

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

11 December 2018

The Mayor, Councillor Paul Baker
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hazel Thorpe

Councillor Noel Atkins	Councillor Heather Mercer
Councillor Antony Baker	Councillor Nigel Morgan
Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Richard Mulholland
*Councillor Mike Barrett	Councillor Louise Murphy
Councillor Keith Bickers	Councillor Clive Roberts
Councillor Beccy Cooper	Councillor Jane Sim
Councillor Edward Crouch	Councillor Bob Smytherman
Councillor Jim Deen	Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes
Councillor Alex Harman	Councillor Bryan Turner
Councillor Karen Harman	Councillor Val Turner
Councillor Lionel Harman	Councillor Nicola Waight
Councillor Joshua High	Councillor Steve Waight
Councillor Paul High	Councillor Paul Westover
Councillor Margaret Howard	Councillor Steve Wills
Councillor Daniel Humphreys	Councillor Mark Withers
Councillor Charles James	Councillor Tom Wye
Councillor Kevin Jenkins	Councillor Paul Yallop
Councillor Sean McDonald	

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C/034/18-19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Barrett.

C/035/18-19 Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to make any declarations of interest in relation to items on the agenda:-

Councillor Noel Atkins declared a personal interest in item 10 as a veteran of the cold war and IRA insurgencies and as a Member of the Royal Naval Association for Veterans.

Councillor Bob Smytherman declared personal interests as a trustee of Coastal West Sussex Mind and Chairman of the Dementia Action Alliance.

Councillor Tom Wye declared a personal interest in item 10.

Councillors Paul High and Kevin Jenkins declared personal interests in item 7C(iii) as their children were members of Worthing Youth Football Club.

C/036/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 30 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Mayor.

C/037/18-19 Questions from the public

The Mayor announced that there was 1 registered question for the meeting.

Ms Bickers asked a question in relation to recent reports in the press, regarding the numbers of homeless people in Worthing, seeking clarification of the approach being taken by the Council to prevent homelessness.

The Executive Members for Customer Services advised that Homelessness presentations were predicted to continue increase with the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government estimating up to a 20% increase in rough sleeping from 2017/2018 - 2018/2019.

More widely, the Council was continuing to see an increase in the number of individuals and families presenting as homeless to whom the Council owed a duty under the Homelessness Reduction Act, either to prevent homelessness or relieve homelessness.

*Despite these trends the Council's focus on prevention was having an impact, although demand had not decreased. The Housing Teams had fully implemented the Homeless Reduction Act, developing Homelessness Prevention pilots and working with partners and Stakeholders to '**Make Homelessness Everyone's Business**'. The Council had worked with IPEH (WSSC Integrated Prevention and Early Help Hub) and JCP (Jobcentre Plus) alongside delivering workshops and presentations to other partners and stakeholders. This had enabling a joined up approach to identifying homelessness triggers for those at risk as well as managing expectations.*

The Council's homeless prevention pilots involved co-locating Housing staff for two days a week with the WSSC Integrated Prevention and Early Help Hub and at JobCentre Plus. In the first five months of these pilots (July-November) the Council had supported nearly 180 individuals and families through these routes:

- 24 evictions had been prevented or homelessness delayed*
- 42 cases were found alternative accommodation*
- 10 placed in temporary accommodation*

Since the Homelessness Reduction Act came into effect, more than 170 Prevention Plans had been created, and the Council had achieved more than 90 positive prevention outcomes (where accommodation had been secured for the following 6 or 12 months).

Ms Bickers asked a supplementary question which sought clarification regarding the point at which the Council could step in and make decisions on behalf of the homeless in order to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

The Executive Member for Customer Services replied that under the Law, if a person had competence, then they made their own decisions. Although some rough sleepers did have mental health problems, it didn't negate their competence. Where encampments were on private property and the owner didn't want to take action, the Council would seek to engage with individuals and the landlord.

The following questions were received from members of the public at the meeting:-

Mr Finders, a Worthing resident, asked why Brooklands Go Karts couldn't be included in the Brooklands Park Masterplan. He advised the Council that nearly 3,000 people had signed a petition supporting the business.

The Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services advised that the businesses lease was due to expire and the Council was reviewing options on the site. The Council had considered all of the responses and views expressed by the public and Mr Finders had been advised that he could put forward a bid for the site which would be considered alongside any other options put forward.

Mr Finders asked for reasons why his business did not fit into the Masterplan as a supplementary question.

The Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services advised that he would contact Mr Finders following the meeting.

Ms Guest, a Worthing resident, asked a question regarding the petition presented to the Council in October. Ms Guest questioned whether the petitioner should have been able to raise a point of order or explain her petition with a definition and should she have had a right of reply following debate.

The Leader of the Council replied that Councillors had taken a literal interpretation of the petition that was presented to them. The Leader agreed to provide a written response regarding the petitioners entitlement to a right of reply.

A Worthing resident questioned what the Council had done since the October meeting to move towards being plastic free.

The Leader of the Council replied that Councillors had dealt with the motion as put forward and then considered a cross party motion which provided details of work that would be taken forward by the Council. A working group will be tasked with taking forward this work which will report back to the Joint Strategic Committee and Full Council in the next few months.

The resident suggested that the Council had had time to consider its approach to this issues and sought clarification on the actions taken.

The Leader of the Council replied that a report 'Stewarding our Environment Framework' had been presented to the Joint Strategic Committee on the 6 November. The Council had a dedicated officer leading on sustainability delivering initiatives such as the 'ReFill' bottles which had been introduced to reduce the use of plastic cups at meetings and the printing supplier had stopped sending committee papers in plastic envelopes.

C/038/18-19 Announcements by the Mayor, Leader, Executive Members, Head of Paid Service

The Mayor presented 1st Class Cadet Haulwen Davies from Worthing, representing the Sea Cadets and Lance Corporal James South from Worthing, representing the Marine Cadets, with their Cadet badges.

Council noted that since the last council meeting the Mayor had attended many Civic Events, including:-

- The opening of the Garden of Remembrance with a short service and planting of a cross. Receiving artwork from pupils of Durrington Junior School depicting Poppy Fields made from recycled materials;
- Attending the awarding of the Queens Award for Innovation to ETI in Broadwater. The Award was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex;
- St Andrews School WW1 commemoration at Worthing Station, a multimedia presentation and short service given by my Mayor's Chaplain Rev Gaz Daley;
- Remembrance Sunday event, a tremendous attendance by the people of Worthing with around 4,000 at the service. A fitting event to mark the 100th years anniversary of the armistice and a very apt service conducted by Rev Gaz Daley. The event concluded with a march past which included a large contingent of soldiers from the 12th Regiment RA and the various cadet forces and youth organisations. This year seeing a large number of Northbrook Met College Combined Cadet Force RN taking part. My thanks to all the councillors who attended and to the councils officers who were involved in the organisation;
- A Nation's Tribute lighting of the beacon on the seafront with the Lancing Brass Band and a moving tribute read by our Town Crier. The event was attended by approximately 200 people and concluded Worthing's day of remembrance;
- The 11th Adur & Worthing Business Awards was held at the Pier Pavilion where a large attendance of over 380 people celebrated the wonderful businesses within the area. My congratulations to all the winners and to the organisers;
- A short commemoration event was held at the War Birds Memorial in Beach House Park to remember all the animals that had died in conflicts and the part they played during wartime.

The Mayor wished to place on record the Council's gratitude to Storm Ministries and their team for their sterling effort of knitting 8000 woollen poppies and creating the amazing waterfall of poppies that adorned the front of the Town Hall as a great backdrop for the year's 100th Remembrance Celebrations. Their work showed admirably what the local community can do when it comes together and unifies. Council noted that the Mayor would be formally recognising their work, by holding a Civic Pride Award reception in January 2019.

The Mayor highlighted the following forthcoming Charity events:-

- Mayor's Carol Concert at St Mary's Broadwater, Sunday 16th December at 6.00 pm. The Christmas service would be hosted by the Mayor's Chaplain Rev Gaz Daley

The Executive Member for Regeneration advised Council that an Executive Member report proposing a Giant Observation Wheel on Worthing Seafront had been published recently and sought feedback from all Councillors on the proposal.

The Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services updated the Council on the Environmental Framework and the three pledges referred to in the framework:-

- 1) the government's '2020 Emissions Reduction' pledge;
- 2) the '100% Clean Energy by 2050' pledge (UK 100 Cities); and
- 3) the 'Plastic Free Council' pledge (Surfers Against Sewage).

C/039/18-19 Items raised under the urgency provisions

There were no items raised under the urgency provisions.

C/040/18-19 Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council

Council had before it recommendations from the Joint Strategic Committee and the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Extracts of these minutes had been circulated as items 7A(i), 7A(ii), 7B(i), 7C(i), 7C(ii) & 7C(iii).

Item 7A(i) Joint Strategic Committee - 6 November 2018

Adoption of the Brooklands Park Masterplan

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on the 6 November 2018, to approve the use of the budget for the replacement Par 3 club house of £225,000 for the initial works associated with the Master Plan.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Edward Crouch.

Members welcomed the proposals but raised concerns about the situation with the Go Karting track. Members sought assurance that the Council would work with the leaseholder to identify any alternative locations.

The Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services advised that a number of meetings had already taken place and the Council would do its best to identify a suitable, alternative site.

On a vote: For 30, Against 0, Abstain 5

Resolved that Worthing Borough Council approved the use of the budget for the replacement Par 3 club house of £225,000 for the initial works associated with the Master Plan.

Item 7A(ii) Joint Strategic Committee - 6 November 2018

Investing in Worthing Town Centre - Approach to Car Parking Provision

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on the 6 November 2018, to amend the 2019/20 capital programme to include the cost of refurbishment of Buckingham Road Multi-Storey Car Park at £1,533,000 funded through borrowing, the revenue consequences of which, would be paid for by car parking income.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins.

On a vote: For 32, Against 1, Abstain 2

Resolved that the Council approved the amendment of the 2019/20 capital programme to include the cost of refurbishment of Buckingham Road Multi-Storey Car Park at £1,533,000 funded through borrowing. The revenue consequences of which, would be paid for by car parking income.

Item 7B(i) Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 29 November 2018

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19

The JOSOC Chairman presented a recommendation from the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 29 November 2018, to note the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed by both Councils in July 2018.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Keith Bickers.

On a vote: For 33, Against 0, Abstain 2

Resolved that the Council noted the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed by both Councils in July 2018.

Item 7C(i) Joint Strategic Committee - 4 December 2018

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

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on the 4 December 2018, to approve the amended 2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes and to agree that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for 2019/20 be brought forward with the approval of the Executive Members for Resources.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Kevin Jenkins.

On a vote: For 33, Against 0, Abstain 2

Resolved that the Council approved the amended 2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes and agreed that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for 2019/20 be brought forward with the approval of the Executive Members for Resources.

Item 7C(ii) Joint Strategic Committee - 4 December 2018

Housing Development Programme - update and progress report

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on the 4 December 2018, to approve an increase to the General Fund capital programmes of £11m, to the invest to save budget specifically, for the purpose of increasing the supply of temporary and emergency accommodation. The budget was to be released on submission and approval of a suitable business case for each scheme to the Executive Members for Customer Services and would be funded by prudential borrowing and external funding.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Heather Mercer.

On a vote: For 34, Against 0, Abstain 1

Resolved that the Council approved an increase to the General Fund capital programmes of £11m, to the invest to save budget specifically, for the purpose of increasing the supply of temporary and emergency accommodation. The budget was to be released on submission and approval of a suitable business case for each scheme to the Executive Members for Customer Services and would be funded by prudential borrowing and external funding.

Item 7C(iii) Joint Strategic Committee - 4 December 2018

Palatine Park - 3G Pitch Development

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on the 4 December 2018, to add the scheme to the 2019/20 capital programme with a budget of £840,000 funded by external funding and S106 receipts.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Val Turner.

Members expressed their support for an artificial football pitch (3G) on Palatine Park and the use of s106 monies to fund the scheme.

On a vote: For 35, Against 0, Abstain 0

Resolved that the Council agreed to add the scheme to the 2019/20 capital programme with a budget of £840,000 funded by external funding and s106 receipts.

C/041/18-19 Report of the Leader 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 11-22 of the tabled papers.

Questions were asked in relation to the Council Tax Support Scheme, the increasing of recycling rates to 50%, the Local Government Settlement, fortnightly bin collections and the provision of larger bins for residents with a medical need.

C/042/18-19 Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 12

The Mayor announced that the Proper Officer had received 11 questions from Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12. He advised that one supplementary question could be asked which must arise out of the original question or the reply. Questions would be asked in rotation of the Groups represented in the Chamber and there was 30 minutes allowed for questions with 7 rotations of speakers possible. At the end of 30 minutes the Mayor explained that he would extend the time to conclude the current rotation of questions.

The Mayor announced that the following Councillors had submitted questions:

Councillors Cooper, Howard, Mulholland, Smytherman, James and McDonald.

The order would be

First rotation: Councillor Cooper, Councillor Smytherman, Councillor James

Second rotation: Councillor Cooper, Councillor Smytherman and Councillor McDonald

Third rotation: Councillor Cooper

Fourth rotation: Councillor Howard

Fifth rotation: Councillor Howard

Sixth rotation: Councillor Mulholland

Seventh rotation: Councillor Mulholland

First Rotation:

Question from Councillor Cooper to the Leader

The Leader stated at our last Full Council that we would not be underwriting proposed County Council cuts that will directly affect organisations such as Turning Tides. At the last scrutiny committee, he suggested that this may be revisited if cuts go ahead. Can the Leader please explain where Worthing Borough Council will find these funds to subsidise County cuts?

Response

The Leader replied that should the proposals go ahead, the Council would clearly act according to its statutory duty on a case by case basis for those individuals who may be affected. This was not the same as 'underwriting' the proposals put forward by County.

Councillor Cooper asked the following supplementary question, 'if the proposed cuts did go ahead, do we foresee that the Council would need to find funding for subsequent years?'

The Leader replied that yes, it would.

Question from Councillor Smytherman to the Executive Member for Customer Services

Following a very helpful presentation by the Councils Head of Revenue & Benefits to the Dementia Friendly Worthing Meeting last week which showed that take up of eligible benefits was very poor due to lack of clear information about entitlement.

Given that Worthing has proudly signed up as an active member of the Dementia Action Alliance will the Executive follow Crawley Borough Councils example and include information about how to claim and entitlement information for our residents with Dementia & their Carers with the Council Tax bill sent out in 2019?

Response

The Executive Member for Customer Services replied that details about Council Tax discounts and exemptions were currently available on the Councils' website and encouraged all members to highlight council tax exemptions to their communities to ensure the most vulnerable were supported.

*Consideration was currently being given to the most appropriate way to promote the take-up of **all** Council Tax discounts and exemptions when annual bills were issued. The Council needed to factor in the impact of this with the cost involved adding additional material.*

The discounts Cllr Smytherman was referring to related to circumstances whereby there were two adults in the property and one of them suffered from

a "Severe Mental Impairment". Couples living together where one individual suffered from dementia or a similar medical condition were common applicants for this discount.

Provided the qualifying conditions (which were defined in law and not determined locally) were met, the customer's Council Tax bill would be reduced by 25%.

Although the number of discounts awarded in Worthing (215) could be perceived as being low, the Council did not have access to evidence to substantiate the assertion that the actual take-up was low.

Councillor Smytherman asked if he could share a document with the Executive Member and request that Council share this information.

The Executive Member for Customers Services welcomed a further conversation.

Question from Cllr James to the Leader of the Council

I note that the Strand Surgery is due to relocate to new premises soon, and that the Council is in the process of preparing to build new premises in the town centre for other doctors' surgeries, and health providers. In the light of these successes could I ask The Leader whether there is any prospect of the Durrington Health Centre receiving a similar new lease of life?

Response

The Leader of the Council replied that the Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group was responsible for improvements and upgrades to primary care facilities in the Worthing area.

The CCG adopted its Local Estates Strategy in September 2018 which identified that Durrington Health Centre needed replacing as it is in poor condition and too small for current demands.

The strategy stated that re-provision options existed on site or in collaboration with West Sussex on their Centenary House project which was nearby.

Worthing Borough Council would have a role as the planning authority and would work collaboratively to share any information and knowledge it had learned from the health centre project at Worthing Town Hall Car Park.

Cllr James requested an update from West Sussex County Council on the progress of the 'One Public Estate' work and whether the possibility of redeveloping the Durrington Health Centre could be part of that update.

The Leader of the Council replied that the question would be asked.

Second rotation:

Question from Councillor Cooper to the Leader:

In a recent scrutiny meeting, the Leader stated that he did not think the Prime Minister's end of austerity announcement applied to Local Authorities. How does the Leader think his Party expect Local Authorities to continue to operate effectively in the face of increasing demand, if our funding continues to reduce?

Response:

The Leader of the Council replied that the Council's budgets could not be reduced much further.

Over previous years, Ministers had been pretty consistent with their advice about commercial investments, making efficiencies and invest to saves. He advised that the Council was doing all these things and it was important that central government were made aware of that.

The Budget Strategy papers set out how the Council was looking to make the appropriate investments to head off the ongoing funding problems at this time.

Councillor Cooper suggested that spending was now in check and that the Leaders party was encouraging Local Authorities to fail and needed a Plan B.

The Leader of the Council replied that he didn't think there was encouragement for Local Government to fail but Ministers felt that Local Government funding was a lower priority than other areas, a view the Leader did not share.

Question from Councillor Bob Smytherman to the Executive Member for Regeneration

Following the recent news that ITV have commissioned a top playwright to complete Jane Austen's unfinished novel and the town's proud link to Jane Austen who wrote 'Sanditon' here in Worthing will the Executive Member confirm that the Council will be using the opportunity to include a literary festival as part of the 2019 Tourism Strategy?

Response:

The Executive Member for Regeneration replied that consideration was always given to tourism and event programming, so the Council would analyse and consider this in the context of wider events in 2019.

The Council was aware of the rich heritage associated with literacy, and as such was working with the Worthing Society to upgrade a number of blue plaques throughout the town centre, including Oscar Wilde.

The Discover Worthing website was also host, and linked to, a number of heritage trails. These guided walks revealed all the wonderful and unexpected aspects of the town's heritage, including that of literacy.

Question from Councillor Sean McDonald to the Executive Member for Regeneration

At a recent Full Council meeting we agreed to progress a house building project at Fulbeck Avenue (in Northbrook Ward where I am the local Councillor). Could the Cabinet Member update Full Council on progress on this project?

Supplementary - Other local Councils such as Labour controlled Brighton have sold off public buildings for housing developments and not secured affordable housing contributions. Can the Cabinet member assure me that this Conservative Council will not take that Labour Council's approach and will guarantee a 30% affordable housing contribution on this Council owned site?

Response:

The Executive Member for Regeneration replied that the Major Projects and Investment Team had been working with colleagues in housing and planning to prepare a project to deliver new homes on the Fulbeck Avenue site.

Initial proposals had been prepared for 50 homes, however, it was felt there was an opportunity to investigate using modular designed homes to increase the overall number of homes, including affordable homes, that could be delivered.

The Council was working with a modular homes developer to work up a proposal and aimed to submit a planning application in autumn 2019 with start on site in 2020.

The Executive Member was confident, at this stage, that the Council would be able to deliver a minimum of 30% affordable housing on site.

Councillor McDonald sought assurance that the target of 30% affordable housing for this site was deliverable.

The Executive Member for Regeneration replied that the Council was seeking to achieve 30% affordable housing as a starting point.

Third rotation:

The question from Councillor Rebecca Cooper was withdrawn as the question had already been answered during the meeting.

Fourth Rotation:

Question from Councillor Margaret Howard to the Executive Member for Regeneration

With regard to the Local Plan and Teville Gate does the council have any plans to reopen the underpass from Morrisons supermarket to the station?

Response

The Executive Member for Regeneration replied yes.

Councillor Howard asked when the underpass would be re-opened.

The Executive Member for Regeneration advised that the Major Projects and Investment Team were working towards letting a contract for a temporary surface car park at Teville Gate. This project would include re-decorating and re-opening the underpass for the duration that the temporary surface car park was in use.

Fifth Rotation:

Question from Councillor Margaret Howard to the Leader of the Council

At the last Full Council, it was agreed to aspire to become a plastic free Council. In view of that decision and the clarification that plastic free meant single use plastic free, does the Leader now agree that it would be an excellent initiative, to join the Surfers against Sewage, and to add to the Council's aspiration for the whole town of Worthing to become plastic free, not just the Council?

Response:

The Leader replied that the Council could aspire to the town becoming plastic free. However, this would involve a much larger piece of work bringing a number of people together including supermarkets amongst others. Aspiring to make the Council plastic free was a good start.

Sixth Rotation:

Question from Councillor Richard Mulholland to the Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing

Could the Executive Member please inform us on whether, due to the increased cost for pest control service, uptake for the service was expected to fall?

Response:

The Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing replied that the provision of a pest control service, by an external provider, came into effect on the 1 September, and to date, there had not been a drop in local residents using the range of pest control services provided by SDK Environmental LTD.

The Council would continue to have regular contract meetings with SDK and monitor the both the performance and uptake of the service.

Whilst the Council did provide a link on it's website to the list of services and prices charged by SDK, the Council also did advise the general public to obtain additional quotes from other local British Pest Control Association affiliated companies.

Councillor Mulholland asked whether pensioners or benefit claimants were offered reductions as a supplementary question.

The Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing replied that she was not aware of any reductions but would investigate and advise.

Seventh Rotation:**Question from Councillor Richard Mulholland to the Leader of the Council**

What impact on Worthing Borough does the leader feel there will be as an impact of Brexit?

Response:

The Leader replied that whilst the future relationship with the EU remained uncertain, it was difficult to determine the final impact of Brexit on the local community.

Councillor Mulholland asked whether the Council was preparing for the worst as a supplementary question.

The Leader replied that the Council was continuing to do the very best it could to deliver services within constrained budgets. This included doing everything possible to create a Worthing that was fit for the 21st Century through investment in ultrafast digital infrastructure and other initiatives.

C/043/18-19 Motions on Notice

The Council had before it, a motion which had been submitted by Councillor Noel Atkins.

The Council was asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

Councillor Noel Atkins presented the motion to Council which was seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman.

Members were informed that the Council had achieved the Silver Award for helping veterans and in order to be awarded the Gold Award, needed to establish a number of drop-in centres and breakfast clubs such as those in Littlehampton.

The Council noted a number of initiatives that were underway and expressed support for the motion.

On a vote: For 34, Against 0, Abstain 0

Resolved that Worthing Borough Council agreed the motion as set out below:-

Military Covenant

This Council congratulated the work undertaken so far to obtain the Military Covenant Silver Award.

As demonstrated, the Council:

- (a) Applauded the work of military service personnel and acknowledged the personal sacrifices in battle and peace time.
- (b) Acknowledged the challenges faced on entering civilian life.
- (c) Was deeply conscious of the impact of PTSD on veterans.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm, it having commenced at 6.30pm.

Mayor