

**6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Sandhurst Town Council** held this day in the Kitty Dancy Room Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst commencing at **7.34pm** and finishing at **8.30pm**.

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Davenport (Mayor)  
Councillors: N Allen, D Birch, B Brooks, M Brossard, J Edwards, Mrs H Hill, P Hodge, Ms G Kennedy, R Limbu, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar, J Porter, M Sanderson (Deputy Mayor), S Thomas, M Vandersluis, P Wallington, P Widdowson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE (Agenda Item 1)**

The Council stood in silence as the Mayor turned a page in the Book of Remembrance.

Cllr J Porter requested a moments prayer or thought for Cllr Mrs P McKenzie's speedy recovery.

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 2)**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 3)**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from,  
Councillors:

Mrs J Bettison (Vacation)  
P Bettison (Vacation)  
A Blatchford (Indisposed)  
Mrs P McKenzie (Indisposed)  
R McKenzie (Indisposed)

**MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda item 4)**

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

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL (Agenda item 5)**

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

**RESOLVED  
2502**

that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th November 2021 (pages 1178-1180) be received as a true and correct record, and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

**WELCOME BACK FUNDING (Agenda item 11 brought forward)**

A presentation was received from Paula Robertson, the Welcome Back Funding Project Officer at BFBC. The Council were informed about the funding that is available and advised that projects must be on land owned by BFC or STC. Some suggestions that other parishes have requested funding for, are replacement of bins and installation of hanging baskets. The initial costs can be picked up by the funding, but the ongoing maintenance costs will need to be paid by the Town Council. The budget must be used by March 2022. Any suggestions are to be sent via the Executive Officer.



### **MAYOR'S REPORT (Agenda item 6)**

For the information of members, the written report listing the Mayoral engagements was received. Cllr Mrs S Davenport reported that it was lovely to be able to hold the full Remembrance Service this year and that it was an honour to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council. The Christmas lights event was well attended despite it being a freezing night. The staff were thanked for dressing up.

The staff and Councillors were thanked for their participation in both events.

### **MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 7)**

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

#### **RESOLVED 2503**

that the Minutes of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (pages 1192-1195) be received. (Unanimous)

### **MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 8)**

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

#### **RESOLVED 2504**

that the Minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (pages 1184-1188) be received. (Unanimous)

### **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 9)**

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

#### **RESOLVED 2505**

that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (pages 1181-1188) be received. (Unanimous)

### **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 10)**

It was proposed by Cllr B Brooks and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Hill and the following was

#### **RESOLVED 2506**

that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (pages 1176-1177), and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (pages 1196-1200) be received. (Unanimous)

### **ELECTION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR TO COMMITTEES (Agenda item 12)**

Following the recent by-election STC were asked to consider which Committees Cllr J Edwards would join. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

#### **RESOLVED 2507**

that Cllr J Edwards will become a member of the Environment Committee and the Leisure Committee. (Unanimous)



### **DELEGATED DECISIONS COMMITTEE (Agenda item 13)**

The Council were asked to consider whether to continue with the delegated decisions committee. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2508**

that the Delegate Decisions Committee will continue with the current members. The Committee will be used for any decisions needed concerning the pandemic that are urgent, as well as any urgent decision relating to Council business that cannot wait for the cycle of meetings. The urgency of the decision will be decided by the Delegated Decisions Committee.

**ACTION: EO**

### **THE SAVE THE BLACKWATER VALLEY OBJECTION GROUP (Agenda item 14)**

The Council received a request from a Councillor to consider joining the Save Blackwater Valley Objection Group with regards to the Bloor Homes planning application and appeal. The group would have a spokesperson and STC would agree to sign up to the group and their objections. The EO has sought advice from the Borough solicitor and Monitoring Officer and as Proper Officer has recommended that STC do not join the group. The reason for this is that there are reputational risks in joining a group without having any direct control of its activities and their implications. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr M Sanderson and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2509**

that STC do not join the group as they would not have any direct control. Anyone wishing to join the group as an individual may do so and

**RESOLVED  
2510**

that Planning Committee will meet on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to consider if STC wish to submit an objection in response to the appeal.

**ACTION: DEO**

### **COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 15)**

Cllr M Vandersluis reported that he had attended a meeting of the Bannister Trust. They recognised the passing of Cllr Jim Finney. Cllr M Vandersluis confirmed that he will be chairing the annual meeting next year.

Cllr D Birch informed the Council that he has been asked to promote health care help to relieve the strain on the NHS. This is an initiative to promote relatives collecting patients from hospital where possible to reduce the number that need transport to be provided. The initiative is also encouraging relatives to have patients released into their care to reduce the pressure on the beds in the hospital.

Cllr J Porter informed the Council that the food waste collection has been very successful and that a 6<sup>th</sup> vehicle has been purchased. This will increase the capacity for flats to be included in the programme. However, flats have a strict criteria to meet in order to have the facility. Those meeting the criteria may have the facility from late spring.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Agenda item 16)**

The Executive Officer's report was received for information.



**BALANCE AT BANK (Agenda item 17)**

The balances of the Council bank accounts as at 30th November 2021 were as follows:

Current Account	£2,000
Business Reserve	£1,114,277
Capital Reserve	£375,995
Mayors Charity	£1416

**ACCOUNTS (Agenda item 18)**

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

**RESOLVED  
2511**

that the payments for October 2021(53 payments totalling - £96,201.20) and November 2021(66 payments totalling £48,251.04) and receipts for October and November 2021 be received. (Unanimous)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)**

The date of next meeting was confirmed as 3rd March 2022.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY  
MAYOR**

