

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th May 2015 in the Town Hall

(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Price, Lewendon, Paton, Anstey, Fulford, Wilson, Earth, Hale & Perkins

In Attendance:

Miss D Vine, Asst Town Clerk

Mrs Susan Bailey

1. To elect the Town Mayor for the forthcoming year

Cllr A Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Connolly be elected as Town Mayor for the forthcoming year. All present voted in favour.

2. To elect the Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Anstey be elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year. All present voted in favour.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A Sevier, New Forest DC.

4. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations received.

Cllr Paton entered the meeting

5. To receive an application for co-option as a member of the Town Council

The Chairman then invited Mrs Susan Bailey to give a presentation to Members to introduce herself and explain why she wanted to be a member of the Council. Following the presentation Members asked questions before moving to a proposal.

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Mrs Susan Bailey be co-opted onto the Town Council.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bailey for her application and welcomed Mrs Bailey onto the Council.

6. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No members of the public present.

7. To confirm the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2016 and report any matters arising.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and it was therefore **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2016 be signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute No 6 – To receive a report from the Town Mayor – Cllr Connolly advised that he still needed to submit his report.

8. Review of delegation arrangements to committee, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities.

Item deferred to Finance & Policy Committee on 1st June 2016.

9. To elect membership of the following Committees

- Amenities Committee (5 + Chairman & Vice Chairman)
- Finance & Policy Committee (Full Council)
- General Purposes (5 + Chairman & Vice Chairman)
- Planning Committee (Full Council)
- Staff & Remuneration (3 + Chairman & Vice Chairman)

Cllr Perkins proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED**: that Committee membership remain as previous membership with the addition of Cllr Bailey to sit on the General Purposes Committee.

Draft proposals for re-structuring the Committees had been forwarded to Members and would be discussed at the next Finance and Policy Meeting on the 1st June 2016.

10. To confirm representatives of the following outside bodies and agree arrangements for reporting back :

Cllr Adams proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the following outside bodies were represented by the following Members:

Avonway Executive	Vacancy
Citizens Advice Bureau	Vacancy
Burgate School Community Management	Cllr. R. Fulford
Footpath Officer	Ruth Croker
Fordingbridge Hospital Stakeholder Group	Cllr Lewendon
Fordingbridge Sports Club	Cllr. P Anstey
Fordingbridge Tourism Group	Cllr. M. Adams
FCAVG	Cllr E. Hale
HALC	Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford
NFATPC	Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford
N F Consultative Panel	Vacancy
NPA Quadrant meetings	Cllr M Connolly
Passenger Transport	Cllr A. Lewendon & Cllr D Price
Twinning Association	Cllr Earth
Victoria Rooms Committee	Cllr. E. Hale

Youth Action Group

Cllr. D. Paton & Cllr M Connolly

11. Review of Council's membership of other bodies.

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and was therefore **RESOLVED**: that the existing memberships should be continued. These are:

- Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
- New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC)

12. Setting the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year ahead

The calendar of meetings has already been set until December 2016. New dates will be set later in the year. Members were reminded of the change to the dates of the next General Council Meeting and Finance & Policy Meeting which would now be on Wednesday 25th May and Wednesday 1st June 2016 respectively.

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

A report was submitted from the Neighbourhood policing Team.

	April 2016
Anti-Social Behaviour	7
Violence Against the Person	9
Dwelling Burglary	0
Burglary Other than Dwelling	4
Damage	1
Theft	4
Theft from Motor Vehicles	3
Suspicious Incidents	6

It was noted that a new PCC had been elected, Michael Lane.

14. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

16/4 – Meeting with Fordingbridge Turks.

20/4 – Burgate School – formation of a forum to support stress.

22/4 – Westacre Residents – speeding issues on Normandy Way. Arranging a meeting with Cllr Heron and Police.

28/4 – Twinning Association - Presented certificates to pupils from local schools for entries in a Competition "Present for an Immigrant".

15. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron not present.

16. To receive a report from the District Councillors

District Councillors not present.

17. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:

- Finance & Policy Committee – 27th April 2016 - Cllr Connolly
- Planning Committee – 4th May 2016 – Cllr Hale

It was noted that the date of the Planning Committee Meeting was shown incorrectly as the 5th May 2016. Asst Clerk to amend.

There were no recommendations to General Council.

18. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Nothing to report.

19. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended.Cllr FulfordBurgate School Community Management

Clerk, Chair, 2 Governors and Cllr Fulford present. New Clerk, Gaynor Storey appointed to oversee projects.

Lettings for use of community facilities has increased. Hire costs to remain the same.

Consideration being given to facilitating Further Education courses following Brockenhurst College decision to withdraw from provision of these in conjunction with Ringwood.

Parents sent questionnaire asking what they would like the school to offer in terms of community – 10% response.

Re-introduction of a house system based on local heroes. Suggestions required.

Clean for the Queen – Would like to make a clean up an annual event.

WW1 & Trench Project – Grant request made to Heritage Lottery Fund for the trench and an exhibition centre. Planned performance of Oh! What a Lovely War in collaboration with Forest Edge. Project to run until 2018.

Cllr Earth

28/4 – Twinning AGM. 195 entries to the Youth Competition. Phillippa Duckworth stepping down as Secretary.

Cllr Hale

22/4 – Victoria Rooms AGM – Heavy rain causing flooding on the road outside is a concern as it affects the building when water is pushed up the brickwork.

Cllr Anstey

11/4 – Meeting with Rugby Club and Football Club.

25/4 – Meeting with Keith Kent, Head Groundsman at Twickenham.

26/4 – Attended Leadership Course, Lyndhurst

Attended Ellingham Harbridge & Ibsley Annual Parish Meeting

30/4 – Assisted with planting in the Memorial Ground.

7/5 - Attended Macmillan Charity Event held by the Rugby and Football Clubs. £1,200 raised.

8/5 - Attended Inter Counties Ladies rugby match at the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Paton

9/5 – Youth Action Meeting – Youth Club running well.

Cllr Lewendon

19/4 New Forest Transport Forum – Bus Bill before Parliament which was unknown to delegates! Deregulation would be abolished and a system of area franchises introduced which links with the Government's plans to devolve power to local councils in particular those with locally elected Mayors. The aims of the Bill are to improve local bus services, allow people to make decisions about local services and provide local authorities and elected Mayors with a more effective tool kit to ensure improvements in their area. It will not give powers to take operators assets. It is an enabling bill so will not be imposed and is unlikely to impact on Fordingbridge.

Wilts & Dorset Bus Company has been rebranded to More.

Hants CC – Subsidy to support X3 bus service increased to maintain the service due to decrease by Wilts CC.

Fordingbridge Taxi Share – timed to link up with the 9.25am X3 to Salisbury but this means concessionary passes cannot be used as it is before 9.30 am. No answer to this problem given.

20. To not any items of correspondence

None

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

Cllr Adams commented on how nice the newly planted beds in the Memorial Garden looked. There was a general discussion on the need to improve the appearance of the Memorial Gardens.

Cllr Anstey asked that the report and estimate received from Ringwood Town Council's Groundsman in respect of pitch maintenance be sent to the Rugby Club.

22. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 25th May 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm