



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 14 March 2019

Place

The Upper Guildhall, Andover, Hampshire

Cllr B Long - Town Mayor (P)

Cllr M Mumford - Deputy Town Mayor (P)

Cllr C Bartholomew (P)

Cllr K Bird (P) (arrived at 7.08pm)

Cllr L Bird (P)

Cllr V Pond (P)

Cllr C Ecclestone (P) (arrived at 7.19pm)

Cllr S Hardstaff (P)

Cllr A Cotter (P)

Cllr Revd. A Fitchet (P)

Cllr L Gates (P)

Cllr G McBride (P)

Cllr K Hughes (P)

Cllr R Rowles (P)

Cllr B Carpenter (P)

Cllr L Gregori (P)

Cllr R Kidd (P)

Cllr P Crossman (P)

Cllr R Hughes (P)

Officers Present:

Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk)

Tor Warburton (Deputy Town Clerk)

Michelle Young (Committee Officer) (Training) (Taking the minutes)

Borough Councillors Present:

Cllr Z Brooks (Also as County Councillor)

Cllr I Anderson

Cllr J Cockaday

Borough Councillor Apologies:

Cllr A Gibson

Apologies from Hampshire Police.

Members of the Public: 2

Members of the Press: 1

- C 121/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Bird (for lateness)
- C 122/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.
- C 123/18 MINUTES**
Cllr Revd A Fitchet proposed and Cllr R Kidd seconded that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.
A vote was taken which was unanimous.
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 January 2019 be signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.
- C 124/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
A member of the public made the following statement:
"I am an Attitude of Gratitude campaigner not a litter picker. I display it everyday by picking up a piece of litter every day and placing it in the bin. I used to do an hour every morning, 365 days a year. Is it not possible as members of Andover Town council, to set an example and pick up a piece of litter a day and get on with living?"
The Town Mayor thanked the member of the public for the comments.
- C 125/18 REPORT FROM HAMPSHIRE POLICE**
The Hampshire Police sent their apologies and requested that any questions be passed to the Town Clerk, to be forwarded onto the police.
(Cllr K Bird arrived at 7.08pm)
- C 126/18 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS FROM THE ANDOVER WARDS**
County Cllr Z Brooks:
- Council Tax increase up by 2.99%. High pressure due to care, increase in birth rates, social care, elderly care and complex needs for children and young adults. Numbers are increasing by 1000 more each year. The biggest impact, is the social care for children.
(Cllr K Bird arrived at 7.08pm)
 - Hampshire County have the responsibility for Highways trees.
 - The Rothsay Grange Care Home are providing complementary nutritious meals for the lonely and vulnerable people, initially starting on a monthly basis. We need to find Volunteers are needed who could provide transport for these people to get to the Rothsay Grange Care Home.
- Borough Cllr I Anderson:**
- Red and white plastic railings update, constantly communicating with Cllr Boiles at Hampshire County Council, trying to resolve the matter.
 - Bottom of Bridge Street there have been a number of trips and falls.
 - Picket Twenty flooding, this matter is being rectified with the developer Persimmons.
 - Work has begun with Traffic wardens patrolling the grass verges outside Vigo school due to vehicles parking on them during school run periods.
- C 127/18 QUESTIONS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS TO BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
Cllr Revd A Fitchet to Cllr Z Brooks: Why is Hampshire County Council proposing a cut in funding for valuable care for children? Would you be prepared to hold a meeting before 9 May 2019 with myself regarding the use of funding?
Cllr Z Brooks: Email me the details.
Cllr Revd A Fitchet to Cllr I Anderson: Regarding the flooding on Picket Twenty, would you consider co-authoring a letter with me to Persimmons to push for a response?
Cllr I Anderson: Yes.
(Cllr C Ecclestone arrived at 7.19pm)
- C 128/18 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Since the last Council meeting the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor have attended the following:
- 01.03.2019 - Woman's World Day of Prayer
 - 03.03.2019 - Installation and Induction of Reverend Pondish at St Marys Church, Andover

- 14.03.2019 – Foodbank, making up boxes

Future events the Town Mayor will be attending:

- Chapel Arts
- Andover Music Club
- Army Air Museum

Cllr B long expressed her thanks to Cllr Z Brooks, Cllr I Anderson and Cllr J Cockaday and members of the public for all their support, during her year as Town Mayor.

C 129/18

COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following Committee Minutes were received & noted:

6 December 2018, Assets & Communities Committee

31 January 2019, Assets & Communities Committee

10 January 2019, Policy & Resources Committee

17 December 2018, Planning Committee

7 January 2019, Planning Committee

21 January 2019, Planning Committee

11 February 2019, Planning Committee

C 130/18

POLICES

Members noted the Review of Policies report and considered the recommendation of Policy and Resources Committee to approve updates and amendments to the Town Council policies.

It was proposed Cllr S Hardstaff and seconded by Cllr K Bird that the amended and updated policies be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the amended and updated policies be approved, attached to record minutes.

C 131/18

STANDING ORDERS

Members considered the recommendation of Policy and Resources Committee to approve the amended Standing Orders.

It was proposed by Cllr B Long and seconded by Cllr S Hardstaff that Standing Order 15 be suspended for a year with reference to the Andover Levy.

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of suspending Standing Order 15 for a year and the effect it would have on the new Council. Following the debate, it was further proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr K Bird that Standing Order 15 remain unchanged.

A vote was taken on Standing Order 15 remaining unchanged, which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Order 15 remain unchanged.

It was proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr K Bird that the amended Standing Orders be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the amended Standing Orders be approved.

C 132/18

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members received the amended Financial Regulations as recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee and noted that the Financial Regulations had been brought up to date with current legislation and no other changes had been made.

It was proposed by Cllr R Rowles and seconded by Cllr G McBride that the updated Financial Regulations be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the updated Financial Regulations be approved, attached to record minutes.

C 133/18

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members considered the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee to approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference to the Committees and Council.

It was proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr Revd A Fitchet that amended Terms of Reference be approved and adopted.

A vote was taken, 16 for, 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: That amended Terms of Reference be approved and adopted, attached to record minutes.

C 134/18

VIREMENT OF BUDGETS

Members considered the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee to approve Virements from Budgets from 2018/2019 to Earmarked Reserves.

It was proposed by Cllr S Hardstaff and seconded by Cllr K Bird that the Virements from Budgets from 2018/2019 to Earmarked Reserves be approved.

A vote was taken, 15 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: That the Virements from Budgets from 2018/2019 to Earmarked Reserves be approved, attached to record minutes.

C 135/18

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS REPORT

Members noted the summary report and full report on Christmas Lights from Christmas 2018.

Members also noted that if required, alternative arrangements for the Christmas display 2019 will be reported back to the Assets and Communities Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr B Long and seconded by Cllr C Ecclestone that the full report and Hampshire County Council response be published on the Andover Town Council website to be open and transparent.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the full report and Hampshire County Council response be published on the Andover Town Council website to be open and transparent.

C 136/18

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE & THE 2019 SPENDING REVIEW

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/housing-communities-and-local-government-committee/news/finance-review-inquiry-launch-chairs-comment-17-19/>

Members noted an inquiry had been launched into Local Government Finance and considered forming a Working Group to submit comments on behalf of the Town Council prior to the deadline of 17 April 2019.

It was proposed by Cllr S Hardstaff and seconded by Cllr V Pond that a Working Group be formed to discuss and submit comments on behalf of the Town Council prior to the deadline of 17 April 2019.

A vote was taken, 17 for with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: That a Working Group be formed to discuss and submit comments on behalf of the Town Council prior to the deadline of 17 April 2019.

Cllrs S Hardstaff, G McBride, V Pond and K Bird volunteered to form the working Group.

C 137/18

FINANCE

Members received the list of payments up to 7 March 2019.

It was proposed by Cllr R Kidd and seconded by Cllr S Hardstaff that the list of payments up to 7 March 2019 be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the list of payments up to 7 March 2019 be approved.

Members received the Reconciled Bank Statement up to 28 February 2019.

It was proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr K Bird that the Reconciled Bank Statement up to 28 February 2019 be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Reconciled Bank Statement up to 28 February 2019 be approved.

Members received the Cash Book up to 28 February 2019.

It was proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr S Hardstaff that the Cashbook up to 28

February 2019 be approved.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Cash Book Statement up to 28 February 2019 be approved.

C 138/18 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

The following reports were received from Town Councillors:

ClIr L Gates passed on apologies from ClIr J Lovell.

ClIr C Bartholomew received an invitation to attend the Watercress and Winterbourne Project on the River Test and River Itchen for a training day on new species. Any help would be appreciated if anyone was available.

ClIr L Gregori attended the Wheelbrator Incinerator briefing at Longparish.

ClIr B Long met with the developers at Picket Piece Allotments.

ClIr B Long attended an Annual General Meeting with HALC on 9 March 2019, a report to follow.

ClIr B Long attended HALC Annual Conference on 13 March 2019 which involved:
Policies and Inductions.

Also, on 13 March attended Hampshire County Council Spring Workshops mainly on Highways and a national consultation on waste and recycling, a report to follow.

ClIr B Long was invited as a Councillor to the formal opening of the Andover town library.

ClIr B Long attended the Incinerator presentation at Longparish. It will cover an area wider than 3 kilometres. The decision will be made by the Secretary of State.

ClIr S Hardstaff reminded members about A-Fest on 29 April 2019.

ClIr G McBride thanked the staff for their support during his time as a Councillor for Andover Town Council.

ClIr C Ecclestone Ludgershall Railway been put in abeyance but had been reconstituted in February 2019. ClIr C Ecclestone would like to remain part of the group.

ClIr B Long thanked everyone for their help and support during the past year and the diligent work as a result and suggested an informal gathering prior to the Elections.

C 139/18 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

It was noted that the next Council meeting would take place on **Thursday 16 May 2019**, in the Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover, starting at **7pm**.

C 140/18 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by ClIr B Long and seconded by ClIr K Bird that a resolution be passed to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting at item 21 regarding the Andover Levy.

A vote was taken which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting at item 21 regarding the Andover Levy.

C 141/18 CONFIDENTIAL

Members considered a progress report on the Andover Levy.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Town Mayor

Date