



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 1st December 2021

in the Harlington

PRESENT

Councillors: R. Fang, L. Holt, K. Kuntikanamata, K. Jasper, A. Oliver, R. Robinson, S. Tilley, P. Wildsmith, G. Woods, J. Wright.

Also Present:

Janet Stanton - Town Clerk
Susanna Walker – Committee Clerk
Cllr Adrian Collett – HCC
Cllr Steve Forster – HCC and HDC
Cllr Mark Butcher – HDC
1 member of the public

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Councillor Chenery due to health reasons, Councillor Einchcomb due to a medical procedure, Councillor Hope due to a prior political engagement, Councillor Richmond due to health reasons, Councillor Schofield due to health reasons and Councillor Willcocks due to a work commitment.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Holt took the opportunity to give thanks to everyone that had been involved and attended the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. He also thanked all members of FTC who had been involved in the Fleet Christmas Festival and noted that it had been a successful and well attended event.

Councillor Holt shared with members that FTC had won the award for Best Use of Social Media in Engagement from Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Award 2021. This award was won for the production of an update video for the Fleet Town Residents, filmed and produced in May 2021.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members received and approved as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021. The Chairman signed the minutes.

The Council received and noted the minutes of the following Committees:

RLA	15 th September 2021
Policy & Finance (Extraordinary)	15 th November 2021
Development Control	25 th October 2021 & 8 th November 2021

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 5 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Members considered and discussed the 2022-2023 budget and precept as recommended by Policy & Finance Committee following their meeting in November. Members discussed that although the precept is to be raised by 4% in line with the current cost of living increase, the cost of living may well continue to increase further in 2022 with the Bank of England currently forecasting 5% in the spring.

A 4% precept increase plus new properties occupied during the year means that the precept will be set at £1,145,840.00 for the financial year 2022-2023, which would still have a shortfall of £81,000.00 to be taken from general reserves. Concern was raised regarding raising the precept for 2022-2023, with a view that any shortfall should be made up from the Harlington reserve fund.

RESOLVED

- To approve the 2022-2023 Budget.
- That the precept be set at £1,145,840 for the financial year 2022-2023.
- That any budget deficit be balanced from General Reserves.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 6 FINANCIAL MONITORING

Members received and noted the following:

1. a. The bank reconciliation for October 2021
b. The list of receipts for October 2021
c. The list of payments for October 2021
2. Councillor Robinson confirmed that the bank statements match the reconciliation and he has signed the bank statements and payment schedules.

RESOLVED

Members accepted and approved into the minutes:

1. a. The bank reconciliation for October 2021
b. The list of receipts for October 2021
c. The list of payments for October 2021
2. Councillor Robinson's confirmation that the bank reconciliation for October 2021 equals zero, and the bank statements match the reconciliation.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 7 FLEET TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (FTFC) - REVIEW OF RENT

Members were reminded that at the March 2021 Council Meeting, following a request from Fleet Town Football Club to waive their rent, it was agreed that their rental charges would be waived for the financial year 2020/2021. Rent has not been charged by FTC since then. Members noted that as of September 2021, the football season has resumed and FTFC is now again seeking an extended lease to enable them to obtain grants.

Members considered the following:

- FTFC currently has a budget, which includes provision for rent and rates.
- FTC charge FTFC rent of £500.00 a quarter.
- The rent charged is a community rent and is calculated based on FTFC being semi-commercial.

- FTFC is now generating income from match takings and hospitality, therefore rent can be paid.
- Councillors Woods and Oliver to attend a meeting at FTFC on Monday 6th December 2021 regarding the lease and will report back to Council in January 2022.

It was suggested that if any financial reports or papers are available from FTFC, it would be helpful to circulate to FTC members prior to a meeting where a discussion regarding finances is included.

Members **RESOLVED** that

Fleet Town Football Club should resume paying their quarterly rent from 1st October 2021.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 8 HDC CONSULTATION ON A COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE

Members considered and noted that HDC is proposing to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a charge on new development used to help fund infrastructure to support development in the area. Members noted that HDC is running a consultation from Friday 5th November until 5pm Friday 17th December 2021 and a response to this can be from FTC and from individuals.

Members proposed and agreed that the Planning and Development Control Committee discuss and determine a response on behalf of FTC. This is to be in addition to any submissions by individual Councillors.

Members **RESOLVED** that

the Planning and Development Control Committee discuss and determine a response to the consultation, to be submitted before Friday 17th December 2021.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 9 COMPLAINTS

Members noted that no complaints had been recorded since the last meeting.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 10 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Members received and noted an update from the Town Clerk. The following matters were raised:

- **Action Day.** This was held on Saturday 13th November 2021.
- **Vaccination Centre.** The vaccination centre is now set up in the coffee shop, due to the auditorium being used for pantomime.
- **Chairman's Coffee Mornings.** Pondtail Ward 29.01.2022 and Calthorpe Ward 19.02.2022.
- **Cemetery Extension.** The tender document is now live on Contract finder.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 11 HCC/HDC

Councillor Butcher reported from HDC:

- **Speed Indicator Displays (SIDS).** Thanks were given to the Town Clerk and Facilities Manager for their hard work in getting the SIDS deployed and working.
- **Community Safety Police Offer (CSPO).** The new CSPO Sam Page is regularly patrolling on foot across the area and has been doing great work across Fleet and Church Crookham making a great impact.

- **Fleet Market.** The informal working group has met and includes two members of FTC, one member of Fleet BID, one HDC Councillor and one HCC Councillor. The WG is currently focussing on an end to end plan to cover a long term vision.

Councillor Forster reported:

- **Hampshire Music Service.** The local schools are holding a concert on 2nd December 2021 at The Key in Elvetham Heath.
- **Hartland Village.** The proposed new primary school is based on 400 homes being built at Hartland and this is currently running a year behind schedule, which will impact on the school being built.
- **Hareshill Development.** A new planning application has been submitted due to an increase in the number of properties being built. Issues have been raised regarding additional contributions to the infrastructure and highways.
- **Hitches Lane.** Two additional crossings to be built.
- **Vaccinations.** The centre is restricting vaccinations to GU51 and GU52 residents only.
- **Highways.** Safety critical issues are being dealt with first. Any issues to be reported on the Hampshire Highways website.

Councillor Collet updated members with the following from HCC:

- **Transport Plan.** HCC are preparing a plan, looking at all aspects of transport for the next five years.
- **School Crossing Patrols.** This service has not been cut from the budget.
- **Grit Boxes.** All boxes should have been filled with salt.

Councillor Oliver reported:

- **Jubilee Fund.** This fund has been created to allow residents of HDC to apply for grants of £1000.00 per ward to help with celebrations for the Queen's 70th Jubilee in 2022.

Councillor Wildsmith also reported:

- **Licensed Premises.** Any concerns over licensed premises to be reported to the Council and not just the police.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 19.00 in the Harlington.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

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.

FC Dec 2021 ITEM 13

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

To receive, consider and determine details of two contractual matters.

RESOLVED

- a. To approve the draft contract.
- b. To determine a way forward.