

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.00pm

Held virtually due to coronavirus restrictions

Minute reference is as follows: 14122020 + agenda item

Present at the meeting: Cllr Simon Hand, Cllr Sheelagh Cohen, Cllr Andy Thompson, Cllr Ian Underdown, Cllr Janine Dajka, Cllr Jo Nesbitt Bell, Cllr Trevor Dann and Cllr Sharon Hayward.

Officers: Amanda Jobling Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Nicolson (late)
Cllr Rolfe and Cllr Cross – Apologies

2. Declaration of interests
None identified

3. Approve minutes of meeting 9th November 2020

Recommendation

Proposed: Cllr Underdown Seconded: Cllr Cohen

And resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2020. The Minutes will be signed outside of the meeting.

4. Public session – no public present.

Community issues

5. Transfer of Assets and services

The Chair outlined the implications of Local Government Reorganisation and the push that could follow to transfer assets and services to parish councils.

Signed



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This forms part of a long-term aspiration to change the structure of local government.

The meeting with Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) sought to explore the background issues and the programme of transfers has already taken place.

A list of assets for each parish is pending. This will give a better idea as to the scale and opportunities. It was agreed that the council should respond positively to EBC about exploring the issue further.

Recommendations

Proposed: Cllr Underdown Seconded: Cllr Cohen

And resolved to actively explore the transfer of assets and local services from EBC to HPC during 2021.

6. Bofur Gun

Councillors welcomed the decoupling of the scheduled monument and the gun and hope that the new location will not be subject to further flooding. Concern was expressed about the length of time taken to resolve the problem and the subsequent worsening of the situation.

7. Coronation Parade

The works proposed were noted and the timescale for the works starting on 2nd Feb 2020 and the related measures.

8. Resilience Survey summary report

The Council considered the report submitted by Brian Collyer following the organisation survey.

Recommendations:

Proposed: Cllr Underdown Seconded: Cllr Hand

And resolved to approve the actions identified in the report and to agree timescales for reporting back.

9. Report from the Clerk

The Council considered the report provided by the Clerk and agreed the following:

Recommendations:

Proposed: Cllr Underdown Seconded: Cllr Hand

And resolved to secure Accountancy Support for one day per month up until the end of the financial year at a cost of £1975.00 from Rialtas Business Solutions

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The Christmas Closure will start from 23rd December (when the Christmas covid measures come into play – until 4th Jan)

To note the cost of £312.00 for Christmas Hampers for staff

Financial

10. Annual Governance and Audit Report

The Council considered the report provided by the External Auditors and the statements contained in their report. They also asked for confirmation that the appropriate notices had been posted as required. Clerk outlined the comments regarding the internal auditor and the public inspection of accounts period and the variance on the AGAR.

The Council also discussed the timetable for the appointment of a new auditor. It was intended to seek a new auditor in line with the new council but the market testing exercise was deferred due to staffing issues.

Recommendation:

Proposed: Cllr Hand Seconded: Cllr Dann

And resolved to note the completed Annual Governance and Audit Report for 2019/20, to note that the appropriate notices have been served and to note the timetable for next year.

11. Section 137 Grant

Letter from Victim Support for noting

12. Monthly checks

This month's reconciliation was not available to the meeting but would be signed off by the Chair outside of the meeting.

Recommendation

Proposed: Cllr Underdown Seconded: Cllr Cohen

To approve the list of payments presented to Council

Cllr Nicholson joined at 7.32pm

Main meeting ended 7.36pm

Signed



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