

2nd March 2023

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Sandhurst Town Council** held this day in the Kitty Dancy Room Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **9.03pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr M Sanderson (Mayor)
Councillors: N Allen, Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, D Birch, M Brossard, Mrs S Davenport, J Edwards, Mrs H Hill, Mrs P McKenzie, R McKenzie, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom (Deputy Mayor), P Panesar, 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 visited the Book of Remembrance.

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:

A Blatchford (Indisposed)

B Brooks (Indisposed)

Ms G Kennedy (Indisposed)

R Limbu (Business)

J Porter (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 M Sanderson and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Mossom and the following was

RESOLVED 2865

that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on 5th January 2023 (pages 1353-1355) & 2nd February 2023 (page 1371) be received as a true and correct record, and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

MAYOR'S REPORT (Agenda item 6)

For the information of members, the written report listing the Mayoral engagements was received. Cllr M Sanderson informed the Council that he was very proud of the recent Charity Football event. He shared with the Council that he had planned a charity match as part of his fund raising whilst Deputy Mayor, the match was originally to be played in Oct/Nov 2022 and STC were asked by the provider of the celebrities to share the event with another charity. The Mayor agreed to share the event.

The event raised £11,874 for the Mayors Charity. Cllr M Sanderson thanked the Executive Officer and her team for their help and support.



Agenda item 12 was moved up the agenda.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE (Agenda item 12)

Chief Inspector Helen Kenny delivered a presentation to the Council informing them of

- the structure of the Bracknell Area. This includes a pilot of a new department, Assessments and Investigations Unit (AIU). The AIU will investigate low risk crimes which will include unwitnessed criminal damage and thefts.
- The current priorities. These include sexual offences, domestic abuse, knife crime, burglary, vehicle crime and drugs.
- Operation Kangaroo. This was an operation that involved over 50 keyless car thefts. 2 Offenders were identified and caught in possession of drugs. They were arrested and prosecuted for 54 vehicle thefts and possession of drugs.
- Current operations. These include theft from vans, theft of catalytic converters, Anti-Social Behaviour operation and County Drug Lines operation.

Chief Inspector Kenny then answered questions presented by the Council. The main local concerns are about the car meets at M&S car park and the subsequent racing in the local area, recruitment and visibility of the police and unauthorised encampments.

The Council were advised to encourage residents to report all incidents of racing or anti-social behaviour as the road police department will prioritise areas with high number of complaints being logged. The car meets are graded according to risk and patrols will be taking place when intelligence about car meets is received. The police have the power to enforce section 59 on vehicles which is a warning, any subsequent issues with the same vehicle can result in it being detained by the police.

There has been a successful recruitment drive in TVP to recruit PCs. This has resulted in large numbers of PCSOs becoming PCs and therefore a large number of vacancies in this role. Training of the PCs is currently TVPs priority, this will then be followed by a focus on the recruitment of PCSOs. The visibility of PCs & PCSOs will be according to priority. TVP have confirmed that they always attend burglaries and that the new AIU will investigate the lower level crimes where an officer is unlikely to attend. Unauthorised encampments are dealt with in order of priority. If the encampment is impacting on the community by not allowing access or by causing ASB and increased crime, TVP are more likely to be able to assist with the removal from the site. Reporting of unauthorised encampments and any detrimental behaviours is encouraged to ensure that TVP have a clear picture of the impact on the community.

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

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

**RESOLVED
2866**

that the Minutes of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 26th January 2023 (pages 1365-1368) be received. (Unanimous)



MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 8)

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

**RESOLVED
2867**

that the Minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 19th January 2023 (pages 1360-1364) be received. (Unanimous)

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 9)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and seconded by Cllr N Allen and the following was

**RESOLVED
2868**

that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12th January 2023 (pages 1356-1357) be received. (Unanimous)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 10)

It was proposed by Cllr P Widdowson and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
2869**

that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19th December 2022 (pages 1350-1352), and 30th January 2023 (pages 1369-1370) be received. (Unanimous)

DELEGATED DECISIONS COMMITTEE (Agenda item 11)

The Council received the recent decisions that were resolved by the Delegated Decisions Committee.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (Agenda item 13)

The Council were asked to consider the postponement of the Annual Town Meeting that is scheduled to be held on 13th April 2023 due to the election notification that will be published on 22nd March 2023. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
2870**

that the Annual Town Meeting will go ahead as planned. STC have stated that the meeting is not political and is a report of what the Council have achieved during the previous year.

ACTION: EO

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 14)

Cllr R Mossom informed the Council that the manager of Owlsmoor Community Hall John Blewitt has sadly passed away. There will not be any new hires at the hall until a new manager has been appointed.

Cllr D Birch informed the Council that all schools in BFC have been awarded Good or Outstanding status by OFSTED.

Cllr P Bettison informed the Council that BFC agreed their budget for 2023/24 and the precept was set with an increase of 4.99%.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Agenda item 15)

The Executive Officer's report was received for information.



BALANCE AT BANK (Agenda item 16)

The balances of the Council bank accounts as at 31st January 2023 were as follows:

Current Account	£2,000
Business Reserve	£964,,208
Capital Reserve	£377,080
Mayors Charity	£4,856

ACCOUNTS (Agenda item 17)

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

**RESOLVED
2871**

that the payments for December 2022 (41 payments totalling - £49,026.54) and January 2023 (62 payments totalling £80,583.93) and receipts for December 2022 and January 2023 be received. (Unanimous)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)

The date of next meeting is to be confirmed.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (Agenda item 18)

It was proposed by Cllr M Sanderson and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
2872**

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 2022/2023 (Agenda item 19)

The recommendation as referred by the Strategy and Policy Committee from the Personnel Sub-Committee, with reference to the Confidential Annexe 5 was received.

Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr N Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2873**

that the Performance Award payments be made to staff for the period April 2022 to March 2023 in accordance with the table in Confidential Annexe 5. (Unanimous).

ACTION: EO

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
MAYOR**



