

Bracknell Town Council
Full Council Meeting
1st December 2015

Present: Cllr Mark Phillips - Town Mayor – Chairman
Cllrs: Gareth Barnard, Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Alvin Finch, Diane Finch, Clive Harrison, Denise Hamilton, Diana Henfrey, Peter Heydon, Peter Hill, Sandra Ingham, Isabel Mattick, Tina McKenzie-Boyle, Iain McCracken, Jennie McCracken, Sanjeev Prasad, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler, Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton, Malcolm Tullett, Chris Turrell, Jo Woodcock.

Apologies: Cllrs: Graham Birch, Marc Brunel-Walker, Roger Meakes, Ash Merry.

In attendance: R Reeve - Town Clerk (TC), J Burgess - Office Services Manager (OSM).

The Meeting opened at 7.30m and closed at 9.00pm

The Chairman and the Chief Executive from South Hill Park Arts Centre presented the latest SHP Annual Report included with the agenda and also outlined future plans. Councillors asked a number of questions about performances and activities provided, building maintenance and funding position. The Town Mayor thanked the Chairman and the Chief Executive for their informative presentation.

1196 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest except in relation to agenda item 9, 2016/17 grants – Cllrs I Mattick, M Temperton and for item 10, SHP grant, Cllr M Tullett.

1197 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr C Turrell and seconded by Cllr Mrs G Birch, and unanimously RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 6th October 2015 be confirmed and signed.

1198 Matters Arising

None.

1199 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor advised that 75 mayoral invitations had now been accepted and attended this Council year. The Mayor stated that it has been a real honour to attend these events. The Mayor announced plans to run a quiz in March and presented a Past Mayor badge to Councillor D Hamilton. Councillor S Ingham presented a cheque for funds raised by Birch Hill and Hanworth Ward Councillors to the Mayor.

1200 Planning Committee

Cllr A Finch proposed the adoption of the reports of the meetings held on 20th October and 10th November and this was seconded by Cllr D Hamilton.

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1201 Environmental Services Committee

Cllr C Harrison proposed the adoption of the report of the meeting held on 20th October and this was seconded by Cllr P-E Pooler.

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

1202 Strategy and Finance Committee

Cllr C Turrell proposed the adoption of the report of the meetings held on 10th November and this was seconded by Cllr G Birch.

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

1203 Received Income Transactions

The Council NOTED the received income transactions from the 1st September to 31st October 2015.

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1204 Paid Expenditure Transactions.

The Council considered the paid expenditure transactions from 1st September to 31st October 2015 inclusive. The reports had earlier been scrutinised by the Strategy and Finance Committee. Cllr C Turrell proposed the adoption of the reports and this was seconded by Cllr G Birch. It was RESOLVED that the transactions be confirmed and the Mayor was authorised to sign these as a correct record.

1205 Annual Grants

Cllr C Turrell proposed, seconded by Cllr G Birch and the Council AGREED the Strategy and Finance Committee recommendations for Annual Grant Awards for 2016/17 - refer S&F minute 1178, 10th November. It was noted that consideration of a grant for the Sebastian Trust had been deferred.

1206 Grant for South Hill Park (SHP) Arts Trust

Cllr C Turrell proposed, seconded by Cllr G Birch and the Council AGREED the level of grant for South Park (SHP) Arts Trust for 2016/17 as £135,000, the same as in 2015/16.

1207 Car parking at South Hill Park North Field

The Council RESOLVED to agree a SHP request for allowing controlled car parking on two days at the SHP North Field next year, subject to conditions to be outlined to SHP, with a prohibition on camping added to the proposed conditions outlined in the agenda papers. Councillor Prasad outlined remaining concerns about the local impact of parking on the field, and both Cllr S Prasad and Cllr D Henfrey voted against the proposal.

1208 Re-adoption of Power of Competence

Cllr C Turrell proposed, seconded by Cllr G Birch and the Council RESOLVED to adopt the General Power of Competence as a power of first resort, reference also S&F minute 1180, for 10th November.

1209 Quality Standard submission

Cllr C Turrell proposed, seconded by Cllr G Birch and the Council RESOLVED to apply for assessment against the NALC Foundation level quality standard, reference also S&F minute 1181, for 10th November.

1210 Complaints and Compliments Registers

The registers were NOTED. Councillors were pleased to see the complaints were dealt with promptly and that residents had taken the time to contact the Town Council to pass on their compliments, and Cllr G Birch asked that relevant staff be thanked. Cllr M Tullett was advised that progress had not yet been made in respect to traffic flow at the entrance to Mill Park

1211 Nominated representatives - updates:

The Council received and NOTED updates from councillors for the activities of the various local organisations for which they were the BTC nominated representative. Cllr C Turrell thanked the various Councillors for the time taken in presenting their informative updates of the excellent work being undertaken in most cases.

1212 Meetings diary for 2016/17

The diary of meeting for 2016/17 was AGREED.

Next Meeting 23rd February 2016

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm

SignedDated