

Bracknell Town Council
Full Council Meeting
13th December 2016

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

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 9.15pm

A **minute's silence** was held for Ian Mihell, who was a Town Councillor from 2003-07

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker, Veryon Lyons of Bracknell Forest Council, who provided a wide ranging update on the progress made with the town centre and who then answered questions from Councillors, including on adequacy of plans signage, numbers of seats, provision for disabled parking, plans for use of the current Bentalls site and progress with developing the former Winchester House site.

1562 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

1563 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Turrell and seconded by Cllr Gill Birch, and unanimously RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 11th October 2016 be confirmed.

1564 Matters arising from minutes

None, but following a question about the December meeting being held on the 13th, rather than the 6th, Councillor Turrell outlined reasons for re-scheduling on this occasion.

1565 Mayors announcements

The Deputy Town Mayor informed the Council that, since June, the mayoral team had completed over 50 engagements. A highlight for the Mayor had been to be invited to be the guest speaker at Boehringer Ingelheim to address heads of German companies in the UK. The Mayor thanked those at Birch Hill Community Centre, especially Gill Sandra and Malcolm, who had raised funds for the her Mayoral Fund on 3 December. She also thanked Wick Hill Women's Institute who had made a donation to the Mayor's fund following a talk by her on her life in the army.

1566 Planning Committee

Councillor Finch introduced the reports of the meetings held on 18th October, 8th November, 22nd November and 29th November 2016. It was RESOLVED that these reports be adopted.

1567 Environmental Services Committee

Councillor C Harrison introduced the report of the meeting held on 18th October 2016. Councillors RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted, subject to an addition to minute 1517 to record that it was Rotary Club 19235 in Bracknell who had provided the local link to Rotary's 'Purple4Polio' crocus planting programme.

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1568 Strategy and Finance Committee

Councillor Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 8th November 2016.
RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

1569 Staffing Committee

Councillor Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 1st November 2016
RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

1570 Received Income Transactions

The Council NOTED the received income transactions from the 1st September to 31st October 2016.

1571 Paid Expenditure Transactions.

The Council considered the paid expenditure transactions from 1st September to 31st October 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.

1572 Nominated representatives – updates and additional nomination:

Councillors present provided updates for activities of organisations for which they were the BTC nominated representative. These were NOTED. Councillors had been able to be active in most instances, but it was requested that the TC follow up if Councillors had not been invited to participate, and if asked to do so. For Bracknell Twinning Association (BTA), it was agreed that BTC nominated representatives meet with the BTA Chairman/ Secretary to consider the revised BTA Constitution that had been presented to the BTA AGM, prior to this being BTC ratified.

It was proposed by Cllr Turrell, seconded by Cllr Tullett, and RESOLVED by Councillors, to nominate Councillor Diana Henfrey to serve on the BFC Governance and Audit Committee

1573 Appointment of Town Clerk

It was agreed that the appointment panel would consist of Councillors Gill Birch, Isabel Mattick, Iain McCracken, Mary Temperton, Chris Turrell and Jo Woodcock. The recruitment process had a closing date of 21st December for applications, with interviews scheduled for 19th and 26th January. All Councillors would be invited to attend the lunchtime for the 'Longlist' interviews on the 19th January.

1574 Complaints and Compliments Registers

There had been no additional complaints in the period since the last meeting. The compliments register was NOTED. Councillor Ingham thanked Allan Moffat for very promptly dealing with the Dryden Woods play area seat request.

1575 Chairman of the Great Hollands Pavilion WG

Councillors NOTED a change in the Chairman of the Great Hollands Pavilion WG – this was now Councillor Iain McCracken

1576 Lone Workers

Councillors AGREED the introduction of a better device for protecting Lone Workers, currently being rolled out by BFC Forest Care.

1577 2017/18 meetings schedule

Councillors NOTED the 2017/18 meetings schedule.

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Next Meeting 21st February at 7.30pm at Brooke House

Signed

Dated