

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Buchanan, Fulford, Hale, Lewendon, Paton, Perkins, Price & (A) Wilson

In attendance:

HCC Cllr Heron

NFDC Cllr Sevier

NFDC Cllr Bellows

Ms V Eden, Clerk to Sandheath PC

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr (G) Wilson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the General Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September and any matters arising.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkins and seconded by Cllr Fulford and **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2013 be signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

The Mayor received a letter of thanks from the Moto Guzzi Club following their residential weekend on the Recreation Ground at the end of August. They indicated that they would like to book for the same weekend next year.

Kerbside Glass collections – Cllr Lewendon asked why only certain properties were currently receiving this. Cllr Heron explained that the system was being phased in gradually determined by the round. Although patchy at the moment soon all the parish would be in receipt of a collection.

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

No public present.

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

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Sgt Towler who acknowledged that it was useful to attend the General Council meetings and he would endeavour to send a members of the safer Neighbourhood Team to future meeting.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

15.9 – Attended the Battle Of Britain Memorial Church Service

16.9 – attended the quarterly NPA Quadrant meeting in the Town Hall

21.9 – attended the RAF Association Annual dinner

Throughout the month had attended and chaired several meetings concerning the Christmas lights.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron reported:

Transport Committee – a speed and traffic volume survey will take place in Fordingbridge during November which will monitor the type of vehicle, speed and traffic flows.

Cllr Heron agreed to look at the old signage and road markings throughout the town with a members from the Disability Access Committee and Transport Committee.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier reported:

The applicants of the site at Marl Lane have appealed to the decision to refuse planning permission. Cllr Sevier suggested that the Town Council write with their objections to the Planning Inspector. This is an agenda item at the next Planning Committee meeting on the 9th October.

Cllr Bellows reported:

That the Friday Night Hub (Youth Club) meetings at Avonway were very successful and well attended. Some of the youngsters were attending the Youth Action Group meetings. The Rotary Club have given much support to the Hub.

Events are being planned by TUFF for Halloween (31st Oct) to keep youngsters occupied. The Wednesday Night and Friday Night Hub are holding discos that week.

Cllrs Heron, Sevier and Bellows left the meeting.

9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein:

Disability Access Committee – **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2013 be received.

Planning Committee – **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2013 be received.

General Purposes Meeting – **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2013 be received.

Amenities Meeting – **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2013 be received.

Finance & Policy Committee – **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2013 be received.

There were no recommendations.

10. To report on any Health & Safety Issues

Cllr Anstey reported that he and the Finance Officer attended the Local Council Advisory Service seminar run by Zurich Insurance which was very useful. Advice included local councils being responsible for monitoring the repairs that are carried out by contractors.

It was agreed that initial risk assessments for the Workshop, information Office and Town Hall Office will be carried out by staff by the beginning of November.

Portable electrical testing needs to be carried out in all the Town Council premises in order to have a base reference in case of an insurance claim. The Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Buchanan expressed concern at the amount of garden waste and other waste which has been fly tipped at the back of Falconwood Close and Vimoutiers Court, near to Sweatfords Water. The Clerk to advise NFDC and the Environment Agency.

11. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies and meetings attended

Cllr (A) Wilson – attended the Avonway Management committee meeting which has a new Chairman, Chris Caulder. A decision has been made to pay the money given by HCC towards Youth Projects to 'It's Your Choice'.

Cllr Hale – attended a Victoria Room Trustee meeting on the 5th September. There have been further new bookings and Western Downlands School are holding their pantomime at the Hall. The Main Hall is being decorated in January.

The FCG AGM was held on 24th September

Cllr Anstey – attended the Rugby Club Dinner on 7th September to thank the volunteers who help the Club which has over 70 volunteers.

On 29th September (Sunday) the Recreation Ground was very busy with 150 cars, 180 adults watching and 100 youths playing and training. An example of how much the Ground is used and the wear and tear that occurs during a 'normal' weekend.

Cllr Connolly – reported on the proposed new Sports Facility. Members agreed that the architect Michael Weakley can now apply for planning permission. Applications for funding can now start.

Late Night Shopping – following a meeting of traders and town organisations it was agreed that the date for 'Christmas in Fordingbridge' will be Friday 29th November.

Cllr Connolly advised members that the Visitor Information Office is continuing to be a resounding success due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the two staff.

12. To note any items of correspondence

Nothing to note.

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

Nothing to report.

14. To note the date of the next General Council Meeting as Wednesday 6th November 2013

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.