

Bracknell Town Council
Full Council Meeting
11TH October 2016

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

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.45pm

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker. **Campbell Christie CBE, Principal, Bracknell and Wokingham College**, who then gave a short presentation on the college activities and plans for the future. Campbell Christie was thanked for his excellent and informative presentation.

The Town Mayor then invited Councillor Mary Temperton, as Chairman of Bracknell Town Twinning Association, to describe the recent visit to Leverkusen undertaken by residents of Bracknell. The next visit will be undertaken by Leverkusen residents who will be visiting Bracknell in 2017. Councillor Mary Temperton also outlined that Sandy Lane School and Garth College are now building strong links with schools in Leverkusen. More details can be found on the Twinning website <http://en.bracklev.eu/>. Councillor Mary Temperton was thanked for her presentation.

1493 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

1494 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Turrell and seconded by Cllr T McKenzie-Boyle, and unanimously RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28th June 2016 be confirmed and signed with one minor correction – as Councillor Graham Birch name was listed twice in the attendance register.

1495 Matters Arising

None.

1496 Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor informed the Council that 26 engagements had been attended since the last Full Council meeting in June. The Town Mayor requested that if Councillors have any events they would like her to attend to please notify the office as soon as possible as the diary is starting to fill up. The Town Mayor gave thanks to the office team and to Councillors Mattick and Harrison for all their support. Councillor Sandra Ingram passed on an invitation from David Putt at the Jealotts Hill Landshare to join them for their apple harvesting this Sunday between 10.30am and 1.30pm, details at www.jealottshilllandshare.org.uk/2016/10/04/apple-harvest-day/

1497 Planning Committee

Councillor Finch introduced the reports of the meetings held on 5th July, 26th July, 16th August, 6th September and 27th September 2016. RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1498 Environmental Services Committee

Councillor C Harrison introduced the reports of the meetings held on 26th July 2016.

Councillors RESOLVED that the reports be adopted. Specific mention was made:

1443 – Work has yet to start on the remedial works at North Lake as there was a delay in Thames Water appointing a contractor. Work is now due to start in the next few weeks.

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1444 – Councillor Temperton congratulated officers for the running of the Teddy Bears’ Picnic and the Summer of Fun events. The events were very successful and a tribute to our work force.

1449 – Councillor Temperton said that it was a tribute to the Recreational Facilities Manager and his team that a Gold Award was achieved at Jocks Lane and South Hill Park in the Parks and Open Spaces Category of the Thames and Chiltern in Bloom competition.

1453 –Councillor Bidwell requested that the Recreational Facilities Manager and his team be thanked for improving the situation at Limerick Close Allotments.

1454 - Councillor Turrell thanked officers for having dealt swiftly and efficiently with four lots of travellers at various sites during the summer, and also for the preventative measures that have been put in place.

1455 – Unfortunately the Great Hollands Pre-School did not proceed with a proposal for siting a porta cabin type building on site offered at Great Hollands.

1499 Strategy and Finance Committee

Councillor Turrell introduced the report of the meetings held on 27th September 2016.
RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1500 Staffing Committee

Councillor Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 12th July and 13th September 2016
RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1501 Received Income Transactions

The Council noted the received income transactions from the 1st June to 31st August 2016.

1502 Paid Expenditure Transactions.

The Council considered the paid expenditure transactions from 1st June to 31st August 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.

15.03 Complaints and Compliments Registers

The registers were NOTED and the following comments made.

- 1) Councillor Mattick requested that we add in a clause in the Fun Fair Contract regarding the removal of all posters at the end of their visit.
- 2) Please make print bigger and remove personal details in future.
- 3) Councillor Tullett requested that the Council consider the installation of a barrier to the North Lake car park.
- 4) Councillors wished to compliment the activities of the Nature and Fishing Club at Braybrooke.
- 5) Compliments were also given to the Project Administrator for the excellent work on Bracknell Matters.

Councillors stated that the compliments register was a credit to all of the Council’s staff.

Next Meeting 6th December 2016 at 7.30pm at Brooke House - a change to the originally scheduled meeting date.

SignedDated