



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes Annual Farnham Town Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 8 May 2008

Place

The Council Chamber, South Street, Farnham

Members Present

- * Cllr C A Cockburn (Town Mayor) Chairman for the first 4 items only
 - * Cllr G M Beel (Deputy Town Mayor) Chairman for item 5 onwards
 - * Cllr D J Attfield
 - * Cllr V Duckett
 - * Cllr L J Fleming
 - * Cllr (Mrs) P M Frost
 - * Cllr R D Frost
 - Cllr C G Genziani
 - * Cllr G P Hargreaves
 - * Cllr S L Hill
 - * Cllr D Le Gal
 - * Cllr A J Lovell
 - * Cllr J E Maines
 - * Cllr S J O'Grady
 - * Cllr R J Steel
 - * Cllr C S Storey
 - * Cllr A P Thorp (arrived at 7.35pm)
 - * Cllr J A Ward
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- * Present
 - Apologies for absence

Officers Present:

Roland Potter (Town Clerk)

Wendy Coulter (Committee and Members Services Co-ordinator)

C 001/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Genziani.

C 002/08 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest received for any items on the agenda.

C 003/08 **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor P Frost proposed and Councillor D Attfield seconded that Councillor G Beel be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Local Government Year 2008/2009. There were no other nominations.

Councillor P Frost also proposed that under Standing Order 20 (r) Agenda Items 15, 16, 17 and 18 be deferred until the next meeting of Full Council.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor D Attfield.

The Town Clerk confirmed that at Item 15 on the Agenda the Council would be able to agree whether or not to defer Items 15, 16, 17 and 18.

RESOLVED: That Councillor G Beel be elected Town Mayor of Farnham for the Local Government Year 2008/2009.

The Town Mayor took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

C 004/08 **THE TOWN MAYOR TO MAKE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Having been invested with the Chain and Badge of Office, Councillor G Beel made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and continued with the duties of the Mayor.

The Town Mayor thanked the members for electing her as Town Mayor and that she was looking forward to Farnham Town as its Mayor.

The Town Mayor presented the consorts badge to Mr R Beel and presented a button hole of flowers to the new Consort and a button hole of flowers to the past Consort Mr A Cockburn.

C 005/08 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor G Hargreaves proposed and Councillor V Duckett seconded that Councillor L Fleming be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Local Government Year 2008/2009. There were no other nominations and it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor L Fleming be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the Local Government Year 2008/2009.

C 006/08 **THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO MAKE THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Having received the Badge of Office, Councillor L Fleming made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for her appointment.

C 007/08 **VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

A vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor, Councillor C Cockburn, was proposed by Councillor R Frost who thanked Cllr Cockburn for doing a wonderful job as Town Mayor and thanked Mr Cockburn for supporting Councillor C Cockburn as her Consort.

In responding Councillor Cockburn expressed her thanks to all the people she had met during her Mayoral year and how much she had enjoyed her year as the Farnham Town Mayor.

C 008/08 **PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE**

The Town Mayor presented Councillor Cockburn with a past Town Mayor's Badge and a corsage of flowers. The Past Town Mayor, Cllr C Cockburn presented the Town Mayor, Cllr G Beel with a corsage of flowers.

C 009/08 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 20 March and 3 April 2008, were approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

The minutes of the Town Electors meeting held on 10 April 2008, were approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

C 010/07 **APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUPS**

Members considered the recommendations of the Corporate Development and Audit Task Group for Appointment of Members to Working Groups.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Corporate Development and Audit Task Group for the Appointment to Working Groups be agreed (attached to record minutes).

C 011/08 **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members considered the recommendations of the Corporate Development and Audit Task Group for Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies. Members noted that all representative positions were offered to all Councillors for 2008/2009 and where possible representations were allocated as per each individual request.

However, the Farnham Transportation Task Group had two vacancies but officers received 3 nominations.

Members noted that it was normal practice in Town and Parish Councils to vote on the basis of the majority of members present. The Standing Orders require this to be done in Town and Parish Councils by a show of hands. However, the Corporate Development and Audit Task Group have indicated that under Standing Orders they require a vote to be written and recorded.

Members therefore received a ballot paper with the three nominees and made their votes accordingly. The result was as follows:

Robert Frost – 8
Alan Lovell – 10
Roger Steel – 12

Therefore Alan Lovell and Roger Steel were voted as the Farnham Town Council representatives on the Farnham Transportation Task Group.

RESOLVED:

- a. That the Representatives for Outside Bodies (attached to record minutes) for 2008/2209 be agreed.
- b. That Councillor Alan Lovell and Roger Steel be elected as Farnham Town Council representatives on the Farnham Transportation Task Group.

C 012/08 **HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES / PROCEDURES**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting to be held on 19 June 2008.

C 013/08 **CORPORATE / FINANCE POLICIES**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting to be held on 19 June 2008.

C 014/08 **RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting to be held on 19 June 2008.

C 015/08 **PROJECT REPORTS**

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting to be held on 19 June 2008.

Part 2 – ITEMS NOTED

C 016/08 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members received the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Consultative Group held on:

13 March 2008
27 March 2008
17 April 2008

RESOLVED: That the observations made by the Planning Consultative Group held on 13 March, 27 March and 17 April 2008 and dealt with in accordance with delegated authority, be noted.

C 017/08 **ITEMS TABLED**

None

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.55pm. .

Date

Chairman

9 May 2008

Note: The person to contact about these minutes is The Town Clerk, Farnham Town Council, South Street, Farnham, Surrey. GU9 7RN. Tel: 01252 712667

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