

4th March 2021

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Sandhurst Town Council** held this day via the Zoom online meeting facility commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **8.30pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Davenport (Mayor)
Councillors: N Allen, Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, D Birch, A Blatchford, B Brooks, M Brossard, Ms G Kennedy, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar, J Porter, M Sanderson (Deputy Mayor), S Thomas, M Vandersluis, P Wallington, Mrs N York.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 1)

There was a comment raised about the link on the website advertising the Councillor vacancy not working correctly. It was confirmed that the link was working.

There was a question raised about how the Town Council will be holding its meetings following the easing of lockdown. It was confirmed that STC will continue to be led by the Government Guidelines.

There was a question raised concerning the reason that Cllr D Perera was disqualified from the Council. It was confirmed that Cllr D Perera was dismissed for failure to attend meetings – Local Government Act 1972.

Cllr D Birch took this opportunity to give thanks to Cllr D Perera for the work he undertook on behalf of STC.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 2)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from,

Councillors:

Mrs P McKenzie (Business)

R McKenzie (Indisposed)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest on the business to be transacted.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL (Agenda item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr M Vandersluis and the following was

RESOLVED 2293

that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 7th January 2021 (pages 1087-1089) and 4th February 2021 (page 1104) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

MAYOR'S REPORT (Agenda item 5)

For the information of members, the written report listing the Mayoral engagements was received. Whilst there have not been any engagements so far this year, there have been a couple of invitations received for future engagements, including the opening of a new gym in Sandhurst.



MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 6)

It was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2294**

that the Minutes of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 28th January 2021 (pages 1101-1103) be received. (Unanimous)

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 7)

It was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2295**

that the Minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 21st January 2021 (pages 1093-1097) be received. (Unanimous)

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 8)

It was proposed by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and seconded by Cllr M Vandersluis and the following was

**RESOLVED
2296**

that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14th January 2021 (pages 1090-1091) be received. (Unanimous)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 9)

It was proposed by Cllr A Blatchford and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
2297**

that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 21st December 2020 (pages 1081-1083) and 25th January 2021 (pages 1098-1100). (Unanimous)

DELEGATED DECISIONS DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (Agenda item 10)

The report detailing the delegated decisions that have been made by the relevant parties during the Coronavirus Pandemic was received for information.

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT (Agenda item 11)

The financial risk assessment 2020/21 was received. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2298**

that the Council accept the findings of the report.



**MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR APPOINTMENT 2021/22
(Agenda item 12)**

A motion was raised for Sandhurst Town Council to approve the extension of the current mayoral year for another year due to the extreme circumstances and limitations during the current year. This has been raised prior to the annual meeting to allow both the current Mayor and Deputy Mayor time to consider their acceptance of the proposed extension before the official appointments are made in May. It also allows STC to consider its current Mayoral Policy. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2299**

that an exception is made to the STC Mayoral policy due to the pandemic and therefore STC approve the extension of the current mayoral year for another year due to the extreme circumstances and limitations during the current year. (Unanimous)

ACTION: EO

COMMUNITY FUND (Agenda item 13)

A motion was received for consideration to be given to STC setting up and managing a Community Fund for improvements in the town using monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). It has been suggested that this fund will be used to help with anti-social behaviour as well as supporting BFC with pathways and fences in the town. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2300**

that the motion is referred to the Strategy and Policy Committee for consideration on budget and terms of reference.

ACTION: EO

RETAIL AREAS IN SANDHURST (Agenda item 14)

A request has been received from BFC for STC to consider how local businesses can be supported when reopening following lockdown. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr D Birch and seconded by Cllr Mrs N York and the following was

**RESOLVED
2301**

that STC work with BFC and local retailers to understand what support they require during their journey out of lockdown.

ACTION: EO

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 15)

None received.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Agenda item 16)

The Executive Officer's report was received for information. The Council were also informed that Covid Marshalls will be spending time in the Memorial Park to assist with reminding the public about social distancing guidelines.

BALANCE AT BANK (Agenda item 17)

The balances of the Council bank accounts as at 31st January 2021 were as follows:

Current Account	£2,000
Business Reserve	£965,863



Capital Reserve £375,963
Mayors Charity £4

ACCOUNTS (Agenda item 18)

It was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2302**

that the payments for December 2020 (49 payments totalling - £38,142.86) and January 2021 (41 payments totalling £50,170.05) and receipts for December 2020 and January 2021 be received. (Unanimous)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 19)

The date of next meeting was confirmed as 6th May 2021.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (Agenda item 20)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
2303**

that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press would be excluded for discussion regarding the engagement, terms of service and conduct of employees where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS 2020 / 2021 (Agenda item 21)

The recommendation as referred by the Strategy and Policy Committee from the Personnel Sub-Committee, with reference to the Confidential Annexe 6 was received.

It was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2304**

that the Performance Award payments be made to staff for the period April 2020 to March 2021 in accordance with the table in Confidential Annexe 6. (Unanimous).

ACTION: EO

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
MAYOR**

