

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the
Town Hall Chapel Road Worthing on**

21 July 2015

The Mayor, Councillor Michael Donin
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sean McDonald

Councillor Noel Atkins	Councillor Mary Lermite
Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Heather Mercer
Councillor Keith Bickers	Councillor Nigel Morgan
Councillor Joan Bradley	Councillor Louise Murphy
Councillor Callum Buxton	Councillor Mark Nolan
Councillor Michael Cloake	Councillor Luke Proudfoot
Councillor Edward Crouch	Councillor Clive Roberts
Councillor James Doyle	Councillor Bob Smytherman
Councillor Norah Fisher	*Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes
Councillor Diane Guest	Councillor Keith Sunderland
Councillor Alex Harman	Councillor Bryan Turner
Councillor Lionel Harman	Councillor Val Turner
Councillor Joshua High	Councillor Vicki Vaughan
Councillor Paul High	Councillor Vino Vinojan
Councillor Daniel Humphreys	Councillor Vic Walker
Councillor Charles James	Councillor Tom Wye
Councillor Susan Jelliss	Councillor Paul Yallop
Councillor Kevin Jenkins	

*=absent

C/015/15-16 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elizabeth Sparkes.

C/016/15-16 Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to make any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, no Member interests were declared however the following Officer interests were declared:

Mr A Bailey Chief Executive Officer and Head of Paid Service

Mrs S Sale Solicitor to the Councils and Monitoring Officer

Both declarations were on Item 7Aii - Officer Employment Rules - both officers indicated that they would be leaving the chamber for the item.

C/017/15-16 Questions and Statements from the public

The Mayor informed Council that no questions to the Executive had been received from members of the public although he invited those present in the gallery to ask questions or make any statements to Council. None were submitted.

C/018/15-16 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 May 2015, be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Mayor.

C/019/15-16 Announcements by the Mayor, Leader, Executive Members, Head of Paid Service

The Mayor announced that the previous week he had tea in the Parlour with Lorraine Brockhurst, Peter Webb and Susan Ward, who together with Josephine Hutchinson had all been granted Honours in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

The Council placed on record its congratulations to the four recipients on their national recognition.

The Mayor introduced Paul Westover, DJ Paul Fish. Back in June a fire had broken out on the Pier, Paul had reacted fast using the fire extinguishers until the Fire Service arrived; due to Paul's prompt action Worthing still had it's Pier.

The Council placed on record its appreciation for Paul's speedy actions to limit the damage to the Pier. The Mayor invited Paul to come forward to receive a small token of the Council's appreciation.

The Deputy Mayor was invited to address Council regarding the success of Worthing resident, Dan Cobby, an Iron Man Triathlon contestant. Dan had take part in the contest in Bolton the previous Sunday coming in 8th, the highest placed amature gaining a place for the World Championships in Kona, Hawaii later this year.

The Mayor asked councillors to attend at the Canadian Memorial Day Service on 16 August at 11 am and the short service for VJ Day on 17 August at 2pm. Further details would be circulated.

The Mayor reminded Council of the Member/Officer Charity Match which would take place on Sunday 2 August at 1pm. This event would be followed with a Race Night in the Clubhouse at Fernhurst Drive. All welcome to attend and support the teams and events.

On the subject of Cricket the Mayor announced that the Adur and Worthing Members and Officers Cricket Team had beaten Southern Water in the Annual cricket match on Sunday 12th, top scorer was Duncan Anderston with 42 runs; Councillor Vinojan and John Mitchell had both taken 3 wickets, the Council had won by 50 runs. The Mayor presented Councillor Paul High with the trophy.

The Mayor's final presentation was the Vote of Thanks to Councillor Vic Walker for his year as Mayor.

The Leader announced that to formalise members available for substitution for the Planning and Licensing Committees (when substitutions could be made), he proposed that in accordance with the Constitution, all members with the recent training (in the last two years) could act as a substitute.

Council noted and agreed these substitutions.

Councillor Bryan Turner announced two 'thank you's'; one to members of the community, who had taken over the maintenance and planting of the flowers along the Prom, the display was a credit to their hard work. Councillor Turner also thanked Paul Holden for his ongoing contribution to the seafront and providing flags to enhance the area.

The Head of Paid Service had no announcements

C/020/15-16 Items raised under the urgency provisions

There were no urgent items for Council.

C/021/15-16 Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council

Council had before it recommendations from the Joint Governance Committee and the Joint Strategic Committee, as detailed on pages 5 to 15 of the Council agenda.

Joint Governance Committee

Item Ai - Revision of Contract Standing Orders

Councillor Murphy of the Committee presented the Committee's recommendation on page 5 of the agenda; the recommendation was seconded by Councillor A Harman.

On a vote the following was noted: For: 33 Against: 0 Abstention: 2

Resolved that the revised Contract Standing Orders be approved.

Item Aii - Officer Employment Procedure Rules

Councillor Murphy of the Committee presented the Committee's recommendation on page 7 of the agenda; the recommendation was seconded by Councillor A Harman.

On a vote the following was noted: For: 33 Against: 0 Abstention: 2

Resolved that the revised Officer Employment Procedure Rules at Appendix 1 to the report of the Joint Governance Committee be adopted as part of the Council's Standing Orders within its constitution with effect from 24 July 2015.

Joint Strategic Committee

Item Bi - Revenue outturn report 2014-15

The Leader of the Council presented the Committee's recommendation on pages 9 to 10 of the agenda; the recommendation was seconded by Councillor Nolan.

On a vote the following was noted: For: 33 Against: 0 Abstention: 2

Resolved that Council

(i) approved the appropriation of the net under-spend in General Fund revenue expenditure in the year to reserves as detailed in paragraph 6.3 for Worthing Borough Council of £121,280;

(ii) agreed the net carry-over of revenue budget to 2015/16 where the original approval for 2014/15 was not utilised which will be funded from the Capacity Issues Reserve as set out in paragraph 5.4 (HRA), 6.1 and 6.2 (General Fund) totalling where these related to the Borough Council :-

(Adur District Council - HRA £81,000)

(Adur District Council £36,480)

Worthing Borough Council £122,870

Item Bii - Capital and Projects Outturn for Joint, Adur and Worthing 2014/15

The Leader of the Council presented the Committee's recommendation on pages 9 to 10 of the agenda; the recommendation was seconded by Councillor Nolan.

On a vote the following was noted: For: 34 Against: 0 Abstention: 2

Resolved, that Council

- (i) noted the overall capital final outturn for 2014/15;
- (ii) agreed the net carry-over of General Fund Capital underspends, as detailed in paragraphs 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 6.6, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15. where these related to the Borough Council
- (iii) approved the financing of the Capital Investment Programmes, including the use of capital receipts as set out in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5, 6.4, 6.5. where these related to the Borough Council
- (iv) approved the amendments to Worthing Borough Council's 2015/16 Capital Investment Programme to include the following schemes:
 - a) Purchase of land adjacent to Durrington Cemetery as detailed in paragraph 6.9;
 - b) Removal of asbestos from the Town hall as detailed in paragraph 6.12;
 - c) Conversion of Colonnade House to a creative corner as detailed in paragraph 6.18.
- (v) note the use of S106 receipts to fund the 2014/15 Capital Investment Programme, as previously approved, set out in paragraph 4.4 and 6.4. where these related to the Borough Council.

Item B iii - Outline forecast 2016/17 and budget strategy

The Leader of the Council presented the Committee's recommendation on page 13 of the agenda; the recommendation was seconded by Councillor Nolan.

On a vote the following was noted: For: 31 Against: 0 Abstention: 5

Resolved that the Council approve the budget Strategy for 2016/17 as outlined in Section 10 of the report.

Item Biv - Capital Strategy 2015-2018

The Leader of the Council presented the Committee's recommendation on page 15 of the agenda; the recommendation was seconded by Councillor Nolan.

On a vote the following was noted: For: 34 Against: 0 Abstention: 2

Resolved that the Council approve the Capital Strategy 2015/18 be approved.

C/022/15-16 Leader's Report on decisions taken by the Executive

The Leader of the Council presented his report on decisions taken by the Executive since the last Ordinary meeting of the Council; which were detailed in Item 8, on pages 17-20 on the agenda.

The Leader indicated he had nothing to add to the decisions taken.

The Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing was asked to detail the strategy to deal with Fuel Poverty and to protect those most vulnerable. The Executive Member undertook to respond to Councillor Smytherman in writing with details.

C/023/15-16 Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

The Proper Officer had not received any questions from Members under CPR 12.

Under the provisions of 12.2 (b) (matters of an urgent nature) an update on the traveller encroachment on to Goring Greensward was requested. After the Leader had given an update; the Director of Communities announced that he had just received confirmation by email that the Section 52 Notices had been served and the travellers had left the Site.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm, it having commenced at 6.30pm.

Mayor