



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 24 April 2014.

Place

The Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover

Details of Attendance:

Cllr G McBride (Chairman) (P)

Cllr A Fitchet (Vice-Chairman) (P)

Cllr K Bird (P) (arrived 7.05pm)

Cllr K Hamilton (P)

Cllr R Khuman (A)

Cllr V Pond (P)

Cllr Z Brooks (P)

Cllr S Hardstaff (P)

Cllr B Long (P)

Cllr R Shukri (P).

Cllr B Carpenter (P)

Cllr S Hawke (P)

Cllr C Lynn (P)

Cllr A Cotter (P)

Cllr K Hughes (A)

Cllr P North (A)

Cllr D Drew (P)

Cllr M Kerley (A)

Cllr B Page (A)

Officer: Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk) (P) (Taking the minutes)

Members of the Public: 10

C 78/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Kerley, Khuman, North and Page.

C 79/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

C 80/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 January 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C 81/13 Public Participation

Mrs Janet Thorpe gave a short presentation on the 'Andover's Great Outdoors' Project, set to run from March 2015 to March 2016. She explained that Winchester already runs a successful 'Festivals in Winter' and she was confident that Andover could run something similar on a smaller scale. She asked the Town Council's assistance with the production of a guide giving details of all the events in Andover.

Cllr Brooks, the Chairman of the Amenities and Town Development (A&TD) Committee invited Mrs Thorpe to attend the next meeting of the A&TD Committee.

Mrs Barbara Johnson raised her concerns regarding the perception that charitable groups and Councils 'cherry picked' the best areas to showcase their initiatives, rather than ensuring that the whole of a designated area was covered. She was particularly concerned about Ladies

Walk.

C 82/13 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Cllr McBride requested the Council's condolences to be sent to the families of Mr Jock Kerley and Mrs Sue Shepherd and be minuted.

He reported that he had attended a lecture on Todmorton's Edible Town initiative and suggested that the initiatives online lecture service was a good source of information <http://www.ted.com/>.

Cllr McBride asked Cllr Drew to update the Council on the latest information regarding the Andover and Ludgershall Town Council's Heritage Railway Line. Cllr Drew reported that the Town Council's had several meetings and progress was being made on gaining permission from relevant land owners to reuse the railway tracks and that the committee had visited Shillingstone Railway for further ideas.

Cllr McBride thanked all the volunteers who had assisted in the office during the absence of the Town Clerk.

C 83/13 Committee Minutes

The following Minutes were received and noted:

27 November 2013 – Amenities and Town Development Committee

16 January 2014 – Amenities and Town Development Committee

11 December 2013 – Policy and Resources Committee

16 January 2014 – Policy and Resources Committee

2 April 2014 – Policy and Resources Committee

2 December 2013 – Planning Committee

23 December 2013 – Planning Committee

20 January 2014 – Planning Committee

10 February 2014 – Planning Committee

3 March 2014 – Planning Committee

C 84/13 Pride of Andover Awards

Members received and approved the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee to award the Pride of Andover Awards a small grant of £50 towards the event for 2014.

RESOLVED: That £50 be awarded to the Pride of Andover Awards for the event 2014.

C 85/13 Christmas Lights 2014

Members considered the costs of repairs to the Christmas Lights damaged in the storms of December 2013 and January 2014. The Town Clerk reported that since the report had been published she had further communication from the Christmas Lights suppliers and the cost of repairs had been reduced from £687.00 to £390.00.

RESOLVED: That the repairs to the Christmas Lights, damaged in the storms December 2013 be repaired at a cost of £390.00 to be taken from the Christmas Lights Budget.

C 86/13 Planning Committee Report

Members received and noted a report from the Planning Committee regarding recent actions taken and the results of the action.

C 87/13 Neighbourhood Plan

Members received a written update report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan project and noted that an application had been made to Test Valley Borough Council for a designated area covering Andover. The application would be considered by Cabinet on 16 April and at Council on 17 April. A six week public consultation, run by Test Valley Borough Council, would then take place from Friday 2 May 2014 to Friday 13 June 2014.

Councillor Bird left the meeting.

C 88/13 Youth Council

Cllr Fitchet presented a report on the Youth Council. The Facebook page had gone live, and the Members of the Youth Council had a stall at a recent Saturday market and surveyed young Andoverians between the ages of 11 and 25, seeking their views on their likes and dislikes of Andover. The results would be published on their Facebook pages.

Cllr Long requested that the results be made available for the Neighbourhood Plan as in its later stages it would be quantifiable evidence of public participation in for the Plan to be approved.

Councillor Fitchet left the meeting.

C 89/13 Finance

I. Members received and approved the list of payments up to 22 April 2014:

Date	Cheque No	Service/Supplier	Amount (£)
04.04.2014	400679	Baxter Confidential – Waste removal (confidential)	78.00
17.04.2014	DD – BT	British Telecom – Broadband and Telephone Services	78.91
14.04.2014	400680	DMJ Butler Country Services – Job no's 665,677,694,682	249.82
16.04.2014	400681	DMJ Butler Country Services – Job no's 547,497,523,493	360.00
20.04.2014	400682	Convenient Hire Ltd – Provision of toilets on Allotments (7)	560.98
26.04.2014	400683	Custom Studio Ltd – provision of emails and website hosting	35.94
06.04.2014	400684	Danwood Group – Hire of photocopier	187.54
06.04.2014	400685	Danwood Group – Colour and mono printing	89.57
02.04.2014	400686	HALC – Affiliation Fee and NALC levy	2,528.00
15.04.2014	400687	Kevin Justice – repair of tap (BL) turn on water (6) allotments	280.00
04.04.2014	400688	South East Employers – Membership fee	233.10
16.04.2014	400689	Southern Water – Admirals Way water charges	16.62
15.04.2014	400690	Southern Water – Vigo Road water charges	132.29
16.04.2014	400691	Southern Water – Churchill Way water charges	47.54
02.04.2014	400692	Test Valley Borough Council – reinstating xmas tree	431.47
16.04.2014	400693	Test Valley Borough Council – hire of Guildhall 24.04.2014	43.50
19.04.2014	400694	Viking Payments – Stationery	38.87
19.04.2014	400695	Viking Payments – Stationery for allotment invoices	130.00
01.04.2014	400696	WPS Insurance – Insurance renewal 2014/2015	2,197.58
01.04.2014	400697	WPS Insurance – Insurance for monies taken for allts rental	53.00
04.04.2014	400698	Blachere Illuminations – Hire of Christmas Lights for 2014	5,952.65
10.04.2014	400699	Mrs R Greenwood – locum clerk support	113.70
22.04.2014	400700	D M J Butler Country Services – Job No's 710,686,679	509.95
22.04.2014	400701	Town Clerk – reimbursements	90.98
TOTAL			14,440.01

C 90/13 Questions from Councillors

There were no questions received from Councillors under Standing order No 8.

C 91/13 Reports from Councillors

Cllr B Long reported that she had attended a meeting with the group 'Veterans in Action' regarding the work they have done in converting a bus to support them on a 4,000 mile trek around Britain and parts of Belgium to commemorate WWI.

Cllr Long further reported that she had visited the Arbory Community Allotments and seen its commitment to provide residents living with dementia a safe environment for gardening. Cllr Long also highlighted the 'Love where you Live' campaign.

Cllrs Pond and Hardstaff reported on their recent attendance on a training course on Neighbourhood Planning held in Axminster on 16 April 2014 along with 34 Councillors from other Town and Parish Councils.

Cllr Pond further reported that on Friday 18 April, Cllrs Long, Pond and Hardstaff had attended a meeting with Whitchurch Town Council and Mr David George, the Chairman of their Neighbourhood Plan steering committee. Whitchurch was 18 months ahead with their Neighbourhood Plan and offered Andover Town Council help and guidance which was much welcomed.

Cllr Drew reported on the progress of the recruitment of a Town Centre Manager and thanked Cllr Hardstaff for asking the 'difficult' questions.

The Interview panel was made up of two Andover Town Council Members, two officers from Test Valley Borough Council and a representative from Hampshire County Council. Two applications were received, one from an individual and once from a firm. The application from the firm was being progressed.

C 92/13 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hamilton reported that the delayed consultation with Saxon Fields residents on the land bounded by Elbe and Cuxhaven Way, Kiel Drive and Emden Road would start the week commencing 28 April 2014. Cllr Pond requested that the residents of the adjoining estate of

Rosewood Gardens also be included in the consultation as it was their only open space.
Cllr Hawke reported that two small firms, Lone Fairy and Cupcake, who had been involved with the Test Valley Borough Council initiative for pop-up shops had now taken leases in Waterloo Court.

County Councillor P West reported on healthcare and stated that on 31 May 2014, there would be an announcement on HATS, which is concerned with adult's health and social care.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Vice Chairman

Date