

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
Adur District Council**

13 December 2018

**Queen Elizabeth II Room
Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea**

Councillor Joss Loader, Chairman
Councillor George Barton, Vice-Chairman

Councillor Carol Albury	Councillor Angus Dunn
Councillor Carson Albury	Councillor Emma Evans
*Councillor Catherine Arnold	Councillor Paul Graysmark
Councillor Les Alden	*Councillor Liz Haywood
Councillor David Balfe	Councillor Paul Mansfield
Councillor Pat Beresford	Councillor Andy McGregor
Councillor Brian Boggis	Councillor Peter Metcalfe
Councillor Kevin Boram	Councillor Barry Mear
Councillor Ann Bridges	Councillor Robin Monk
Councillor Clive Burghard	Councillor Lavinia O'Connor
Councillor Stephen Chipp	Councillor Neil Parkin
Councillor Dave Collins	Councillor David Simmons
Councillor Brian Coomber	Councillor Sami Zeglam
Councillor Lee Cowen	

* = Absent

C/029/18-19 Apologies for absence

The Chairman announced that apologies had been received from Councillors Catherine Arnold and Liz Haywood

C/030/18-19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

C/031/18-19 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public

C/032/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 01 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman

C/033/18-19 Announcements by the Chairman and / or Head of Paid Service

The Chairman made the following announcements

Chairman's fund-raising appeal.

There has been considerable progress since the last update.

A publicly-accessible defibrillator has now been installed outside Visions Hair Salon in Crabtree Lane, Lancing, funded by resident Mr Trevor Attwell in memory of his late wife, Peggy. My sincere thanks to him for his generosity and to Cllr Carol Albury for her help in finding a suitable location.

Councillor Burghard was thanked for a donation made.

Another AED has been installed on Shoreham Beach - our fourth publicly accessible machine. This was funded by The Mooring social club at Emerald Quay and is located outside their club building. Again sincere thanks to all those who donated.

Meanwhile, a new AED has just been installed at Sunshine Nursery in Tarmount Lane, Shoreham - jointly funded by the nursery and Shoreham Insurance Services who crowd-funded to install the machine at The Bridge. Again, very sincere thanks.

A further machine is due to be installed in North Lancing very shortly and there are plans for another in Sompting.

First World War tree planting

This was a poignant, moving and very well attended commemorative event. Pupils from Buckingham Primary School joined us doing the honours.

One young lad wrote a very well-crafted poem - Heroes don't come in masks or capes....

I am hoping we can display some of the poetry produced by the Year 6 pupils publicly as it deserves a wider viewing

Second Southwick Brownies' Parliament Week

Along with Cllr Catherine Arnold, who attended as a parent helper, I helped to lead a very interesting session focused on democracy, women in local government and how the girls viewed council spending priorities.

There was a meaningful and somewhat heated debate, and the girls identified housing as the top priority for councils when setting their key priorities and objectives. Other budgetary items that dominated the discussions were playground equipment provision, street cleaning and other environmental health initiatives such as beach cleaning, education about dog fouling and the cleanliness of public loos.

There were some excellent ideas and valid points expressed by the voters of the future.

Adur and Worthing Business Awards

Along with Cllr Brian Boggis, I went along to this extremely well-attended event and it was great to see so many Adur businesses triumphing in the face of robust competition. Very sincere congratulations to the Adur winners, including A and F Pilbeam Construction Ltd (overall winners), Ricardo, Colourfull Kitchens, Gardiner and Scardifield, Pyroban and HG King Funeral Directors - you really did Adur proud.

Minute's silence

The Chairman announced that two former councillors had recently passed away namely Robert Dunn and Chris Kemp. Councillors Pat Beresford, Neil Parkin, Carson Albury and Angus Dunn paid tribute to their memory which was followed by a minute's silence held in their honour.

C/034/18-19 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

The Chairman informed the Council that there were no matters of urgency to be considered.

C/035/18-19 Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council

The Council had before it recommendations from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Strategic Committee (items 7A and 7B)

(A) Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 29 November 2018

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19

The Chairman of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the recommendation to the Council and was asked questions about the value added to an item concerning the proposed budget savings. The Chairman agreed that there was room for improvement and that he would urge Committee Members to make recommendations with a view to adding value to the process. The Chairman of the Committee moved the recommendation before the Council which was seconded. There being no debate,

On a vote: for 27 against 0 abstain 0

Resolved: that the Council in note the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed by Council in July 2018.

(B) Joint Strategic Committee - 4 December 2018

i) Investing for the future: Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22

The Leader presented the recommendation to the Council. There were no questions. The Leader moved the recommendation before the Council which was seconded.

The Council debated the item. A Member expressed concern that it was proposed that the Strategic Property Investment fund from 2019/20 was being brought forward to the current financial year. He opined that uncertainty over Brexit was creating an unsettled economic climate and asked if investments could wait until after Brexit. The Executive Member for Resources told the Council that the strategy was put in place so that the Council could mitigate risks. The Leader told Council that the investment was small in comparison to other Councils (£17 Adur and worthing compared to £250m Aylesbury). Without the income generated from those properties there would be over half a million black hole in the Council's budget (which amounted to a 10% Council Tax rise)

On a vote: for 27 against 0 abstain 0

Resolved:

- i) that the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes, as amended, be approved
- ii) that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for 2019/20 be brought forward with the approval of the Executive Members for Resources.

ii) Housing Development Programme - update and progress report

The Leader presented the recommendation to the Council. A Member stated that £10m mentioned in the report was welcome and asked why the Council had not earmarked more. Council was told that the amount was appropriate and was affordable service (especially given the rent reduction scheme and the effect that it was having on the Housing Revenue Account). The Leader moved the recommendation before the Council which was seconded.

A Member stated that there was a survey on 39-40 potential sites for housing within the District and that the amount available to loan should be based on the amount of viable sites for development. Executive members told the council that if money was borrowed it would be an amount that was affordable to the Housing Revenue Account. Low potential income from social housing meant that developments needed money from other parties in order to make schemes viable.

On a vote: for 27 against 0 abstain 0

Resolved: that Adur District Council approve the creation of a £10m budget to facilitate the potential purchase or development of additional units for the HRA within the Adur area. Funded by a combination of prudential borrowing, RTB receipts, and external and S106 monies. Budget to be released on submission and approval of a suitable business case for each scheme, to the Adur Executive Member for Customer Services;

C/036/18-19 Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by Executive Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the last meeting of Council

Before the Council was the report of the Leader on Decisions taken by Executive Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the last meeting of Council.

A Member asked a question relating to the Draft Adur SPD: Demonstrating Genuine Redundancy of Employment Sites and a response was provided concerning the effect of changes to the national Planning Policy Framework concerning change of use.

A Member asked about the assessment of need in relation to employment space within the District and was told that information was within the local plan and supporting documents.

C/037/18-19 Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

The Chairman announced that the Proper Officer had not received any questions from Members under CPR 12.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm, it having commenced at 7.00pm.

Chairman