

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a General Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber

**Present:**

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

**In attendance:**

NFDC Cllr Bellows

NFDC Cllr Sevier

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

Ms D Vine, Assistant Clerk

Mr A Gordon

**1. To elect the Town Mayor for the forthcoming year**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Paton **seconded** by Cllr Fulford that Cllr Connolly be elected as Mayor for the forthcoming year. All in favour, Carried.

**2. To elect the Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Connolly and **seconded** by Cllr Lewendon that Cllr Price be elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year. All in favour, Carried.

**3. Apologies**

There were apologies from Cllr Price and HCC Cllr Heron.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Public Session**

Cllr Bellows advised that the footpath proposed in Bartons Road will be removed from the new NFDC Development Plan as it is not possible to achieve.

**6. To confirm the minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and to report on any matters arising**

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr (G) Wilson that the minutes be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

*Cllr Perkins entered the meeting.*

Matters arising:

VIC Lease – the lease is now ready to be signed when received from Jacksons Solicitors.

Skate Festival – this will now take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Fordingbridge Hospital, Ford Ward – Cllr Lewendon reported that it is hoped the alterations can be done one bay at a time to prevent the hospital being closed while work is carried out.

Tree Planting – Prior to this meeting a rowan tree was dedicated in the Memorial Gardens in memory of the late Cllr Jean Willis.

**7. To of delegation arrangements to committees, sub committees, employees and other local authorities**

The Clerk advised that currently there were no delegation arrangements but it was an option for members to consider when determining new functions or reviewing current functions carried out by the Council.

**8. To review the terms of reference of committees**

It was AGREED that this agenda item be discussed at the next Finance & Policy Committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**9. To elect membership of the following Committees and Committee Chairmen**

Amenities Committee

It was **proposed** by Cllr Fulford and **seconded** by Cllr Perkins that the following members be elected to the Amenities Committee for the forthcoming year:

Cllr. P Anstey

Cllr. R Fulford

Cllr. A Lewendon

Cllr. D. Paton

Cllr. B. Perkins

Cllr. M. Connolly ) ex-

Cllr. D. Price ) officio

All in favour, Carried.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Perkins and **seconded** by Cllr Fulford that Cllr Paton be Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the forthcoming year. All in favour, Carried.

Finance & Policy Committee

All members of the Council sit on the Finance & Policy Committee

It was **proposed** by Cllr Perkins and **seconded** by Cllr Paton that Cllr Adams be Chairman of the Finance & Policy Committee for the forthcoming year. All in favour, Carried.

General Purposes Committee

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hale and **seconded** by Cllr Adams that the following members be elected to the General Purposes Committee for the forthcoming year:

Cllr. M Adams

Cllr. E Hale

Cllr C Shering

Cllr. (A) Wilson

Cllr (G) Wilson

Cllr. M Connolly ) ex-

Cllr. D Price ) officio

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hale and **seconded** by Cllr Adams that Cllr (G) Wilson be Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the forthcoming year. All in favour, Carried.

Planning Committee

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All members of the Council sit on the Planning Committee.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hale and **seconded** by Cllr (A) Wilson that Cllr Fulford be Chairman of the Planning Committee for the forthcoming year. All in favour, Carried.

#### Staff & Remuneration Committee

It was **proposed** by Cllr (A) Wilson and **seconded** by Cllr Lewendon that the following members be elected to the Staff & Remuneration Committee for the forthcoming year:

Cllr Connolly, Cllr Adams, Cllr Fulford & Cllr Price.

#### **10. To confirm representatives of the following outside bodies:**

It was agreed the following members represent the Council on outside bodies for the forthcoming year:

- Avonway Executive	Cllr. A Wilson
- Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr. G. Wilson
- 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	Cllr. M. Adams
- Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital	Cllr. C Shering
- FCAVG	Cllr Hale
- NFATPC	Cllr. R Fulford & Cllr M Connolly
- N F Consultative Panel	Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford
- NPA Quadrant meetings	Cllr M Connolly
- Passenger Transport	Cllrs. Lewendon & Cllr Price
- Twinning Association	Cllr. G. Wilson
- Victoria Rooms Committee	Cllr. G. Wilson
- Youth Action Group	Cllr. D. Paton

#### **11. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment.**

Members noted the information. No changes were proposed.

#### **12. Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks.**

Members noted and agreed the current insurance cover.

#### **13. Review of the Council's membership of other bodies**

Members noted the Council's membership of Hampshire Association of Town & Parish Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

#### **14. To agreed the dates & times of forthcoming Council meetings**

It was AGREED that, in the forthcoming year, meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall with the exception of the Staff & Remuneration Committee meetings which will take place as deemed necessary by members of that Committee.

#### **8. To note the date of the next Council meeting as Wednesday, 6th June 2012**

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.