

## **CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL**

held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell – (Town Mayor - presiding)

Councillor	V.M. Abraham	Councillor	Mrs C. Littley
"	A.K. Bacon	"	Mrs A.M. Pirouet
"	M.E. Brand	"	M.W. Shaw
"	Mrs J.C. Fulford	"	C. H. Spruytenburg
"	F.G. Holly	"	P.W. Yerrell
"	D.J. Lacey		

**Officer:** W. Richards - Town Clerk

In attendance: Ms R. Pirouet - Chair, Chesham Youth Council

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N.L. Brown, Mrs C.M. Michael, Mrs M. Molesworth and Mrs G. Walker.

90. **MINUTES**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

91. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors F.G. Holly, Mrs A.M. Pirouet and M.W. Shaw declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 in light of their representation on the Youth Council.

Councillor Brand declared a personal interest in agenda item 11b in light of him being a governor at Chesham Park Community College. In view of her relationship with Councillor Brand, Councillor Ms Bramwell declared a similar personal interest in the agenda item. Councillor Shaw declared a personal interest in agenda item 11b in light of his children attending Chesham Park Community College.

92. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Town Mayor invited questions from the public. No questions were forthcoming.

93. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members had before them and duly noted the list of the Town Mayor's engagements from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

The Mayor advised that she had attended two further events, namely the formal launch of the self-scanning system in Sainsbury's on the 23rd February and the Medieval Day at Chesham Museum on the 24<sup>th</sup> February. In respect of the latter, Councillor Spruytenburg thanked the Mayor for opening the day and reported it was a huge success with over a hundred people, mainly young people, coming to visit.

94. **CHESHAM YOUTH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Youth Council meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were presented and noted.

The Youth Council Chair, Ms Rebecca Pirouet, then gave a brief update on recent Youth Council projects and events.

She firstly mentioned a project brought to the attention of the Youth Council by a young person which was aimed at installing a fountain in Lowndes Park to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2012. The Mayor announced that she too had been approached about the viability of the project and asked Members whether, in principle, they were happy for the Youth Council to progress this project at this juncture. Councillor Spruytenburg queried whether another fountain was required when one already existed in Skottowes Pond but Councillor Lacey pointed out that historically there had been one located by the Performance Area and, in fact, the Council had at one time looked to illuminate it. The Council agreed that the Youth Council should at least look at the costs of such a project and bring such details back to Members.

Ms Pirouet then updated the Council on the other projects the Youth Council was involved with namely the completion of the peer pressure leaflet; an information sheet on the issues surrounding under-age sexual relations and an updating of the Youth Directory.

Councillor Shaw also commented that he had attended the trip undertaken by the Youth Council to the Welsh Assembly in half-term and commended the Youth Councillors on their exemplary behaviour which was favourably remarked upon by the hosts.

The Mayor thanked Ms Pirouet for her presentation and asked her to pass on the best wishes from the Council to her fellow Youth Councillors.

95. **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor F.G. Holly and seconded by Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011, be received and approved.

It was moved by Councillor F.G. Holly and seconded by Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, be received and approved.

96. **RECREATION AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet and seconded by Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and the Arts Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011, be received and approved.

97. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor V.M. Abraham and seconded by Councillor F.G. Holly and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, be received, approved and adopted.

98. **PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

In respect of the Minutes of the Performance Review Committee of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011, it was noted that the numbering of the Minutes had not followed sequentially.

It was moved by Councillor P.W. Yerrell and seconded by Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Performance Review Committee, as amended, held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011, be received and approved.

99. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN CRIER**

The Council considered the proposal from the Mayor that her current ambassador, Mr William Ellis, take over the Town Crier role for one year.

The Council agreed to this suggestion and that once the twelve months was completed, a competition be held to appoint a permanent successor to the late Mr Watsham.

It was

**RESOLVED**

that Mr William Ellis be appointed Town Crier for the period of twelve months after which a competition should be held to appoint a person to the role permanently.

100. **FAIRTRADE RENEWAL STATUS**

Members were delighted to receive a very complimentary report from the Fairtrade Foundation, which administers the Fairtrade Towns Initiative and which confirmed the town's re-accreditation as a Fairtrade town. Officers were asked to pass on the Council's congratulations and thanks to Chesham's Fairtrade Steering Committee.

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the report be noted.

101. **PAY SCHEDULE NO. 6**

Following consideration of Pay Schedule No. 6, it was

**RESOLVED**

that Pay Schedule No. 6 in the grand total of £255,076.45 be approved and the various payments and transactions set out therein be confirmed.

102. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The items presented on Information Sheet No.17 were received and noted.

103. **CHESHAM PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ACADEMY STATUS**

The Council considered a late report in respect of Chesham Park Community College proposals to seek 'Academy' status for the school.

Councillor Brand advised that the school was keen to seek support from the Council and other key partners and requested an opportunity to present to the Council before the consultation closure date of the 8<sup>th</sup> April. Accordingly Councillor Brand asked whether Members would agree to allow representatives of the proposed Chiltern Academy to put

forward its plans to a specially arranged meeting before the Development Committee of the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Members were happy to support the request but Councillor Bacon queried whether the meeting would be open to the public and, if not, which ‘partners’ were proposed to be invited. Councillor Brand clarified that the school wished on this occasion to present only to the Council and other significant community organisations such as the Chesham Action Partnership and other civic groups. Members decided it would be appropriate for the Clerk, in liaison with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor Abraham, to determine the final invitation list.

It was

**RESOLVED**

that representatives of the proposed Chiltern Academy be invited to present to the Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and the Clerk and Councillor Abraham be authorised to determine which other groups be invited to this presentation.

104. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

It was moved by the Chairman and

**RESOLVED**

that the public and the Press be excluded from the following two items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Access to Meetings) Act 1960, as matters which are considered to be confidential are about to be discussed.

105. **CATERING CONTRACT AT THE ELGIVA**

The Committee considered the request from the current catering concessionaire at the Elgiva to enter into a three year agreement in her own right having been assigned the balance of the previous concessionaire’s three year agreement in March 2009.

As had been requested by the Recreation and the Arts Committee, the concessionaire’s most recent accounts had been submitted and duly noted by the Council. In consideration of these it was

**RESOLVED**

1. That the current concessionaire be offered a new three year agreement on similar terms to the current agreement, to commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and at a fixed three year annual rent of £8,638.68 plus VAT.
2. That the Retail Price Index increase as at the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 be not applied.

106. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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TOWN MAYOR