



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 7 February 2018

at The Harlington at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT**

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

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk

Sheila Rayner -Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison –HCC

Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC

Cllr Makepeace-Brown

Sue Tilley –Local resident

Michael Jebson-Local resident

**FC/Feb 2018/ ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Gray

**FC/Feb 2018/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Chenery -item 8- Fleet Link

**FC/Feb 2018/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public

**FC/Feb 2018/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

With the removal of the word “thus” at line 3 item 10 (Boundary Changes), and the insertion of the word “currently” before blocked in the line immediately above the resolution (item 5 The Harlington), the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Wednesday 3 January 2018 and the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 17 January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman confirmed that Mr Jebson's comments on the Harlington development had been passed to the design team

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings:

Development Control Committee 8 and 22 January 2018

Notes of the Working Groups:

Risk Management 24 January 2018

### **FC/Feb 2018/ITEM 5 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018**

The members were reminded that the Annual Residents' meeting was to be held on Sunday 25 March 2018 to avoid "purdah" and when it was hoped a broader range of local residents would be able to attend

An exhibition of local community organisations with tea and biscuits being served from 2.30pm was planned with the meeting opening at 3pm with the following agenda:

- Social events (Cllr Wheale)
- Finance (Cllr Holt)
- Town Centre
- Overview of parks (Cllr Einchcomb)
- The Harlington (Cllr Schofield)
- Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Oliver)
- Town Council Elections (Cllr Walton)

It was suggested that Sgt Hurd, Road Safety Officer of Hampshire, also be invited to make a presentation on improving support to older drivers and to be invited to include road safety exhibition in the community displays

#### **RESOLVED**

To approve the proposed arrangements for the Annual Residents' Meeting on 25 March 2018

### **FC/Feb 2018 ITEM 6 ACTION DAY**

Members considered a date for Action Day 2018 and

#### **RESOLVED**

To approve the Action Day to be held on Saturday 2 June 2018

### **FC/Feb 2018 ITEM 7 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The members received a verbal update on the Harlington Development which confirmed that the planning application had been verified and was available on the HDC website. A copy was available in the Town Clerk's office.

- Drawings had been sent to Hollis and Hockley for a valuation of the land belonging to FTC
- A valuation had also been requested from HDC for land at Gurkha Square.
- A revised lease document was awaited from HDC
- If necessary an extraordinary meeting of Council will be called should any urgent decision be required
- A debrief customer satisfaction consultation had taken place with Wilmot Dixon

#### **FCFeb 2018 ITEM 8 FLEET LINK**

The members received an update on Fleet Link from Cllr Schofield

A meeting had been held with Rushmoor Voluntary Action and other co-funders when it had been confirmed that the scheme would continue for another year.

A 10% reduction in charge for running the service had resulted in a saving of £1,300

Details of the possible impact following a potential fare increase were given . This was currently under consideration by HCC

Details of the number of trips (not passengers) were given together with destinations

In summary, the service was disappointingly under-used

#### **FC Feb 2018 ITEM 9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

It was reported that a draft Neighbourhood Plan (a land use document) had been submitted to consultants for the legalities to be checked with a copy to HDC so that compatibility with HDC policies could be confirmed

The Plan will be presented to FTC before the document is released for consultation which would be by 4 May 2018 at the earliest

#### **FC Feb 2018 ITEM 10 HCC/HDC**

##### **HCC**

Cllr Bennison reported on:

- HCC Council Tax and budget to go to HCC Cabinet on 12 February 2018
- The HCC requirement to address a £140m shortfall over the next 2 years
- Anticipated recommendation to HCC Council meeting 22 February 2018 of a 5.99% increase in Council Tax
- Reduction of Rate Support Grant of £40m(2018/2019)
- Bus services and waste sites had been excluded from areas for savings
- Bourley Road closure for military works

Cllr Forster reported on:

- Exclusion of waste/community transport and school crossings from areas for savings
- Traffic disruptions due to works
- Primary care and carers budgets
- Briefings in February and March for local school proposals to be shared with parishes in March/April 2018

**HDC**

Cllr Makepiece –Brown

- Requested to be informed of any flooding concerns

In response to a question it was confirmed that tree work at Windy Gap was associated with forestry management work and the cycle route

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a joint HDC/Parish meeting on 5 February 2018 when the Local Plan was given out. The Plan will be considered by FTC Planning Committee on 12 February 2018

**FC/Feb 2018 ITEM 11 TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE**

The members noted the Town Clerk’s update

**FC/ Feb 2018 ITEM 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at the Harlington at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

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**