

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a General Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Fulford, Hale, Lewendon, Shering, (A) Wilson & (G) Wilson

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

HCC Cllr Heron

NFDC Cllr R Bellows

NFDC Cllr A Sevier

#### 1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Paton, Price & Perkins.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from:

Cllrs Adams – agenda item 8, payment of accounts.

#### 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr (G) Wilson that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

There were no matters arising.

#### 4. To receive a report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder

No police were present.

#### 5. To receive a report from the Town Mayor.

Cllr Connolly had attended the following during March:

1<sup>st</sup> – Together with Cllr Fulford and the Town Clerk attended the HALC Annual Conference at Havant.

13<sup>th</sup> – chaired the Police Liaison Meeting at the Town Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> – with the Town Clerk, attended the NFALC meeting at Lymington

25<sup>th</sup> attended the NFDC Civic Service at Lyndhurst and the Verwood Civic Service in Verwood.

29<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Fordingbridge Lunch Club and then judged the Easter Bonnet competition at Stepping Stones.

#### 6. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron reported that HCC Health & Scrutiny Committee are monitoring the X-ray service provision at Fordingbridge Hospital as they recognise it is a very important service and saving the services at the hospital is of paramount importance. Members AGREED to write to Cllr Heron with their support.

The Youth Workers based at Avonway have left. HCC are reviewing the Youth Service and it will be provided where need is greatest.

#### 7. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows reported that the police have asked for a licence review of the Fordingbridge Club. The licence was suspended on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and has since lapsed.

*Cllrs Heron, Bellows and Sevier left the meeting.*

**8. To receive details of Monies collected and payment of accounts**

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the details of monies collected be accepted. All in favour. Carried.

**9. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Noted by Members.

**10. To confirm the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and any matters arising**

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr Fulford that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

Matters arising:

The table tennis table will be sited on the Recreation Ground next to the basketball court.

Rugby – it was AGREED that any further rugby matches be played on the Brownsey's Field only until the end of the season to allow the other pitch to rest and the programme of summer maintenance start.

**11. To confirm the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and any matters arising**

It was proposed by Cllr (G) Wilson and seconded by Cllr Hale that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

There were no matters arising:

**12. To confirm the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and any matters arising**

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Lewendon that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

Matters arising:

VIC Lease - Cllr Adams advised that he had spoken to the owner of the building, Mr G Downer who had advised that he would accept a 1 year lease from the Council rather than the 3 years lease which had been taken out previously. It was AGREED to let the Council Solicitor look at the current lease and make amendments as fit.

Discussions were continuing with NFDC as to arrangements for sharing the building with their information service which was re-locating from Provost Street. The Clerk to provide costings for members.

**13. To report on any Health & Safety issues**

Cllr Anstey reported that repairs had been carried out to the Skate Park in time for the Skate Festival on 29<sup>th</sup> April. He will review the risk assessment this week.

Riverbank at Recreation Ground – Cllr Anstey advised that the riverbank appears unstable in several places and vegetation should not be removed unnecessarily, only trees need to be pruned.

**Public Session**

No public in attendance.

**14. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended**

Cllr Lewendon attended the Fordingbridge Hospital Stakeholders meeting. Work is continuing on Ford Ward 1 bay at a time so that the ward can remain open. The heating and kitchen work will be completed by the end of the summer. Quotes have been received for CCTV on the old building because of vandalism. Car Park charges will be introduced. An award has been given to the ward for a whole year without any patient having pressure sores. The patient environment audit was considered excellent.

Cllrs Anstey attended a SAG meeting at NFDC, Lyndhurst to discuss the temporary premises notice for the Picnic in the Park event on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The Licensing Officer Paul Weston advised that there were no issues with the application.

Cllr (A) Wilson – attended a meeting of Avonway Community Centre. £53k has been granted from the EU Leader Fund, together with £10k of lottery funding and a donations. Work was progressing on alterations and repairs to the building.

Cllrs (G) Wilson - attended the Fordingbridge Practice Patient Group meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March which 65 members of the public were in attendance.

**15. To note any items of correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**16. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business**

Memorial to Cllr Jean Willis – the Mayor advised that a tree planting ceremony in memory of the late Cllr Jean Willis will take place at 6.30 pm at the Memorial Gardens on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 prior to the Annual meeting.

**17. To note the date of the Annual Council Meeting as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012.**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm