutes.

A vote was taken for the Chairman of the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

The result was:

Cllr Katherine Bird – 11 votes

Those voting for Cllr K Bird were: Cllrs S Hardstaff, K Bird, V Pond, R Kidd, B Long, G McBride, A Fitchet, L Bird, M Mumford, A Cotter and C Bartholomew.

Cllr Len Gates – 5 votes

Those voting for Cllr L Gates were: Cllrs L Gregori, C Ecclestone, K Hughes, L Gates and B Carpenter.

Cllr R Rowles abstained.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Katherine Bird be elected Chairman of Andover Town Council for the ensuing Municipal Year 2017/2018.

C 002/17 Town Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor Katherine Bird made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and continued with the duties of Chairman.

The first being to assume the title of Town Mayor.

The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Fitchet for proposing and seconding her nomination as Town Mayor and thanked the Members of the Town Council for electing her as Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

C 003/17 Chairman's Review

Cllr K Bird as the Town Mayor, reflected on her Chairmanship of the past year mentioning the growing reputation of the Town Council. She represented the Town Council on a huge number of different events, has worked hard with Test Valley Borough Council and was pleased to report that the Town Crest was on its way to the Town Council.

C 004/17 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Christopher Ecclestone proposed and Councillor Richard Kidd seconded that Councillor Richard Rowles be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year 2017/2018.

There was a second proposal.

Councillor Revd. Andy Fitchet proposed and Councillor Steven Hardstaff seconded that Councillor Barbara Long be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year 2017/2018.

As there were 2 proposals a vote was taken. Cllr L Gregori requested that the vote be recorded for the minutes.

The result was:

Cllr Richard Rowles – 3 votes

Those voting for Cllr R Rowles were: Cllrs Christopher Ecclestone, Richard Rowles and Richard Kidd.

Cllr Barbara Long – 13 votes

Those voting for Cllr B Long were: Cllrs Katherine Bird, Veronika Pond, Barbara Carpenter, Geoff McBride, Revd. Andy Fitchet, Lynn Bird, Michael Mumford, Alan Cotter, Kevin Hughes, Luigi Gregori, Carol Bartholomew, Barbara Long, Steven Hardstaff.

Cllr L Gates abstained.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Barbara Long be elected Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

- C 005/17 Vice Chairman Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Councillor Barbara Long made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for her appointment.
- C 006/17 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Councillor Paul Crossman, having been co-opted onto the Town Council on 23 March 2017, but not been present at that meeting, made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Town Council. It was witnessed by the Proper Officer.
Cllr Crossman took his seat at the council table.
- C 007/17 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillor Robin Hughes and Borough Councillors Jan Lovell, John Cockaday and Iris Andersen.
- C 008/17 Public Participation**
There were no Members of the Public that wished to speak to the Town Council.
- C 009/17 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Non-Pecuniary Interests**
There were no declarations of disposable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests.
- C 010/17 Minutes**
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 March 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
Proposed by Cllr G MacBride and seconded by Cllr R Kidd. A vote was taken, with one abstention.
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- C 011/17 Committee Minutes**
The following Committee Minutes were received and noted:
30 March 2017 – Assets & Amenities Committee
13 April 2017 – Community Engagement Committee
2 March 2017 – Policy & Resources Committee
6 March 2017 – Planning Committee
27 March 2017 – Planning Committee
24 April 2017 – Planning Committee
6 April 2017 – Allotments Committee
- C 012/17 Membership of Standing Committees**
Members considered the Membership of Standing Committees.
It was proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr R Kidd that the Membership of Standing Committees be agreed. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Membership of Standing Committees for the Municipal Year 2017/2018 be as follows:

Allotments	Assets & Amenities	Community Engagement	Planning	Policy & Resources	Staffing Sub-Committee
C Bartholomew	K Bird	K Bird	C Bartholomew	K Bird	L Gates
A Cotter	L Bird	L Bird	B Carpenter	L Gates	L Gregori
L Gregori	A Cotter	P Crossman	A Cotter	L Gregori	S Hardstaff
K Hughes	C Ecclestone	Revd. A Fitchet	C Ecclestone	S Hardstaff	R Hughes
R Kidd	L Gregori	L Gregori	L Gregori	R Hughes	R Kidd
B Long	S Hardstaff	R Kidd	R Kidd	R Kidd	
V Pond	R Hughes	B Long	B Long	M Mumford	
	R Kidd	G McBride	V Pond	V Pond	
	B Long	R Rowles	R Rowles		

	G McBride				
	M Mumford				
	V Pond				

C 013/17 Outside Bodies – Councillor Representatives

Members considered Councillor Representatives for Outside Bodies.

Cllr L Gates presented a report on the Town Centre Manager/Partnership. Members noted the recommendations within the report.

It was noted that a Youth Council Representative was no longer required so this was withdrawn.

It was noted that the Andover Vision also no longer required a representative so this was also withdrawn.

It was proposed by Cllr L Gates and seconded by Cllr C Ecclestone that the representatives on Outside Bodies be agreed as included in the report and listed. That the recommendations included in the report be approved. A vote was taken, 14 for, 1 Against. The vote was carried.

RESOLVED: That the Representation on Outside Bodies be approved as follows:

Test Valley Association of Town and Parish Councils: Cllr B Long, Cllr K Bird, Cllr V Pond (Alternate)

Test Valley Transport: Cllr B Carpenter, Cllr B Long, Cllr C Bartholomew

Ludgershall/Andover Railway Group: Cllr C Ecclestone, Cllr R Kidd

Andover Town Centre Partnership Steering Group: Cllr B Long

Andover Town Centre Reporting Team: Cllr L Gates

That Andover Town Council confirms its decision to contribute 50% of the cost of the new Town Centre Manager up to the sum of £4,000, until the end of December 2017.

C 014/17 Authorisation of the Town Clerk

It was proposed by Cllr Revd. A Fitchet and seconded by Cllr L Gregori, to authorise the Town Clerk to sign or, where appropriate to have sealed on behalf of the Town Council any orders, deeds, or documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters contained in the Reports received at this meeting or in any future Resolution passed by the Council. A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign or, where appropriate to have sealed on behalf of the Town Council any orders, deeds, or documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters contained in the Reports received at this meeting or in any future Resolution passed by the Council.

C 015/17 Standing Orders

It was noted that the Town Council's Standing Orders were under review and would be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 18 May 2017 for recommendation to full Council on 22 June 2017.

C 016/17 Motions from Councillors

Proposed by Cllr L Gates and seconded by Cllr B Carpenter

Andover Town Council notes the ongoing controversy regarding a pedestrian crossing outside Roman Way School. The crossing was an integral part of the local plan when permission to develop Augusta Park was granted. Funding has been received from the developers and traffic in the area has increased considerably since the new housing has been occupied. Despite this highways authorities at both Test Valley Borough Council and more especially Hampshire County Council have yet to provide an adequate safe crossing outside the school.

Andover Town Council pledges its full support to the staff and governors of the school in their attempts to get a safe crossing and instructs the Clerk to write to Hampshire County Council requesting immediate action to install such a crossing.

Members considered the proposed motion. Members expressed their concerns over the delay in construction of a safe crossing.

It was proposed by Cllr B Long and seconded by Cllr S Hardstaff that an amendment be made to the Motion, that the Motion should include a public meeting with Hampshire County Council to progress the crossing as soon as possible.

A vote was taken, which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: Andover Town Council notes the ongoing controversy regarding a pedestrian crossing outside Roman Way School. The crossing was an integral part of the local plan when permission to develop Augusta Park was granted. Funding has been received from the developers and traffic in the area has increased considerably since the new housing has been occupied. Despite this highways authorities at both Test Valley Borough Council and more especially Hampshire County Council have yet to provide an adequate safe crossing outside the school.

Andover Town Council pledges its full support to the staff and governors of the school in their attempts to get a safe crossing and instructs the Clerk to write to Hampshire County Council requesting immediate action and a public meeting to forward the installation of such a crossing.

C 017/17 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted the next full Council meeting to be held on Thursday 22 June 2017 at 7pm in the Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Chairman

Date