

**Bracknell Town Council**  
**Full Council Meeting**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Present: Cllr Ash Merry -Town Mayor – Chairman  
Cllrs: Gareth Barnard, Paul Bidwell, Marc Brunel-Walker,  
Denise Hamilton, Clive Harrison, Diana Henfrey, Peter Hill, Sandra Ingham, Isabel Mattick,  
Tina McKenzie-Boyle, Iain McCracken, Jennie McCracken, Sanjeev Prasad, Paula-Elizabeth  
Pooler, Roger Meakes, Mary Temperton, Malcolm Tullett, Chris Turrell, Jo Woodcock.  
Apologies: Cllrs: Gill Birch, Graham Birch, Alvin Finch, Diane Finch, Peter Heydon, Mark Phillips,  
Michael Skinner.  
In attendance: R Reeve - Town Clerk (TC), J Burgess - Office Services Manager (OSM).

The Meeting opened at 6.30m and closed at 7.45pm

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker. **Andrew Middleton, Director of Growth and Innovation with Fixers**, who then gave a short presentation on the role of that organisation, their existing projects in Bracknell and plans to support the Mayor's work this year in reducing isolation and loneliness for residents. Councillors' questions were answered by Andrew, enabling further activities of Fixers and the resources available to support residents, to be outlined.

**1400 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Tullett (SHP Trustee/Board Member), Councillor Iain McCracken (relevant BFC portfolio holder) and Councillor Brunel-Walker (BFC review group) declared an interest in respect of the SHP agenda item (14). Councillor Mattick also declared an interest in respect of minute 1375, as President of Bracknell Lions.

**1401 Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Turrell and seconded by Cllr Mattick, and unanimously RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed and signed.

**1402 Matters Arising**

None.

**1403 Mayors Announcements**

The Town Mayor informed the Council that all invitations received since the last Council meeting had been attended either by herself or the Deputy Town Mayor, and 15 engagements had been attended so far. The Town Mayor had also been working with Fixers and the Mayoress (refer presentation earlier) to develop her approach to her charitable activities.

**1404 Statement by the leader of the Council - EU Referendum result**

Councillor Turrell outlined that the priority for the Council would be to keep on good terms with all the organisations engaged with, that the Council also valued the contribution of the many businesses who had chosen to locate in Bracknell Town. The different communities in Bracknell had a demonstrable track record of good relations with one another, and it was important to maintain this. Town twinning had played a role in Bracknell since being initiated by this Council with Opladen in 1973, and later with Leverkusen, these agreements were not dependent on EU membership.

**1405 Committee appointments**

Councillor Turrell outlined that Councillor Heydon needed to resign from BMG due to other commitments, and would also now step down as Strategy and Finance deputy chairman. Councillor Gill Birch would be the replacement in each case.

**1406 Planning Committee**

Councillor Hamilton introduced the reports of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016. RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

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**1407 Environmental Services Committee**

Councillor C Harrison introduced the reports of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Councillors RESOLVED that the reports be adopted. Specific mention was made:

**1371** – Councillor Temperton congratulated officers for the running of the Teddy Bears’ Picnic event the previous week, which had been a success despite the adverse weather.

**1372** – Councillors Temperton and Turrell thanked officers for having dealt swiftly and efficiently with four lots of travellers at various sites in recent weeks, and also for the preventative measures being taken for the future. Councillor Turrell suggested councillors advise officers of any further works needed.

**1378** - Councillor Temperton said the improvements made at Yardley play area were proving extremely popular and much appreciated.

**1380** – Councillor Brunel-Walker advised that a permanent site for the large town centre mural was at a short listing stage, and would be announced soon.

**1408 Strategy and Finance Committee**

Councillor Turrell introduced the report of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016. RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

**1409 Staffing Committee**

Councillor Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

**1410 Received Income Transactions**

The Council NOTED the received income transactions from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

**1411 Paid Expenditure Transactions.**

The Council considered the paid expenditure transactions from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 inclusive. The reports had been scrutinised by the Strategy and Finance Committee. It was RESOLVED that the transactions be confirmed and the Mayor be authorised to sign these as a correct record.

**1412 To approve the Financial Statements for 2015/16.**

Having been scrutinised by the Strategy and Finance Committee, the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2016 were unanimously APPROVED and subsequently signed by the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk /Responsible Financial Officer.

**1413 To approve the Annual Return - the Annual Governance Statement (section 1)**

The Town Clerk outlined the governance arrangements in place at BTC, and the outcomes of review activity undertaken which had been earlier considered by Strategy and Finance Committee, including the Internal Audit report for this year. Councillor Turrell proposed, and Councillor Mattick seconded, that the Annual Governance Statement for the 2015/16 be APPROVED, This was unanimously agreed and the Statement subsequently signed by the Town Mayor and the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer.

**1414 To approve the Annual Return - the Accounting Statements (section 2)**

The Town Clerk outlined the basis for the Accounting Statements being produced, which had been earlier considered by Strategy and Finance Committee. Councillor Turrell proposed, and Councillor Barnard seconded that the Accounting Statements for the 2015/16 be APPROVED, This was unanimously agreed and the Statements subsequently signed by the Town Mayor and the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer.

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**1415 Securing the loan for Great Hollands Pavilion refurbishment**

The Town Clerk outlined that in order to secure the £1m loan to finance the pavilion rebuild, the Town Council needed to be able to provide a minute resolving to apply to DCLG for borrowing approval. The application and updated supporting information contained within the business plan were outlined, with this having also already been scrutinised by the Strategy and Finance Committee earlier. Councillors remained keen that a fixed payment PWLB loan for 25 years now be secured. Councillor Hill proposed and Councillor Barnard seconded that this loan application now be approved. It was unanimously RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to apply for DCLG borrowing approval for a £1m loan towards financing the Great Hollands Pavilion refurbishment.

**1416 Complaints and Compliments Registers**

The registers were NOTED

Complaints – Councillor Temperton suggested we may need to empty the bins in Mill Park more frequently at busy weekends.

Compliments - Councillor Turrell noted the number of further compliments received and officers were thanked, with the following also mentioned:

- 1) Staff help in catching an escaped dog in Wildridings (Councillor Henfrey)
- 2) Progress in dealing with parking issues alongside Wildridings playing field (Councillor Hamilton)
- 3) Prompt responses in dealing with some problems at Hedgehog Park (Councillor Ingham)
- 4) Response to a street party request for Braybrooke (Councillor McKenzie-Boyle)

**1417 South Hill Park (SHP)**

Councillor Henfrey advised she had attended the South Hill Park Trust’s stakeholders' workshop on 14th June 2016 hosted by Waitrose. Councillor Iain McCracken was able to provide details of a letter mentioned about parking on the SHP North Field and Councillor Tullett then outlined some of the work undertaken in organising the larger SHP event at the end of July.

Next Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm at Brooke House

Signed .....Dated .....