

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 6 April 2011.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Laming (P)
Anthony (P)	Learney (P)
Banister (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Baxter (P)	Love (P)
Beckett (P)	Mason (P)
Bell (P)	Mather (P)
Berry	Maynard (P)
Chamberlain (P)	McLean (P)
Clear (P)	Mitchell (P)
Coates (P)	Nelmes (P)
Collin (P)	Pearce (P)
Cook (P)	Pearson (P)
Cooper (P)	Phillips (P)
Evans (P)	Power (P)
Fall (P)	Prowse (P)
Gemmell (P)	Read (P)
Godfrey (P)	Ruffell (P)
Hammerton (P)	Rutter (P)
Henry (P)	Sanders (P)
Hicks (P)	Stallard (P)
Higgins (P)	Tait (P)
Hiscock (P)	Thompson (P)
Humby (P)	Thynne (P)
Hutchison (P)	Verney (P)
Huxstep (P)	Weston (P)
Jackson (P)	Witt (P)
Jefferies (P)	Wood (P)
Johnston (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2011 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor announced that he had written to the Dean of Winchester Shoei College, expressing the Council's sadness regarding the dreadful recent events in Japan.

The Mayor then announced that four Members had decided not to seek re-election on 5 May 2011. In accordance with the Council's usual practice, he presented certificates in recognition of their public service as follows:-

- Cllr Michael Anthony – who has served since May 2005
- Cllr Neil Baxter – who has served since May 1999 (and was Mayor in 2005/06)
- Cllr Alexis Fall – who has served since May 2007
- Cllr Caroline Thynne – who has served since May 2007

In conclusion, the Mayor reminded Members about the Band Concert, to be held on Saturday 16 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Guildhall, and also the 'City's Got No Talent' fun event, to be held on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 12pm in the Conference Chamber, Guildhall, both in aid of the Mayor's Charities.

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

1. Former Tenant Debt

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

2. Localism

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

3. Voluntary and Community Grants Schemes

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

4. South Downs National Park

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Mason.

Councillor Wood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this item as he was the Council's representative on the South Downs National Park Authority.

5. Commissioning Process

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney (as Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources), answered a question from Councillor Beckett.

6. Changes to the Benefit System

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Johnston.

7. Sunday Car Parking Charges – Revocation

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Godfrey.

8. Sunday Car Parking Charges – Current Effect

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Rutter.

9. Kerbside Collection of Glass

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Pearson.

10. Community Glass Bins

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Mather.

11. Fareham SDA

The Portfolio Holder for Rural Areas and Market Towns, Councillor Evans, answered a question from Councillor Clear.

12. Compensation for Major Development Disturbance in Denmead

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Stallard.

13. 20mph Speed Limits in Winchester Residential Areas

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Hutchison.

14. Play Area at Sutton Park Development, Sutton Scotney

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

15. Residents Parking in Stanmore

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Fall.

16. Empty Properties in Winchester

The Portfolio Holder for Winchester and Surrounds, Councillor Collin, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

17. Relocation of Voluntary Organisations to City Offices

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

18. Winchester Town Access Plan - Seminar

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Sanders.

19. Reordering of The Square, Winchester

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Higgins.

20. Knowle Community Building

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Achwal.

21. Photo Voltaic Panels in Council Houses

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Jackson.

22. Street Pastors

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

Councillor Jackson declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this item as her husband served on the Executive Committee of Street Pastors.

23. Council House and Housing Association Rents

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Pearson.

24. Local Government Pension Scheme

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney (as Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources), answered a question from Councillor Sanders.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 16 March 2011

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 7 March 2011

Leadership Arrangements – Constitutional Changes

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 864 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 864 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 812 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 16 March 2011

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 7 March 2011

Review of Constitution – Changes to Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements and Impact on Other Committees

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 865 and Recommendations 2(a) – (f) contained in Report CL70 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Evans seconded approval of Recommendations 2(a) – (f) contained in Report CL70.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 865 and Recommendations 2(a) – (f) contained in Report CL70 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 813 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillor Beckett:-

"This Council, reaffirms its complete opposition to any plan by Fareham Borough Council to locate any part of the proposed North Fareham Strategic Development Area (including recreational or green space) within Winchester District".

The motion was seconded by Councillor Cooper.

The Mayor agreed to allow the Motion to be determined at the meeting, because of the need to notify Fareham Borough Council and the Inspector considering its LDF, as soon as possible.

Amendment (1) Councillor Evans (2) Councillor Learney

“The Council reaffirms its complete opposition to any plan by Fareham Borough Council to locate any built development of the proposed North Fareham SDA within the Winchester District and reaffirms its position that the land in Winchester District should retain its rural character as the open countryside gap between Wickham, Knowle and the proposed SDA. The Council reaffirms its position that this open countryside in the Winchester District should remain as undeveloped land without any built structures or formal open spaces within it.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 32(1), one quarter of the Members present and voting required that a recorded vote be taken in respect of the amendment.

Division List

The following Members voted in favour of the amendment:-

Councillors Achwal, Banister, Bell, Chamberlain, Clear, Collin, Cook, Evans, Hammerton, Henry, Hicks, Higgins, Hiscock, Hutchison, Izzard, Jackson, Johnston, Laming, Learney, Love, Mason, Maynard, Mitchell, Nemes, Pearce, Power, Prowse, Rutter, Thompson and Witt (30).

The following Members voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Anthony, Baxter, Beckett, Coates, Cooper, Fall, Gemmell, Godfrey, Humby, Huxstep, Jeffs, Lipscomb, Mather, McLean, Pearson, Phillips, Read, Ruffell, Sanders, Stallard, Tait, Thynne, Verney, Weston, Wood and Wright (26).

Amendment Carried.

Substantive Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion, as amended, be agreed.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.50pm.

The Mayor