

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 in the Town Hall

(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Lewendon, Wilson, Earth, Fulford, Hale, Anstey, Adams, Bailey & Paton

In Attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllr R Bellows, New Forest DC

1. To elect the Town Mayor for the forthcoming year

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Connolly be elected as Town Mayor for the forthcoming year. All present voted in favour.

Cllr Adams suggested that when Standing Orders are reviewed, consideration is given to a clause regarding length of term of office for the role of Mayor and a procedure for succession.

2. To elect the Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED:** that Cllr Anstey be elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year. All present voted in favour.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Perkins, Price & Cllr Sevier, NFDC

4. To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations received.

5. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No members of the public present.

6. To confirm the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 and report any matters arising.

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and it was therefore **RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2017 be signed as a true record. All in favour

MATTERS ARISING

Minute no. 10 – Dog fouling, need to address and getting worse

Minute no. 12 – Town Centre – Cllr Connolly reported that he had spoken with Cllr Heron regarding the New Forest DC BID Manager – Members queried whether a BID (Business Improvement District) would result in a reduction in business rates –

the opposite is in fact the case, businesses would be required to pay an addition to rates which would be used specifically for projects identified by the BID members.

7. To elect membership of the following Committees

- Amenities Committee (5 + Chairman & Vice Chairman)
- Finance & Policy Committee (Full Council)
- General Purposes (5 + Chairman & Vice Chairman)
- Planning Committee (Full Council)
- Staff & Remuneration (3 + Chairman & Vice Chairman)

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED**: that Committee membership remain as previous membership with the exception of the Staff & Remuneration Committee.

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED**: that Cllr Price is removed from the Staff & Remuneration Committee (formerly ex-officio Member) and is replaced by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Anstey.

See Appendix 1 – Committee Membership

8. To confirm representatives of the following outside bodies

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the following outside bodies were represented by the following Members:

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| • Burgate School Community Management | Cllr. R. Fulford |
| • Footpath Officer | Ruth Croker |
| • Fordingbridge Hospital Stakeholder Group | Cllr Lewendon |
| • Fordingbridge Sports Club | Cllr. P Anstey |
| • FCAVG | Cllr E. Hale |
| • HALC | Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford |
| • NFALC | Cllr. M Connolly & Cllr R Fulford |
| • N F Consultative Panel | Cllr M Connolly |
| • NPA Quadrant meetings | Cllr M Connolly |
| • Passenger Transport | Cllr A. Lewendon & Cllr D Price |
| • Twinning Association | Cllr Earth |
| • Victoria Rooms Committee | Cllr. E. Hale |
| • Youth Action Group | Cllr. D. Paton & Cllr M Connolly |

9. Review of Council's membership of other bodies.

Cllr Connolly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and was therefore **RESOLVED**: that the existing memberships should be continued. These are:

- Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
- New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC)
- Hampshire Playing Fields Association
- Community First New Forest

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

The clerk read a report submitted by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

	April 2017
Anti-Social Behaviour	8
Violence Against the Person	4
Dwelling Burglary	1
Burglary Other than Dwelling	3
Damage	3
Theft	5
Theft from Motor Vehicles	1
Suspicious Incidents	5

Members noted that 2 crimes known to have occurred within the Town in April had not been included in the report, one of a RTA in Church Street and another of malicious calls received at the hospital, both of which the police are aware of – Clerk to contact Police.

11. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

No report received

12. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron not present.

13. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows reported that she had spoken with the Dog Warden regarding fouling in Fordingbridge and would chase up. With regards to Youth service provision, funding had stopped for Its Your Choice; however a youth service was now being led by Mike French of the Salvation Army – the service has been moved to the Salvation Army Hall and funding is being sought.

Cllr Connolly reported that PCSO May had invited the Town Council to a youth meeting on the 19th April to discuss the skatepark following an inspection by a skatepark supplier – Members were unable to attend as this clashed with the Annual Town Assembly. In addition further repairs had been carried out by a separate contractor who had also offered to arrange a visit by a supplier of concrete parks. Clerk to check with Ringwood TC on success of concrete park (lifespan etc).

Cllr Bellows left the meeting

14. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:

- Planning Committee – 12/04/17 – received by Cllr Fulford
- Staff & Remuneration – 20/04/17 – received by Cllr Connolly
- Finance & Policy – 26/04/17 – received by Cllr Connolly

There were no recommendations to General Council.

15. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey commented that he felt that the proposal received from Ellis Whitham for a HR package should include the additional option for Health & Safety as it was good practice to have a third party auditing procedures & policies. Feedback awaited from other users.

16. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended.Cllr Earth

Twinning AGM. Arrangements on track for the 35th anniversary celebrations.

Cllr Hale

21/04/17 – Victoria Rooms AGM – small financial loss & reduced bookings. Relief that tree (which caused damage to Councils shed) was not owned by Victoria Rooms.

23/04/17 – FCAVG – Meeting with ecologist and advice given regarding Bishops Pond – application to Hampshire County Council (Nature Conservation). The 2 ecology companies who had requested to undertake surveys for newts at Bishops Pond, would be sharing data.

Cllr Anstey

Attended Twinning AGM

Cllr Connolly

Following the Twinning AGM, Cllr Connolly reminded Members of the social events run by the association, in particular the July boules evening at Sandy Balls and the Murder Mystery evening in February.

17. To not any items of correspondence

Proof received from Hampshire CC for new AVP noticeboard, RFO has drafted a new version and needs further photographs. Cllr Fulford advised that vegetation was bad along the AVP to Midgham. Clerk to discuss with Footpaths Officer/Lengthsman

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

Cllr Connolly reported that at the recent Quadrant meeting, Nik Gruber, Tree Officer New Forest NPA had given an interesting talk and Cllr Connolly had asked him to give a similar presentation at a Town Council meeting.

The clerk advised that the planting of the central border in the Memorial Garden would be undertaken later in the week.

Cllr Connolly advised that with regard to his re-election as Mayor, this would be the last year that he would undertake this role.

19. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 7th June 2017

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Appendix 1**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2017-18****Members of the Town Council**

Cllr Malcolm Connolly – Town Mayor
 Cllr Paul Anstey – Deputy Mayor
 Cllr David Price
 Cllr Patricia Earth
 Cllr Malcolm Adams
 Cllr Rosemary Fulford
 Cllr Edward Hale
 Cllr Alan Lewendon
 Cllr Diane Paton
 Cllr Brian Perkins
 Cllr Anna Wilson
 Cllr Susan Bailey

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr D Price
 Cllr. R. Fulford
 Cllr. A. Lewendon
 Cllr. D. Paton
 Cllr. B. Perkins
 Cllr. M. Connolly) ex-
 Cllr. P. Anstey - Chairman) officio

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Cllr. M. Adams
 Cllr. E. Hale
 Cllr P. Earth - chairman
 Cllr. A. Wilson
 Cllr. S Bailey
 Cllr. M. Connolly) ex-
 Cllr P Anstey) officio

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

All members of the Council
Chairman – Cllr. M Connolly
Vice Chairman – Cllr M Adams

PLANNING COMMITTEE

All members of the Council
Chairman – Cllr. R. Fulford
Vice Chairman – Cllr E Hale

STAFF & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Cllr M Adams
 Cllr M Connolly - Chairman
 Cllr A Lewendon
 Cllr P Anstey
 Cllr (A) Wilson

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman – Cllr A Lewendon & up to 4 other members of the Council