

Bracknell Town Council
Full Council Meeting
17th September 2019

- Cllrs Present: Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Alvin Finch, Stuart Foston, Michael Gbadebo, Lizzy Gibson, Mike Gibson, Jennie Green, Anna Kempster, Ian Kirke, Isabel Mattick, Roger Meakes, Ash Merry, Kathryn Neil, Thomas Parker, David Roberts, Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton, Michael Titheridge, Malcolm Tullett, Danielle Turner, Chris Turrell.
- Apologies: Paul Byron, Marc Brunel-Walker, Diana Henfrey, Pater Heydon, Sanjeev Prasad.
- In Attendance: Jackie Burgess – Town Clerk, Rachel Gordge – Clerical Assistant, Allan Moffat – Recreational Grounds Manager, Members of the Red Diamond Club, 2 members of the public.

The Red Diamond Club gave a presentation about their recent trip around BTC facilities with Allan Moffat. The club enjoyed bowls, cricket, tennis and fishing. Members of the club thanked Allan for the trip and presented him with a card. The Red Diamond Club visitors and Allan Moffat left at 7.30pm.

The meeting opened at 7.35pm and closed at 8.10pm

The Town Mayor, Councillor Isabel Mattick welcomed everyone and formally opened the meeting.

1158 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1159 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2019 were agreed and accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Chris Turrell and seconded by Cllr Ian Kirke. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

1160 To consider any business arising out of the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

1161 Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor informed the Council of the engagements she has attended since the last Full Council meeting, including the Summer of Fun Days which were a great success. The Mayor reminded Council that they are invited to the Mayor's Charity Dinner on 6th November 2019.

1162 Committee Reports

1163 Planning Committee

Cllr Alvin Finch introduced the reports of the meetings held on 2nd July, 23rd July, 13th August and 3rd September 2019. This was seconded by Cllr Paul Bidwell. It was RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1164 Environmental Services Committee

Cllr Malcolm Tullett introduced the reports of the meeting held on 23rd July 2019. This was seconded by Cllr Jennie Green. It was RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1165 Staffing Committee

Cllr Chris Turrell introduced the reports of the meetings held on 30th July 2019. This was seconded by Cllr Ian Kirke. It was RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1166 Strategy and Finance Committee

Cllr Chris Turrell introduced the reports of the meeting held on 3rd September 2019. The reports were seconded by Cllr Ian Kirke. It was clarified that every member of Council needs to vote to ratify the decisions made in each of the Committee meetings. A question was asked regarding minute number 1157 - Jealotts Hill Landshare. This was regarding additional funding being required by the landshare after 2020/21. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed under the Jealotts Hill Landshare item on the agenda later in the meeting. It was RESOLVED that the reports be adopted.

1167 External Auditors Report

It was NOTED that PKF Littlejohn has completed their external audit of the Council. In accordance with regulations the Notice of Conclusion of Audit –Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March 2019 will be displayed. Bracknell Town Council has received a clean audit and Cllr Chris Turrell put forwards his thanks to the Town Clerk and the Officers involved for their work.

1168 Budget Request

Cllr Chris Turrell proposed that the budget request for £5500 should be included in the 2020/21 budget to allow celebrations for VE Day and VJ Day to be progressed within the Community Events Working Group. This event needs to be organised early in the year to allow for the right tone to be set. This was seconded by Cllr Gill Birch. It was suggested that these anniversaries should be celebrated every year, however it was decided that each event should be assessed individually. The budget request was APPROVED by Council.

1169 Electronic Banking

Cllr Chris Turrell proposed that Officers are permitted to investigate electronic banking with the aim of bringing this into force by 1st April 2020. It was clarified that this is being recommended in advance to allow BTC customers over 65 that claim for the TV Grant to be informed and tested procedures to be put in place. A concern was raised that the elderly may need extra support in this change of process. This was seconded by Cllr Gill Birch and APPROVED by Council.

1170 Jealotts Hill Landshare

The history of the landshare and the partners was explained to Council. Cllr Chris Turrell proposed that BTC continue to support the landshare financially with an £8500 contribution in 2020/21. This support will allow the partners' time to investigate

restructuring the organisation to ensure that it becomes a self-sustainable entity whether that is as a charitable body, a community interest company, or any other variant. Further details will be brought to Council as partners explore a way forward. Council are fully supportive of this project and the Steering Group Members will work with other partners to help secure the future. This was seconded by Cllr Paul Bidwell and APPROVED by Council.

1171 Royal British Legion

It was NOTED that the Vice Chairman of the RBL has been invited to the Community Events Working Group meeting on 24th September 2019 to discuss the Remembrance Day Parade and BTC taking a more active role in the organisation of the event.

1172 Exclusively Dogs

Cllr Chris Turrell proposed to allow Exclusively Dogs to build a wooden classroom behind Braybrooke Community Hall to hold dog and puppy training classes. This was seconded and recommended for approval by Cllr Gill Birch. Concern was raised that allowing this to be built may set a precedent for other requests on our land, however Council agreed that each application would be assessed based on its own merits. This was APPROVED by Council.

1173 McDonalds

It was NOTED that a meeting is being arranged between BTC, BFC and a representative from McDonalds to discuss access at the Mill Pond site on 6th November 2019.

1174 Corporate and Business Service Risk Assessment Register

It was NOTED that the risk assessment register is currently being updated.

1175 To Confirm the Events Scheduled for 2019 and 2020

15th November 2019	Request to move schools cross country from North Lake to Great Hollands
8th May 2020	VE Day Celebration
15th August 2020	VJ Day Celebration

Photo Call at The Elms to welcome back the Statue – A date is to be confirmed once the security of all three statues has been assessed.

NOTED

1176 Birch Hill Recreation Ground

The Hockey Club at Birch Hill have offered BM Active the top part of the building as a classroom due to their previous sub-tenant Fit Box moving out. This will involve a licence to sub-lease from BTC to Berkshire Hockey Club and at the same time the main lease will need to be changed to South Berkshire Hockey Club. Cllr Chris Turrell proposed that this be allowed on a 6 month trial. This was seconded by Cllr Malcolm Tullett and AGREED by Council.

1177 Received Income Transactions

The received income transactions for the period 1st June to 31st July 2019 inclusive were NOTED.

Paid Expenditure Transactions

It was proposed by Cllr Chris Turrell that the paid expenditure transactions for the period 1st June to 31st July 2019 be confirmed. This was seconded by Cllr Ian Kirke. It was RESOLVED that the Mayor sign the paid expenditure transactions as a correct record.

Next Meeting 5th December 2019, 7.30pm at Brooke House

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