

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

#### **Present:**

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

#### **In attendance:**

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

HCC Cllr E Heron

NFDC Cllr R Bellows

NFDC Cllr Sevier

#### **1. Apologies**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Fulford and Cllr Price.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and report on any matters arising**

**It was proposed by Cllr (G) Wilson and seconded by Cllr Paton and RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be signed as a true record after the following correction:

Item 9, para 1: The latest bus will depart *Ringwood* at 6.42pm.

#### Matters arising

The X3 Bus service – a submission to both HCC and WCC has been sent from the Town Council, regarding the plans to reduce the service. Bournemouth University responded to Cllr Lewendon's request for information and it was clear that there are students who will need to miss late afternoon lectures to catch the bus or be stranded in Bournemouth.

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

No members of the public present.

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

No police were present. A Police Liaison meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

#### **6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor.**

10<sup>th</sup> June – attended the Youth Steering Group meeting and then an NPA Quadrant meeting at the Town Hall.

18<sup>th</sup> June – attended a Fordingbridge Rotary Club dinner to receive a cheque for the skate park lighting.

21<sup>st</sup> June – visited Fordingbridge Infant School

#### **7. To receive a report from the County Councillor.**

Cllr Heron reported that further works were taking place in Green Lane to remedy previous problems and the road was being re-surfaced.

X3 bus service – Cllr Heron considered that it was unlikely that HCC would contribute or pay the subsidy but he would lobby for them to do so.

Cllr (G) Wilson thanked Cllr Heron for the swift response from HCC Highways to repair the crossing beacon in the High Street after it was hit by a van.

#### **8. To receive a report from the District Councillors**

Cllr Sevier reported the fly tipped rubbish associated with the traveller site in Marl Lane has now been removed by the occupants. Members of the public are being advised to send comments regarding the planning application recently submitted for development on the site to Development Control, NFDC.

Cllr Bellows reported that the first stage of the kerbside collections has taken place with up to 80% of households taking part.

#### **9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:**

Planning Committee – Resolved: that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.

Disability Access Committee – Resolved: that the minutes of the Disability Access Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be received.

Finance & Policy Committee – Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> June be received.

#### **10. To discuss the Town Council provision of hanging baskets throughout the town.**

Because there has been less take up of baskets by local businesses, the Business Forum needs a further £750 to balance the budget on hanging baskets and planters throughout the town. Although the cost of the baskets were reduced, several businesses still did not order baskets this year.

Following an appeal by the Mayor in the Journal newspaper £880 has been received in public donations towards the baskets.

**It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Perkins and RESOLVED:** that £750 of the money donated be spent on clearing the deficit.

Members agreed that at the end of the season the system needed to be discussed to determine the options for next year.

#### **11. To discuss a proposal for funding a Skate Festival at the Recreation Ground.**

The Clerk advised that she was waiting for the Insurance Company to advise whether the Town Council insurance would cover the event or if an addition to the policy was required.

HCC Cllr Heron and Cllr Sevier and Cllr Bellows offered to donate towards the cost of the event. The Clerk to liaise.

Cllr Connolly will meet with Mr Ames, organiser to discuss.

#### **12. To report on any Health & Safety issues**

The Lifebuoy has arrived and will be replaced at the Recreation Ground.

#### **13. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies**

Cllr Anstey – attended a Sports Facility Steering Group at the Recreation Ground on 7<sup>th</sup> June where funding for the Sports facility was discussed.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July he attended at Groundsman's event in Southampton where Twickenham Head Groundsman, Keith Kent, was presenting various methods of grounds maintenance

Cllr Hale – reported that the Conservation Group was struggling to get new members.

Cllr Robbins – attended a meeting of Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital where the future of the buildings were discussed. A buyer is interested in purchasing some of the buildings for residential use. A coffee morning is planned for 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr (G) Wilson attended the Forest Forge production of 'Falling for You' in the Town Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> June which she said was excellent. It was written by referencing reminiscences of the elderly in Fordingbridge.

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

Noting to report

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

Nothing to report

**16. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.