

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council Meeting held on 4th July 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

HCC Cllr Heron

NFDC Cllrs R Bellows & A Sevier

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Perkins, Price, Shering & (A) Wilson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 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 4th July 2012 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

Matters arising:

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.

The Mayor attended the following events:

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| 1 st June | Invited to open the new Jubilee Bar at Avonway Community Centre.
Visited Glynn Court, Fordingbridge and met with residents |
| 2 nd June | Attended the Twinning Reception in the Town Hall and the Party in the Park to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in the evening. |
| 3 rd June | Attended the 350 th Anniversary celebrations of the United Reformed Church
Attended the Burgate School Diamond Jubilee celebrations |
| 6 th June | Presented a cheque from the Fordingbridge Camera Club to Avonway Community Centre. |
| 25 th June | Attended the New Forest NPA Quadrant meeting at the Town Hall. |

6. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron had nothing to report.

The Clerk confirmed that the Skatepark Light Planning application had been received by New Forest District Council and was being processed. It was planned to have the light in place by the autumn.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllrs Bellows & Sevier had nothing to report.

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

Planning Committee minutes held on 13th June 2012. - It was RESOLVED that these minutes be received.

Finance & Policy Committee held on 27th June 2012 - It was RESOLVED that these minutes be received.

The Finance & Policy Committee made a recommendation to General Council that up to £17k be made available to gain planning permission for the proposed new Sports Club & Pavilion building.

The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Alton Town Council who had previously used Michael Weakley Associates to carry out two similar projects at Alton. They had been very happy with the service provided by the company.

It was proposed by Cllrs Adams and seconded by Cllr Lewendon that that up to £17k be made available to gain planning permission for the proposed new Sports Club & Pavilion building and that Michael Weakley Associates be engaged to manage the project. All in favour, Carried.

9. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Insurance Claim – the Clerk told members that Zurich Municipal had advised that the insurance claim should be settled. The Clerk to enquire as to how the claim amount is made up. It was AGREED that Zurich Municipal be instructed to settle the claim.

Cllr Paton strongly expressed her view that a recorded inspection regime be put in place for street furniture and playground equipment should any further claims be made.

The Clerk to report back on the Inspection regime put in place at the next Amenities meeting.

Public Session

No public in attendance.

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

Cllr Fulford – attended the Burgate Community Partnership meeting. Sandy Balls Estate are sponsoring the publication of the new prospectus booklet. The Burgate 6th Form received an 'outstanding' qualification from OFSTED. They are working to maintain good relationships with neighbours and reducing hedge sizes in order to prevent noisy children gathering.

A campaign is being launched to get more community involvement in the new Sports Hall project.

An additional £3k was made on community lettings.

Children's Centre – Rosie Wilcox the Centre Co-Ordinator has been given a guaranteed contract.

Cllr (G) Wilson advised that there will be a cheese & wine evening at the Twinning AGM next week.

Local Farmers Market at Sandy Balls – there has been a request from some elderly people without transport that it be provided to take them to the Farmers Market at Sandy Balls. Members suggested asking Sandy Balls if they could provide a transport link to Fordingbridge when the market takes place.

Cllr Hale – attended the New Forest National Park Quadrant meeting.

Cllr Lewendon - attended the Southern Health NHS Stakeholders Group which will now meet monthly. The Clinical Commissioning Group's preferred option for the re-siting of the X- Ray Dept is the Arch Clinic for 2 days per week. It will remain in the old building until December 2012.

Cllr Adams reported that the door of the VIC building will be replaced by the landlord.

11. To note any items of correspondence

Rugby Club – A request was heard to pay for engineering assistance in setting up the new rugby posts at a cost of £135.00. It was AGREED to pay this.

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

Replacement Office Photocopier – Cllr Adams advised that the photocopier contract was being renewed which would make greater savings on colour copies.

Disability & Transport Forum – The Mayor advised that the first meeting of this new Committee would take place on 15th August at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. The Terms of Reference for this new committee would be brought to the Finance & Policy meeting at the end of July.

13. To note the date of next General Council Meeting as Wednesday 1st August 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm