



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 1 November 2017

at The Harlington at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Grahame Chenery, Denis Gotel, Alex Gray, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Richard Hunt, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Mike Peddell, Dai Pierce, Richard Robinson, Jeff Smith, Neil Walton, Jonathan Wright, Sharyn Wheale, George Woods

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk

Sheila Rayner -Committee Clerk

Cllr Makepeace-Brown-HDC

Michael Butcher-Fleet Transport Innovation Group

Helen Butcher –Local resident

Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park

Sebastian Gridley-visitor

There was a presentation on the Fleet section of the Basingstoke Canal during the last eighteen months and the strategic future of the Canals and River Trust by James Taylor and Fiona Shipp from the Basingstoke Canal team- separate note with record minutes

Chairman's Announcements

- The Chairman congratulated The Harlington General Manager (Alex Robins) on successfully arranging three sell-out events over the last weekend
- It was reported that formal notice would be given on Friday 3 November 2017 for the tendering of the Grounds Maintenance project. All staff involved were thanked for their efforts
- The AGM of Fleet Speedwatch would be held on Friday 3 November 2017 at 7pm at Elvetham Heath Community Centre
- The Chairman would attend the HALC AGM on Saturday 4 November 2017 and the members signified their approval for him to support the proposed increase in fees . For FTC this would amount to an increase of £64 pa to £2022
- The Chairman would attend a meeting at HCC on 16 November 2017 to learn of the latest position on transport grant cuts such as bus services and Fleet Link

FC/Nov 2017/ ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Einchcomb

FC/Nov 2017/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chenery Item 13 Fleet Lions
Cllr Wheale Item 13 Fleet Lions

FC/Nov 2017/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

FC/Nov 2017/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

In response to a question, the Chairman confirmed that a letter of explanation had not been received from the Fleet Conservative Group regarding their comments on the public consultation on the Harlington development. Members of the Group present undertook to take the matter back to the Group

With the removal of 'be' at the resolution of item 8-Anti social behaviour, the replacement of 'of' with 'in' item 10-Hart Draft Corporate Plan, the correction to HCC funding cuts to £140m over the next two years and the additional words 'potential removal of support for community buses' and the correction to read 'HCC budget cuts due(not die) to be agreed -item 12, and the indication that an ad hoc working group comprising Cllrs Gotel, Oliver and Schofield, be set up to progress to a new Public Space Protection Order, the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Wednesday 4 October 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The confidential minutes were considered in Part 3 of the agenda

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings:

Development Control Committee 9 and 23 October 2017

Policy and Finance Committee 16 October 2017

Highways and Transportation Working Group 17 October 2017. Thanks were expressed to HDC for the provision of funds for the Ancells crossing (item 5)

**FC/Nov 2017/ITEM 5 PRECEPT 2018/2019
(Taken after item 7)**

The members considered the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Policy and Finance Committee (Item 6 16 October 2017).

Following a detailed re-statement of the ring-fenced Harlington funding proposals it was

RESOLVED

To include a 0% increase in the FTC Council Tax rates in 2018/2019

FC/Nov 2017 ITEM 6 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The members received an oral update report from Cllr Schofield. It was confirmed that the last meeting of the Harlington Working Group had confirmed the appointment of BFF to take the process to RIBA Stage 2 with a meeting with HDC Planning Officers planned for Monday 6 November 2017

It was reported that BFF were aiming to reach RIBA stage 2 within 2 months and be in a position to submit a planning application by the end of the calendar year.

RESOLVED

To note the current situation

FC/Nov 2017 ITEM 7 GRANT APPLICATION FROM FLEET TRANSPORT INNOVATION GROUP (taken after item 4)

The members considered a grant application for £131.98 from the Fleet Transport Innovation Group to assist with the cost of setting up a 'One Stop Shop' website to provide a simple overview of the transport options available.

Mr Michael Butcher was in attendance to present the application.

It was confirmed that the website would be promoted through a press release, links to various Councils (inc FTC) and transport providers

It was explained that it was hoped that the website may be the precursor for one-stop shop bookings. It was noted that any future longer-term funding could involve commercial sponsorship

The members were of the view that this was an excellent initiative and

RESOLVED

To approve a grant of £131.98 to the Fleet Transport Innovation Group to assist with the cost of setting up a one stop shop website giving an overview of transport options

FC Nov 2017 ITEM 8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Oliver reported that following several recent meetings a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), was in existence

Advice was currently being sought regarding the need for an SEA screening assessment with a view to a submission to HDC to check the alignment with the Local Plan proposals and adoption by FTC and HDC in around seven months time

The draft would not be available for public consultation in time for a referendum in May 2018. It was hoped however that a draft may be available for FTC members by Christmas 2017

It was emphasised that the NP was a planning document dealing with land uses and the built environment

Members expressed their appreciation to Sue Tilley and Therese Lawler for all their hard work

FC Nov 2017 ITEM 9 HCC/HDC

HCC

No HCC representative was present

HDC

Cllr Oliver reported on :

- The trend for non-statutory activities to be moved down to parish level; some members identified advantages in this possibility

FC/Nov 2017 ITEM 10 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The members noted the Town Clerk's report and specifically:

- The need for 25 more volunteers to assist at the Christmas lights switch-on event on Wednesday 29 November 2017
- Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday (confirmation email to be sent to all members)
- New audit arrangements

FC/Nov 2017 ITEM 11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at the Harlington at 7pm

Chairman.....Date.....

Part 3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the public in accordance with Section 1(2) and by reason of the confidential nature of the business of the Town Council, the Public and Press were excluded from the Meeting