



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 21 January 2010

Place

The Council Chamber, South Street, Farnham

- * Cllr L Fleming (Town Mayor)
- * Cllr J Ward (Deputy Town Mayor)
- * Cllr D Attfield
- * Cllr G Beel
- * Cllr C Cockburn
- * Cllr V Duckett
- * Cllr (Mrs) P Frost
- o Cllr R Frost
- * Cllr C Genziani
- * Cllr G Hargreaves
- * Cllr S Hill
- o Cllr D Le Gal
- o Cllr A Lovell
- * Cllr J Maines
- o Cllr S O'Grady
- * Cllr R Steel
- * Cllr C Storey
- * Cllr A Thorp

- * Present
- o Apologies for absence

Officers Present:

Roland Potter (Town Clerk)

Wendy Coulter (Members and Committee Services Co-ordinator) (recorded minutes of meeting).

QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the Public.

C 105/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Frost, D Le Gal, A Lovell and S O'Grady.

C 106/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Farnham Town Council Meeting held on 17 December 2009 were signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

C 107/09 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

C 108/09 STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by the public.

C 109/09 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for the way they had coped with the adverse weather conditions. She thanked all those who had made considerable effort to ensure that the supermarkets were kept open and she also thanked the Town Council's staff especially the reception staff for dealing with the deluge of complaints particularly as Waverley Borough Council's desk was unmanned during the snow.

The Town Mayor also asked the Members to note that the Farnham Design Statement roadshows would be taking place from 27 January 2010, to gather views and comments about the first draft of the Design Statement.

Finally the Mayor reminded Members that there would be a Farmers' Market held on Sunday 24 January and the Mayor would be holding a Cake Stall, all contributions of cakes would be gratefully received.

Part 1 – Items for Decision

C 110/09 PRECEPT 2010/2011

Councillor Ward presented a report on the proposed precept for 2010/2011.

Councillor Ward reminded Members that the Council's Budget had already been agreed at £878,739.

The Budget had been reduced from the previous year by £48,000.

The Town Council had taken on more services without increasing the budget.

The Town Council had taken into consideration that the Council's reserves were sufficient and that the current economic situation was poor and affected most of Farnham's residents and that the Town Council wanted to keep costs down.

Following a meeting of Corporate Development and Audit Working Group it was recommended that after an increase in the Tax Base for Band D properties it was possible to keep the Town Council's Precept at the same level as 2009/2010 with no increase to the Farnham Tax Payer.

Cllr Ward proposed that Members approve the recommendation of the Corporate Development and Audit Working Group that the average Band D household Council Tax should remain unchanged for the financial year 2010/2011.

Cllr Cockburn supported the proposals for the current year and congratulated all those involved in the process.

Cllr Maines welcomed the proposal in a year where the country was suffering from an economic crisis however; she reminded Members that it was unlikely that the Precept could be kept at a zero increase for the coming years particularly as the Borough Council continued to pass more and more services down to the Town Council.

Cllr Steel agreed with the proposals and agreed that it was good news in the current economic situation. He also congratulated the officers of the Town Council for the standard of the events and the standard of service.

Resolved: That the average Band D household council tax remain unchanged for the financial year 2010/2011 at a cost of £51.06 (0.98p per week) to provide a total collectable precept of £875,939.

C 111/09 TAG FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT LTD – PLANNING APPEAL

Members received the notification of appeal for TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd.

Members were requested to appoint a Task Group to produce a response to the planning appeal by 2 March 2010 and to delegate to the Task Group the authority to respond on behalf of the Town Council.

Members were also requested to delegate to the Task Group the authority to co-opt, as appropriate, other persons to assist with the preparation of the Council's response.

Resolved:

- a. **That a Task Group comprising of Councillors D Attfield, G Beel, A Lovell, D Le Gal and S O'Grady be formed to produce a response to the planning appeal for TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd.**
- b. **That the Task Group be given the authority to respond on behalf of the Town Council.**
- c. **That the Task Group be given the authority to co-opt, as appropriate, other persons to assist with the preparation of the Council's response.**

Part 2 – Items Noted

C 112/09 COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011

Members noted the amendments to the Municipal Calendar for the year 2009/2010.

Members noted the Municipal Calendar for the year 2010/2011 – **attached to record minutes.**

C 113/09 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from Outside Bodies.

C 114/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members received the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Consultative Group held on 17 December 2009.

RESOLVED: That the observations made by the Planning Consultative Group held on 17 December 2009, and dealt with in accordance with delegated authority, be noted.

C 115/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted at Agenda Item 12, Farnham Awards, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw at Item 12.

Part 3 – Confidential Items

C 116/09 FARNHAM AWARDS

Members received an update from the Town Mayor on the current status of the work of the Farnham Wards Selection Board and agreed the nominees.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

Date

Chairman