

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

25 April 2019

**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 Liz Haywood
Councillor Les Alden	Councillor Paul Mansfield
Councillor David Balfe	Councillor Andy McGregor
Councillor Pat Beresford	Councillor Peter Metcalfe
Councillor Brian Boggis	Councillor Barry Mear
Councillor Kevin Boram	*Councillor Robin Monk
Councillor Ann Bridges	Councillor Lavinia O'Connor
Councillor Clive Burghard	Councillor Neil Parkin
Councillor Stephen Chipp	Councillor David Simmons
*Councillor Dave Collins	*Councillor Debs Stainforth
Councillor Brian Coomber	Councillor Sami Zeglam
Councillor Lee Cowen	

* = Absent

C/052/18-19 Apologies for absence

The Chairman announced that apologies had been received from Councillors Robin Monk Liz Haywood and Debs Stainforth

C/053/18-19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made

C/054/18-19 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public

C/055/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman

The Chairman made the following announcements

It was a great pleasure to Chair the International Women's Day event at Shoreham Community Centre on March 8 which included some inspirational speakers including Cllrs Debbie Kennard and Lavinia O'Connor. There was a great turnout and a real sense of sisterhood and achievement.

Other highlights from the past eight weeks included attending the official opening of the Adur Tidal Walls Scheme. This project has been difficult for some residents - particularly those living on Shoreham Beach - but it's comforting to know that the town is now protected from rising sea levels and river flooding.

I was also delighted to attend Shoreham Fort last month, along with the MP Tim Loughton and West Sussex Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Cllr Debbie Kennard. It was a total surprise to the Friends of Shoreham Fort when they received a High Sheriff's Award from Caroline Nicholls.

This award was totally well deserved and Gary Baines, Sharon Penfold and the team continue to do an absolute sterling job to protect Adur's only ancient scheduled monument.

Defibrillator Appeal - This continues to be a great success and has gone from strength to strength.

Since the last update, we have successfully installed two more public defibrillators in South Lancing - at the parish hall in South Street and the Lions Hall in Roberts Road. Sincere thanks to both Lancing Parish Council and the local Lions Club for match funding these, along with the Sussex Heart Charity.

A further machine was unveiled at the Miller and Carter restaurant in North Lancing yesterday (Wednesday). This was funded by residents Faye and Terry Ritchie.

Looking ahead, Cllr Lee Cowen has led the fund-raising for a defibrillator in Mash Barn - hopefully the venue will be confirmed shortly.

I am also optimistic that we will shortly be able to confirm funding for life-saving machines in Southwick and Fishersgate.

Congratulations to Cllr Steve Chipp who ran the Brighton Marathon earlier this month and raised sponsorship cash for the Shoreham Lifeboat Station. Well done Steve - I hope your legs have recovered!

I also have great respect for Cllr Paul Mansfield who slept rough for a week during one of the coldest spells of the winter to raise funds for the Turning Tides project, which aims to support people out of homelessness to regain their independence. Please do support Paul's Just Giving Appeal if you can.

Leader's announcements

The Leader congratulated Councillor Paul Mansfield on his recent role as Scout Leader

Executive Member announcements

The Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing gave an update to members on funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner and initiatives regarding weapons and drugs in schools

The Executive Member for Regeneration updated members on the finalisation of the development on old civic centre car park site

The Executive Member for Customer Services update members on progress made with the North Road development

C/057/18-19 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

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

C/058/18-19 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, 7B, 7C and 7D)

(A) Joint Strategic Committee - 5 March 2019

Strategic Property Investment Fund 2019 (SPIF) and the Commercial Property Investment Strategy (CPIS) 2019/20

The Leader introduced the recommendation to the Council and there being no questions moved the recommendation which was seconded.

On a vote: for 18 against 7 abstain 0

Resolved:

- i) that the 2019 Commercial Property Investment Strategy be adopted
- ii) that the Commercial Property investment fund be increased from the current £75,000,000 to £125,000,000 with a maximum investment in any year of £50,000,000;
- iii) that the operational and authorised borrowing limits be increased by £25,000,000 in 2019/20.
- iv) that it be resolved that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for future years may be brought forward with the approval of the Leaders and

the Executive Members for Resources, following their consideration of a business case.

(B) Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 21 March 2019

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

The Chair of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee introduced the recommendation to the Council and there being no questions moved the recommendation which was seconded.

On a vote: for 25 against 0 abstain 0

Resolved: that the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2019/20 be approved

(C) Joint Governance Committee - 26 March 2019

Financial Regulations

The Chair of the Joint Governance Committee introduced the recommendation to the Council and there being no questions moved the recommendation which was seconded.

On a vote: for 25 against 0 abstain 0

Resolved: that the revised Financial Regulations be approved

(Di) Enabling the Digital Future for Adur and Worthing: Extending Ultrafast

The Leader presented the recommendation to the Council. The Leader moved the recommendation which was seconded

On a vote: for 25 against 0 abstain 0

Resolved: that the Councils approve an increase to the capital budget of £2.55m to fund the proposed extension of the network, funded through external grants and contributions split as follows Adur: £1.02m and Worthing: £1.53m.

C/059/18-19 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.

The Executive answered questions relating to executive procedures, motions from council and redundancy of employment sites.

C/060/18-19 Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

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

C/061/18-19 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: 'that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act indicated against the item'

C/062/18-19 Exempt recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee to Council

HRA Development - Next Steps

The Leader presented the recommendation to the Council and answered questions on the item. The Leader moved the recommendation which was seconded

Resolved: that the exempt recommendation be approved

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.39pm, it having commenced at 7.00pm.

Chairman