

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

16 July 2020

Remote Meeting

Councillor Stephen Chipp, Vice-Chairman

Councillor Carson Albury	Councillor Emma Evans
Councillor Carol Albury	Councillor Liz Haywood
Councillor Catherine Arnold	Councillor Joss Loader
Councillor David Balfe	Councillor Paul Mansfield
Councillor Brian Boggis	Councillor Barry Mear
Councillor Kevin Boram	Councillor Peter Metcalfe
Councillor Ann Bridges	Councillor Robin Monk
Councillor Clive Burghard	Councillor Lavinia O'Connor
Councillor Brian Coomber	Councillor Neil Parkin
Councillor Lee Cowen	Councillor David Simmons
Councillor Angus Dunn	Councillor Sami Zeglam

Absent

Councillor Andy McGregor, Councillor George Barton, Councillor Pat Beresford, Councillor Dave Collins and Councillor Debs Stainforth

c/17/19-20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received by Councillors Pat Beresford, Andy McGregor, Debs Stainforth and George Barton

c/18/19-20 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made

c/19/19-20 Questions from the public

A Member of the Public had put a question in advance of the meeting which was read by the Chairman of the Committee: As a Shoreham by Sea resident I would like to thank Cllr Zeglam for bringing this motion to Council. Will the council then act to ensure it identifies and challenges racism firstly to review its own policies and practice, then as local leaders through partnership working with the other statutory bodies such as the police, schools etc and with local businesses, and report back on agreed actions at a future council meeting? The Executive Member for Wellbeing told the Council that he had championed anti racism causes in various guises since the 1980's and recognised the importance of the issue and 'step up and deal with it'. The Council had clear policies on how racism and hate crime was dealt with. The Council had recently engaged the services of an expert to come in to help review current procedures and train both staff and councillors. The Council worked with the Police regularly. Issues of racism reported to the Council were reported onto the police to be dealt with appropriately. The Executive Member explained that there was a 'hate crime app' which

could be found on his website. This was helpful because reporting an issue helped identify the full scale of the problem and subsequently address the problem appropriately. Schools had statutory obligations to address hate crime, racism, xenophobia, prejudice and discrimination, ofsted inspected schools on these issues. The Council worked with youth outreach and with community workers to pick up on associated issues.

c/20/19-20 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2020 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

c/21/19-20 Announcements by the Chairman, Leader of the Council, Executive Members and / or Head of Paid Service

The Leader of the Council informed members of some changes he proposed to make some changes to membership and Chairmanship of Committees where it related to his appointments. It was proposed that the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee be Councillor Stephen Chipp, the Chairman of the Licensing Committee be Paul Mansfield and the Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee be Kevin Boram. Cllr Boram will replace Cllr Beresford on the Planning Committee and Councillor Carol Albury will replace Cllr Beresford on the Licensing Committee. The Deputy Leader of the Council will be taking Cllr Beresford's place on the National Park Board. The Council noted and endorsed the proposed changes.

Executive Members thanked officers for their work during the Coronavirus pandemic.

c/22/19-20 Items raised under urgency provisions

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

c/23/19-20 Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council

a) Chief Executive's use of Urgency Powers during the Covid-19 Global Pandemic

The Leader introduced the recommendation to the Council. The Council debated the matter and on a vote it was,

Resolved: that the decision to increase the Treasury Management limits onto Council be noted and endorsed.

b) Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2020/21

The Vice Chair of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee introduced the Work Programme to the Council and moved the recommendation which was seconded

On a vote the recommendations were approved

Resolved: That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 Work Programme be approved

c) Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20

The Vice Chair of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee introduced the Annual Report to the Council and moved the recommendation which was seconded

Resolved: That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20 be approved

d) Financial Performance - 2019/20 Revenue Outturn

The Leader introduced the recommendation to the Council. The Council debated the matter and upon a vote it was,

Resolved:

1. that the overall final outturn for 2019/20 be noted;
- (b) that the net appropriations to General Fund Reserves in the year as detailed in paragraph 6.2 totalling: Adur District Council £1,072,315 be approved;
- (c) that the net carry over of revenue budget to 2020/21 funded from reserves as detailed in appendix 6: Adur District Council £80,700 Worthing Borough Council £157,500 be agreed.

e) Impact of Covid 19 on the Council's finances - Update on current financial performance and developing a revenue budget for 2021/22

The Leader introduced the recommendation to the council and moved the recommendation which was seconded.

The Council debated the recommendation, in particular matters relating to the Strategic Property Investment Programme

On a vote the recommendations were approved

Resolved: that the Councils approve the Budget Strategy for 2021/22 outlined in Section 9 of the report

f) Financial Performance 2019/20 - Capital and Projects

The Leader of introduced the recommendation to the Council which was seconded, voted upon and approved.

Resolved: that Adur District Council:

- 1) note the overall capital final outturn for 2019/20;

- 2) Agree the net carry over of General Fund Capital underspends for Adur District Council as detailed in paragraphs 5.3;
- 3) Approve the financing of the Adur District Council 2019/20 Capital Investment Programme, including the use of capital receipts as set out in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2;
- 4) Approve the carry forward of Council resources underspends to fund budget pressures and a contingency budget as detailed in paragraph 4.2.2. and summarised in paragraph 5.6.

g) Becoming financially sustainable - Capital Strategy 2021/24

The Leader of introduced the recommendation to the Council which was seconded, voted upon and approved.

Resolved: that the Capital Strategy for 2021/24 be approved

h) Southwick Green

The Council was asked to suspend Council Procedure rules where they conflicted with the budget procedure rules in accordance with paragraph 7.2 of the budget procedure rules.

Resolved: that Adur District Council, as Trustees of Southwick Green, note this resolution of the Joint Strategic Committee, made on behalf of the Trustees

i) Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence Scheme

The Leader of the Council introduced the recommendations to the Council. The motion was proposed, seconded and on a vote it was

Resolved:

that Adur District Council:

- (a) Approve an overall increase to the budget for the Flood Defence scheme at Western Harbour Arm of £1,140,000. The full cost of the project will be £6.1m;
- (b) Resource the associated funding shortfall of £1,140,000 as follows:
£427,000 grant from the Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Partnership;
Additional borrowing of £713,000.

c/24/19-20 Report of the Leader on decisions taken by the Executive

Before the Committee was a report by the Director of Communities, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 8

The report before members set out the decisions made by the Executive since the last meeting of Council.

A Member asked about the situation regarding the difficulties facing Impulse Leisure and was told that a decision on impulse leisure had not been made at the Joint Strategic Committee due to a late change in proposal made by impulse leisure. The decision had been delegated to the Leader and Officers.

A Member asked about grants funding for district heat networks and was told that Officers were working hard on the issue including some technical conditions.

c/25/19-20 Members question time under Council Procedure Rule 12

There were no questions

c/26/19-20 Motions on notice

Before the Council was a Motion received from Councillor Sami Zeglam and seconded by Councillor Lavinia O'Connor

This council wishes to place on record our condemnation of the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minnesota, USA. The subsequent protests and demonstrations around the world in support of Black Lives Matter has caught the public consciousness and this council wishes to recognise this movement.

The latest figures from Sussex Police show that black people in Sussex were 12 times more likely to be stopped and searched by police. In recognition of the incident in Minnesota and disparity of treatment, thousands of protesters took to the streets of Sussex over the weekend of June 13 to support the movement.

The council further notes the release of the Government's report on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people.

This council resolves:

To stand in complete solidarity with black people in America, in Britain, and around the world. Systemic racism exists in our society and we must tackle bias, racism or discrimination wherever we find it.

To write to the government to address the disproportionate impact of Covid19 on black, Asian and minority ethnic people.

To continue work with the community and Sussex police to ensure that policing in the county is proportionate and fair to all residents.

Councillor David Simmons proposed an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn. That motion was amended by mutual consent and on a vote the amendment was approved and the subsequent vote on the substantive motion was approved.

Resolved:

This council wishes to place on record our condemnation of the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minnesota, USA. The subsequent protests and demonstrations around the world in support of Black Lives Matter has caught the public consciousness,

The latest figures from Sussex Police continue to show disproportionality where people who identify as Black and those in other Black and Minority Ethnic communities are more likely to be stopped and searched.

In recognition of George Floyd's death and disparity of treatment, thousands of people took to the streets of Sussex over the weekend of June 13th to show their concern and support the fact that Black Lives Matter. This council wishes to recognise and associate ourselves with the principles behind lawful protests.

The Council also notes the release of the Government's report on the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people, and resolves:

To stand in solidarity with Black people in America, Britain and around the world in tackling systemic racism and discrimination wherever we find it

To write to the Government to continue to encourage and support the Government in addressing the disproportionality of Covid-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people

To continue to work with and support Sussex Police in understanding and tackling disproportionality, to ensure that policing in Sussex is proportionate and fair to all residents.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm, having commenced at 7.00 pm

Chairman