

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 9 January 2008.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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| Allgood (P)     | Huxstep (P)  |
| Anthony (P)     | Izard (P)    |
| Barratt (P)     | Jackson (P)  |
| Baxter (P)      | Jeffer       |
| Beckett (P)     | Johnston (P) |
| Bell (P)        | Learney (P)  |
| Berry (P)       | Lipscomb (P) |
| Beveridge (P)   | Love (P)     |
| Biggs (P)       | Mather (P)   |
| Busher          | Maynard (P)  |
| Chamberlain (P) | Nelmes (P)   |
| Chapman (P)     | Nunn (P)     |
| Clear (P)       | Pearce (P)   |
| Coates (P)      | Pearson (P)  |
| Collin (P)      | Read (P)     |
| Cook (P)        | Ruffell (P)  |
| Cooper (P)      | Saunders (P) |
| Evans (P)       | Spender (P)  |
| Fall            | Stallard (P) |
| Godfrey (P)     | Stephens (P) |
| Goodall (P)     | Sutton (P)   |
| Hammerton (P)   | Tait (P)     |
| Hicks (P)       | Verney (P)   |
| Higgins (P)     | Wagner (P)   |
| Hiscock (P)     | Weston (P)   |
| Hollingbery (P) | Wood (P)     |
| Howell (P)      | Worrall (P)  |
| Humby (P)       | Wright (P)   |

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 31 October 2007 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor formally welcomed to the meeting Councillor Angela Clear, who had been elected for the Wickham Ward, following a by election on 22 November 2007. Councillor Clear signed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was witnessed by the Corporate Director (Governance).

The Mayor then announced that he had written, on behalf of the Council, to congratulate the following local people who had received awards in the New Years Honours List :-

Mr Brian Wareham of Winchester – awarded an OBE for services to crime prevention charities.

Mrs Vanessa Lawrence of Winchester – awarded The Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) for innovative work in geographic information, as Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey.

Professor Clair Du Boulay of Alresford – awarded an OBE for services to medicine as Postgraduate Dean at the Wessex Institute at Highcroft, Winchester.

Mr Michael O’Sullivan of Winchester– awarded a CMG in the diplomatic section of the Honours List, for promoting the UK in China.

Lt. Colonel Peter Balls – former Winchester resident who has been awarded an OBE for services to the Army.

The Council also noted that Mr Yinnon Ezra (Director of Recreation and Heritage at the County Council) was awarded an MBE for his services to local government. Mr Ezra, a resident of Stockbridge, had been responsible for the development of the Discovery Centre in Jewry Street, Winchester.

The Mayor reported that he had sent letters of condolence to the families of Mrs Jasmine Pickett and Mrs Amy Kimmance, both of whom died in tragic circumstances at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital immediately prior to Christmas.

The Mayor then formally recorded the Council’s sadness at the death of former Councillor Patricia Edwards in November 2007. Mrs Edwards was a member of the City Council from 1973 – 1996 and was Chairman of the Planning Committee for 11 years. After retirement from the Council, she continued to play a very active role in the community, including becoming Chairman of the City of Winchester Trust. Many past and present City Council colleagues attended her funeral.

The Mayor circulated a list of recipients (set out below) of the Mayor’s Awards for 2007, all of whom were congratulated by the Council for the work they undertook on behalf of the community:-

|            |                                      |                 |
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| Individual | Anne Rich                            | Winchester      |
| Individual | Brian Gerrard                        | Winchester      |
| Individual | Carol Fisher                         | Winchester      |
| Individual | Caroline Strudwick                   | Alresford       |
| Individual | Clare Cooper                         | South Wonston   |
| Individual | David & Sue Roger-Jones              | Wickham         |
| Individual | David Small                          | Wonston         |
| Group      | Bishops Waltham Community Responders | Bishops Waltham |
| Individual | David Williamson                     | Bishops Waltham |
| Individual | Denise Gerrard                       | Winchester      |
| Individual | Gareth Rees                          | Alresford       |
| Group      | Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling    | Winchester      |
| Individual | Helen Gooch                          | Alresford       |
| Group      | Brendon Nursing Trust Volunteers     | Winchester      |

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| Group      | WACA Community Transport  | Winchester      |
| Individual | June Glass  | Winchester      |
| Individual | Ken Yeldham   | Alresford       |
| Group      | The Pinder Centre Volunteers  | Alresford       |
| Group      | Theatre Royal, Winchester Volunteers  | Winchester      |
| Individual | Major Ron Cassidy   | Winchester      |
| Group      | RHCH Volunteers   | Winchester      |
| Group      | WACA Volunteers   | Winchester      |
| Group      | Age Concern Hampshire's Countrywide Information & Advice Service Volunteers | Winchester      |
| Individual | Mary Pittam   | Alresford       |
| Individual | Mr Raymond Lawes  | Southwick       |
| Individual | Mrs Christine Wright  | Curdrige        |
| Individual | Mrs Felicity Hull   | Denmead         |
| Individual | Mrs Linda Scorey  | Sparsholt       |
| Individual | Mrs Mayers  | Alresford       |
| Individual | Mrs Rosemary Kenyon   | Southwick       |
| Individual | Mrs Rosemary Short  | Curdrige        |
| Individual | Mrs Stella Neaves   | Sparsholt       |
| Individual | Mrs Violet Puddle   | Curdrige        |
| Individual | Rev. Terry Hemmings   | Winchester      |
| Group      | Shoptmobility   | Winchester      |
| Individual | Ron Merritt   | Winchester      |
| Individual | Sara Bill   | Winchester      |
| Individual | Sarah Lloyd   | Cheriton        |
| Individual | Simon Benham  | Winchester      |
| Individual | Sue Broadbent   | Winchester      |
| Individual | Sue Sadler  | Olivers Battery |
| Individual | Susan J Wells   | Wickham         |
| Individual | Sydney Dean   | Swanmore        |
| Individual | Ted Unsworth  | Twyford         |
| Individual | Terry Wilson  | Bishops Waltham |
| Individual | Vera Tribbeck   | Swanmore        |

Finally, the Mayor informed Council that, on 1 February 2008, Mr Richard Ilsley (Management Accountant in the Finance Division) would be retiring after 43 years continuous service with the City Council. Mr Ilsley was the Council's longest serving employee and Members formally recorded their appreciation for all his work over the years.

### 3. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14**

#### 1. Ward Member Consultation on Street Names

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

#### 2. Low Energy Light Bulbs

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

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

4. Concessionary Travel

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Spender.

5. Procedure for Electing the Deputy Mayor

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

6. Rodent Infestations

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

7. Romsey - Winchester Rail Link Bus Service

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Bell.

8. Spending on Newspapers and Public Relations

The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Communications, Councillor Hollingbery, answered a question from Councillor Jackson.

9. Paving in Winchester High Street

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Mather

10. Waste Collection Information relating to the Christmas Holiday Period

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

11. Performance of the Local Economy during the Christmas Period

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

12. Work of the Planning Enforcement Section

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge.

13. Proposal for Micheldever 'Eco-Town'

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

14. Planning Service – Advice to Applicants

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Sutton.

15. Staff Establishment – Posts currently subject to Vacancy Management

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

16. Cycle Parking Facilities at The Discovery Centre

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

17. Cost of Supplying and Emptying a Refuse Bin

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

18. Long Term Empty Properties in the Private Sector

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

19. Data Security

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

20. Pollarding of Trees

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

21. Council Meetings - Time Allowed for Questions

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

22. Discontinuance of the 101 Service

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

23. Romsey Road, Winchester – Works by Southern Water

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Stephens.

24. Future of 'Pay on Foot' Car Parks

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 12 December 2007  
Council Chamber Experiment – King Alfred Hall

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minutes 641 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 641 be not approved and adopted and that meetings of the full Council revert to being held in the Conference Chamber.

Standards Committee – 3 December 2007  
Revision of Planning Protocol

The Vice Chairman of Standards Committee, Councillor Read, moved that Recommended Minute 602 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 602 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 12 December 2007  
Council Tax Base 2008/09

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 648 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 648 be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Clear replace Councillor Spender as a full member of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

6. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972.

| <u>Minute Number</u> | <u>Item</u>  | <u>Description of Exempt Information</u>   |
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| ###                  | Relocation from Hyde Historic Resources Centre, Winchester | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Para 3 to Schedule 12A refers). |

**CABINET – 14 NOVEMBER 2007**

**PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2007**

Relocation from Hyde Historic Resources Centre, Winchester (Recommended Minutes 544 and 574 and Report CL49 refer)

Report CL49 was circulated after the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept the report onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to determine the matter and maintain the overall relocation programme timetable.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the recommendations set out in Report CL49 be approved and adopted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hollingbery.

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendations set out in Report CL49 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minutes 544 of Cabinet and 574 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.15pm

The Mayor