

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Bell (Chairperson)

Achwal
Becker
Bentote
Bronk
Clear
Clementson
Cook
Craske
Cunningham
Cutler
Evans
Ferguson
Fern
Gemmell
Godfrey
Gordon-Smith
Gottlieb
Green
Hiscock
Horrill

Humby
Hutchison
Laming
Learney
Lumby
Mather
McLean
Murphy
Pearson
Porter
Power
Prince
Read
Ruffell
Rutter
Scott
Thompson
Tod
Weir
Williams

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Brook, Griffiths, Miller and Weston

1. **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2019**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 September 2019 be approved and adopted.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Hiscock, Humby, Porter and Tod declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests in relation to agenda items due to their role as County Councillors.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**

The Mayor reported that she had attended the funeral of former Mayor of Winchester, Brian 'Brandy' Blunt. Brandy was a member of the Council from 1989 until 1999 and was Mayor 1996 to 1997. Members stood in silent tribute to his memory.

The Mayor's other recent events had included the Law Sunday Cathedral service on 13 October 2019 where there had been eight High Sheriffs present, including the current High Sheriff of Hampshire, Sarah Le May. The event had been a great celebration of '100 years of Women in Law' with a number of female justices of the peace also in attendance.

The Mayor then reported that Members and representatives of armed forces and other guests would be attending the Remembrance Sunday service at the Cathedral on 10 November 2019. Recruits at Sir John Moore barracks would also be part of the marching contingent. The Mayor then invited all Members to join her together with the officers in commemorating the Armistice on 11 November at 11am from the Guildhall steps.

The Mayor then advised that the annual Mayor's mince pies was to be on Wednesday 11 December between 12noon and 2pm and final arrangements were to be confirmed in due course. The Mayor then announced two of her forthcoming charity events. Firstly, on Saturday 7 December, Hursley Park were to host a special exhibition of 'Hursley Park and the Spitfire' and on Friday 3 January 2020, there was to be a performance of 'the Maddening Crowd' at Hyde Parish Hall.

Finally, the Mayor reminded Members that the Charity Christmas Card shop was now open in the Tourist Information Centre.

The Leader then made two announcements.

The Leader referred to a legal challenge to the Council's award of outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the Station Approach scheme. The Leader advised that marketing of the site to potential developers had been paused until the legal position was clear. The Leader also reminded council that a £5 million grant had been awarded for the scheme from the Local Enterprise Partnership for archaeological investigation and associated public realm work and that this had to be spent by 31 March 2021. This legal challenge meant that the council could no longer guarantee to meet that spending deadline and the LEP would be advised accordingly. The Leader stated that the Council remained committed to supporting the economy of the city, but would now have to do that without the benefit of £5million external funding.

The Leader then announced that the Council had recently been named as the winner in the 'Most Innovative Small Business Friendly Award' category in the Federation of Small Business (FBS) Wessex Local Authority Business Friendly Awards 2019. The Leader referred to the unique events arranged by the Council aimed at supporting smaller businesses and thanked officers for their work in achieving this prestigious accolade.

The Chief Executive announced apologies for the meeting.

The Chief Executive then announced that the Council had now entered the pre election period of purdah until the day of poll on 12 December. As a consequence, the majority of council committees during this time were deferred.

4. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (IF ANY) FROM THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO PROCEDURAL RULE 15.1**

One written question had been received which was presented by a member of the public at the meeting along with an associated supplementary question. The question and the response from the Cabinet Member was subsequently set out in full on the [Council's website](#).

5. **TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED MINUTES:**

a) PLANNING COMMITTEE – 23 OCTOBER 2019
Changes to the process for confirming new Tree Preservation Orders which receive 5 objections or less

(Report PDC1150 refers)

Councillor Porter, Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing, suggested that as the recommendation required changes to be made to the Council's Constitution this proposal would be considered with the upcoming review of the constitution and brought back to council in due course. Following discussion, the Mayor determined it was the will of the Chamber that the recommendations of the Planning Committee would form part of the review of the Constitution and therefore would be brought back to Council in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommendations of the Planning Committee held 23 October 2019 with regard to changes to the process for confirming new Tree Preservation Orders would be brought back to Council in due course as part of the review of the Constitution.

6. **THE MAKING OR TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BODIES SET UP BY THE COUNCIL.**

RESOLVED:

That the following changes to committees be noted:

- i. For the Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor Gemmell replace Councillor Weston and Councillor Clementson replace Councillor Gemmell as a deputy member.

- ii. For the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Craske replace Councillor Tod and Councillor Rutter replace Councillor Craske as a deputy member. Councillor Pearson to replace Councillor Weston as a deputy member.
- iii. For the Health and Environment Policy Committee, Councillor Read replace Councillor Weston as a deputy member.

7. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO PROCEDURE RULE 15.3.**

20 written questions had been received of which 14 were heard at the meeting along with associated supplementary questions. All questions are set out on in full on the [Council's website](#), together with responses from the relevant Cabinet Member.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 8.00 pm

The Mayor