

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 1 November 2006.

Attendance:

Councillor Nelmes (The Mayor in the Chair) (P)

Councillors:

Allgood (P)	Johnston
Anthony (P)	Learney (P)
Baxter (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Beckett (P)	Love (P)
Bennetts (P)	Macmillan (P)
Berry (P)	Mather (P)
Beveridge (P)	Maynard (P)
Busher (P)	Merritt (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Nunn (P)
Chapman (P)	Pearce (P)
Clohosey (P)	Pearson (P)
Coates (P)	Pines (P)
Collin (P)	Quar (P)
Cook (P)	Read (P)
Cooper (P)	Rees (P)
de Peyer (P)	Ruffell (P)
Evans (P)	Saunders (P)
Godfrey (P)	Spender (P)
Goodall (P)	Stallard (P)
Hammerton (P)	Stephens (P)
Higgins	Sutton(P)
Hiscock (P)	Tait (P)
Hollingbery (P)	Verney (P)
Howell (P)	Wagner (P)
Huxstep (P)	Weston (P)
Izard (P)	Wood (P)
Jackson (P)	Worrall (P)
Jeffer (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2006 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported with regret the death of the eldest son of Councillor Cooper, Anthony, who was only 29 when he died unexpectedly in late September. She reported that Councillor Cooper would like to thank formally the very many Members

and officers who had shown him a great deal of sympathy and understanding, during an extremely difficult time for him and his immediate family. The Mayor confirmed that she wrote to Councillor Cooper at the time, both personally and on behalf of the Council, to express condolences.

Members unanimously endorsed the actions of the Mayor in this matter.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported that the Local Government Minister (Mr Phil Woolas) had chosen the Winchester District to launch the Local Government White Paper, which set out a number of proposals which could have a significant effect on the way all local authorities worked in the future. The Minister attended at the offices of New Alresford Town Council to study the 'HUB' pilot project as part of his visit. He also visited the City Council's hostel accommodation in Sussex Street, Winchester. Further details regarding the White Paper would appear in the next Member's Briefing Note.

The Leader then referred to the success of the Winchester District in being named the best place to live by the Channel Four programme 'The Best and Worst Places to Live in Britain'.

4. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14(2)(b)**

1. Negotiations regarding a Possible Future Site for Whiteley School

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett answered a question from a Councillor Sutton.

2. Winchester in Bloom Group – Future Funding

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Wagner.

3. Park and Ride – Progress of Possible Site to the South of Winchester

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

4. Relocation of Hyde Historic Resources Centre

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport, Councillor Stallard, answered a question from Councillor Spender.

5. Emergency Planning – Current State of the Council's Preparedness

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Wagner.

6. Progress on Knowle Community Building

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Evans.

7. Traffic Flow in Parchment Street, Winchester

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Jackson.

8. Possible Ban on the Private Sale and Use of Fireworks

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Wagner.

9. Resignation of Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Learney.

10. Resignation of Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Bennetts.

11. Claims Made for Business Rate Relief

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

12. Publication of Sustainability CPA Review

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Wagner.

5. **PETITIONS**

The Mayor reported that one petition had been received, with 1,194 signatures, seeking traffic calming measures for the Stanmore Estate, Winchester.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mrs M Woodhouse (resident of Battery Hill, Stanmore and lead petitioner) addressed the meeting and highlighted the following key points:-

- a) the campaign started because of many instances of 'joy riding' and excessive speed, which had resulted in three accidents on the estate in the past three months and many more 'near misses' during the past year.
- b) there had been considerable damage to parked vehicles caused by offending drivers failing to judge speed and distance.
- c) the vast majority of residents considered traffic speeding to be the number one problem on the estate.
- d) a temporary Speed Indicator Device installed close to the junction of Drayton Street and Battery Hill had recorded 387 vehicles travelling at over 30 miles per hour during a 30 day period.

Mrs Woodhouse concluded that the aim of the campaign was to introduce traffic calming measures on the main arterial roads into the Estate, which could include rumble strips and junction narrowing as appropriate. There should be increased signage to generate greater awareness of the speed limit, harsher enforcement and persistent offenders should be penalised. There also should be better off-road parking facilities, as this would increase visibility and widen the carriageway, thus giving the space for two vehicles to pass each other safely. Finally, a reduction in the speed limit to 20 miles per hour would be a major safety improvement.

Mrs Woodhouse then presented the petition to the Mayor.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Woodhouse for her statement and invited her to remain, as the Council would now have a discussion about the matters she had raised.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(6), the Council had a general discussion about the above. Whilst Members sympathised with the situation in Stanmore, some pointed out that there were many other areas across the District which could equally benefit from detailed investigation, leading to traffic calming measures and a possible reduction in the speed limit. They also pointed out that all the issues raised were ultimately the responsibility of the County Council as Highway Authority, which had shown some reluctance in the past to introduce certain measures, such as 20mph speed limits.

However, whilst accepting the widespread nature of the problems, other Members applauded the time and trouble taken by the petitioner to bring this matter to Council. They considered that such community spirited action deserved to be recognised in terms of some priority for Stanmore, should the Council be able to agree with the County Council a programme of action.

In conclusion, it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee, with the comment that all efforts be made to persuade the County Council to consider increased traffic calming measures in the District, with the Stanmore Estate featuring in the first tranche of any agreed programme of works.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Planning Development Control Committee – 6 July 2006

The Constitution – Update and Revision – Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions – Planning Development Control (Viewing) Sub Committee.

The Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee, Councillor Jeffs, moved that Recommended Minute 163 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 163 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 26 July 2006

Capital Strategy and Programme 2006

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 282 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 282 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 September 2006

Budget Monitoring and Efficiencies Overview to July 2006

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 349 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 349 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 September 2006

Minor Amendments to the Constitution

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 351 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 351 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 September 2006

Minor Amendments to the Terms of Reference of Scrutiny Panels

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 352 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 352 be approved and adopted.

The Mayor informed Council that the Recommended Minutes arising from the meeting of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, held on 24 October 2006, were set out in Report CL41, which had been circulated with a Supplementary Agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor had decided to accept that Report onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for the Council to consider the Recommended Minutes set out therein.

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 24 October 2006

Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles – Adoption of Policy

The Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that Recommended Minute 1 of Report CL41 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the City Secretary and Solicitor being given delegated authority to amend the list of Responsible Authorities set out in the Glossary to the Policy, Recommended Minute 1 of Report CL41 relating to the Licensing and Regulation Committee be approved and adopted.

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 24 October 2006

Gambling Act 2005 – Delegation Arrangements

The Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that Recommended Minute 2 of Report CL41 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to correcting all references to the Gambling Act 2003 to state Gambling Act 2005, Recommended Minute 2 of Report CL41 relating to the Licensing and Regulation Committee be approved and adopted.

7. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14(2)(a), the Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge regarding the Statement of Community Involvement (Minute 306 from Cabinet 21 August 2006 refers)

The Council then received and noted the minutes of the following meetings:-

Planning Development Control Committee – 6 July 2006

Cabinet – 10 July 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 10 July 2006

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 12 July 2006

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 13 July 2006

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 17 April 2006

West of Waterlooville Forum – 20 July 2006

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 20 July 2006

Cabinet – 26 July 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 27 July 2006

Licensing and Regulation Committee (Special Meeting) – 7 August 2006

Cabinet – 21 August 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 24 August 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 11 September 2006

Cabinet – 13 September 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 14 September 2006

Personnel Committee – 18 September 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 5 October 2006

Cabinet – 11 October 2006

Winchester Town Forum – 12 October 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 16 October 2006

8. **APPOINTMENTS TO BODIES SET UP BY THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Wood replace Councillor Lipscomb on Cabinet and Councillor Lipscomb replace Councillor Wood on the Principal Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Development Control Committee.

2. That Councillor Bennetts replace Councillor Pearce as a Deputy Member on the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9pm.

The Mayor