



MINUTES OF THE 12th ANNUAL FLEET TOWN COUNCIL RESIDENTS' MEETING
Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.00pm
The Harlington, Fleet

Attendees:

Council Members – 12 (plus 1 apology)

Residents – 80

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Bob Schofield, welcomed everyone to the twelfth Annual Residents' meeting.

Presentations will be made by Fleet Phoenix, Hart Voluntary Action, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Greening Fleet.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 11th Annual Residents' Meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 2023 were adopted as a correct record. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Presentation by Fleet Phoenix

Charlotte Tickner, Managing Director of Fleet Phoenix

Organisation background –

- youth charity working with 8–15 year olds (up to 25 years old with additional needs) in Hart. Offer a range of activities and services to support their needs and wants.

Stats 2022-2023-

- 1416 young people and families on roll.
- 343 open sessions, Christmas concert and SCAM JAM comp day.
- This total 4692.5 hours of face to face youth work with 2494 individual contacts.
- 750 of items such as school uniforms, shoes and clothes donated.
- 753 Christmas toys donated.
- 110 food parcels donated.
- They are supported through Qualified, Trained and Experienced Youth Workers, Dedicated Trustees, Volunteers, local businesses and supporting agencies.

Questions for Fleet Phoenix

There were no questions asked.

Presentation by Hart Voluntary Action

Tania Skinner, Hart Voluntary Action Centre Manager

- Organisation background- local charity supporting the voluntary and community sectors in Hart District by offering one-to-one information, guidance, and training; as well as information updates, networking opportunities and volunteer recruitment.
- Check the HVA website or go into the offices to see what is available- there are over 150 opportunities available.
- Your interests and skillset will be taken into account for a role you wish to consider.
- Volunteering is on your terms, whether that be bite sized to regular on-going opportunities.
- Volunteering is anonymised.
- Easy to get involved and there is an infrastructure in place to help you.

Questions for Hart Voluntary Action

There were no questions asked.

Presentation from Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner

PCC Donna Jones gave a presentation on the role of the Police Crime Commissioner- such as setting the budget for Hampshire Police, writing a police and crime plan for local policing based on community feedback.

Currently looking for potential sites in Fleet for a local Police Station. Largest crimes are fraud, anti-social behaviour which is an issue in Hampshire and particularly Fleet.

Questions for the Police and Crime Commissioner

Tim GU52

Q. Fraud and scams – Can anything be done about fraud rather than just logging through Action Fraud?

A. Once a week intel is passed to the local police force to investigate.

Peter GU51

Q. Is speeding a crime or anti-social behaviour?

A. speeding offences are not always enforced due to police not being able to be at every road to catch speeding, mobile police vans go around the county to areas where most deaths and serious injuries occur to reduce accidents.

Barry GU51

Q. Is there a possibility for 101 policing to work from home to give the force more time to deal with road traffic issues?

A. Too much of a security risk of working from home for 101 because they handle sensitive and secure information.

Isabel GU51

Q. Where can we see what is being achieved with the additional resources?

A. Go to Hampshire Constabulary website, Home Office publish crime stats or contact the Police and Crime Commissioner Office.

Ken GU51

Q. Are there any plans for reopening a roads policing unit?

A. yes with Thames Valley, will share local policing and teams, police horses.

Resident

Q. What help do you need from residents?

A. Residents can sign up to the monthly newsletter, share the message, social media and keep reporting crime.

Resident

Q. If we don't nip Anti-social behaviour in the bud it can turn into a worse problem, Police need to be aware of when youngsters are causing problems, such as cycling on pavements.

A. The Local Bobby is going into schools to give talks to the children regarding cycling and to raise awareness.

4. FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

The Chairman of Fleet Town Council, Cllr Schofield presented the Councils Vision and Values for Fleet, an update on the Harlington development, the 2024/25 budget, what the Council deliver to the town and 2023/24 Grants and support the Council has awarded.

Questions for FTC**James GU51**

Q. Does the refurbishment include the cost of a heating system?

A. yes, it includes electric, heating, air conditioning.

Michael, GU51

Q. Pleased the FTC are supporting the Basingstoke Canal, is there more FTC can do?

- **A.** The only option is to give more money, we will carry on and invest for this year but cannot commit to longer contract as the long term viability and sustainability of the operating model needs to be confirmed.

5. GREENING FLEET**Nick Cole, Space for Nature Pillar – Fleet Greening Campaign**

A presentation on the Greening campaign, aiming to encourage and support local people and businesses to take easy and straightforward steps to reduce energy consumption and waste and tackle the immediate global challenges at a community level.

Greening Fleet activity calendar was shown in events that people can take part in - this will be posted on the Greening Fleet website, social media and the Council notice boards.

Questions

There were no questions asked.

Cllr Schofield thanked fellow Councillors, officers, guest speakers and all the residents who had attended and contributed to the event.

The meeting closed at around 9.20pm.