

2nd November 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 **8.41pm**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr R Mossom (Mayor)
Councillors: N Allen, Mrs J Alves De Sousa, Mrs D Allum Wilson, Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, D Birch, G Birch, M Brossard, J Edwards, M Forster, Dr S Forster, Mrs H Hill, C Ives, Mrs M Mossom, P Panesar (Deputy Mayor), Mrs L Quigg, P Thompson.

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)

A resident asked the Council if they had referred the recent lease for the SB Group to the internal auditor. STC confirmed that it is not a requirement for an internal auditor or the external auditor to check the terms of a lease.

A resident asked why did the Strategy & Policy Committee extend the lease for Bracknell Town Football Club from 15 years to 30 years. The resident was informed that there was never a lease with BTFC for 15 years. There was a ground share agreement between STFC & BTFC. The resident was also informed that there is a statement on the STC website concerning the lease.

A resident expressed concern about a recent GDPR breach by STC. They asked if the Council should tell all people that email them to mark their emails confidential. STC confirmed that there had been a minor breach and there will be no requirement for emails to be marked confidential as the breach was an error.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 3)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors-
M Butcher (Indisposed)
Mrs S Davenport (Indisposed)
B Hutchinson (Indisposed)
Mrs P Limbu (Indisposed)
P Widdowson (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 R Mossom and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Hill and the following was



**RESOLVED
3077**

that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th September 2023 (pages 1447-1451) be received as a true and correct record, and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Agenda item 6)

For the information of members, the written report listing the Mayoral engagements was received. Cllr R Mossom informed the Council that he had a great evening attending the High Sheriff of Berkshires award ceremony held at the RMAS. The Mayor also attended the Judicial Service Event which included a procession through Reading.

The Mayor reported that Crowthorne and Sandhurst Art Society displayed some tremendous art work at their recent event.

St Georges recently held some anniversary celebrations which the Mayor attended and said that he particularly enjoyed the bell ringers and the silver band. The Mayor opened the recent STC Fireworks evening which was a huge success and he thanked all involved in making this event great.

SB GROUP PRESENTATION (Agenda item 12 moved up the agenda)

A presentation was received from Kayne Steinborg-Busse, the Chairman of the SB Sport & Education Group. Kayne highlighted that Bracknell Town Football Club has been in his wife's family since the 1960s and that he and his wife took it over when family members were no longer able to run it. The SB Sports and Education Group are not just about football, they encourage a learning environment that is motivated by sport and not just academic achievement. The aspiration for both STFC & BTFC is to give young people opportunities in a football environment. This can be both on and off the pitch. It was reported that step three is the ceiling for the model that the SB Sport and Education Group operate. The project at Bottom Meadow was self-funded and an investment of £4,600,000 has enhanced the stadium to a facility that Sandhurst can be proud of with a state of the art artificial pitch. Kayne clarified that the site at Lagers Lane Bracknell was in the BFC Local Plan for development for over 10 years before he took over the club and that the long term vision is for BTFC to have a home in Bracknell.

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
3078**

that the Minutes of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 28th September 2023 (pages 1466-1470) be received.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 8)

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

**RESOLVED
3079**

that the Minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 21st September 2023 (pages 1457-1463) be received.



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 9)

It was proposed by Cllr P Panesar and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
3080**

that the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14th September 2023 (pages 1454-1456) be received.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 10)

It was proposed by Cllr D Birch and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Hill and the following was

**RESOLVED
3081**

that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29th August 2023 (pages 1445-1446) and the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th September 2023 (pages 1464-1465) be received.

URGENT MATTERS (Agenda item 11)

The Council received the recent decisions that were resolved using the Urgent Matters Procedure.

SB GROUP PRESENTATION (Agenda item 12 moved up the agenda)

COUNCILLOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 13)

The Council were asked to consider a leave of absence for Cllr P Widdowson. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettsion and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
3082**

that a leave of absence is approved for Cllr P Widdowson following a serious illness which he is now beginning to recover from. This will be reviewed in May 2024 should he not attend a meeting before this date.

ACTION: EO

BANK MANDATE (Agenda item 14)

A request was made for authorisation to allow for some additional Councillors to be added to the bank mandate as signatories as a number were removed following the last election. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr R Mossom and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
3083**

that authorisation is approved to add Councillors to the mandate. Any Councillor wishing to volunteer to be a signatory is advised to contact the Executive Officer.

ACTION: EO

MINUTES OF MEETINGS (Agenda item 15)

A recorded vote was requested by Cllr C Ives.

The Council were asked to consider the detail that is recorded in the minutes for all council meetings. A Councillor requested that objections raised during the discussion are recorded in the minutes. Further to discussion it was



proposed by Cllr D Birch and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
3084**

that STC continues to follow the NALC guidance that is recorded in Standing Orders Section 3 item t and does not record objections or discussions.

ACTION: EO

Vote-
Cllr P Bettison – For
Cllr Mrs J Bettison – For
Cllr Mrs M Mossom – For
Cllr Mrs H Hill – For
Cllr N Allen – For
Cllr C Ive – Against
Cllr M Forster – Against
Cllr Dr S Forster – Against
Cllr Mrs L Quigg – Against
Cllr P Thompson – Abstain
Cllr J Edwards – Abstain
Cllr Mrs J Alves De Sousa – For
Cllr M Brossard – For
Cllr D Allum Wilson – Abstain
Cllr D Birch – For
Cllr G Birch – For
Cllr P Panesar – For
Cllr R Mossom - For

STANDING ORDERS (Agenda item 16)

The Council received the amended Standing Orders for consideration. The policy has been amended to include a section on the Urgent Matters Procedure, a section concerning the presence of non-members of committees at committee meetings and an amendment to the wording of existing item section 1 item f. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr R Mossom and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
3085**

that the amended Standing Order Policy is approved and adopted.

ACTION: EO

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 17)

Cllr Mrs H Hill advised the Council that she is attending a meeting for the Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust tomorrow.

Cllr N Allen reported that he had attended the Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee meeting. Their annual report was received and 50% of the noise complaints registered came from one household. Of the 30 complaints made, 2 were upheld. Moves continue to be made around the ownership by Blackbushe Airport of the land currently defined as common land.

Cllr M Forster informed the Council that BFC have declined to support the funding for the CRY campaign that was discussed in the Leisure Committee Meeting.



Cllr D Birch informed the Council that the Neighbourhood Plan working group had met. A planning officer has been delegated to STC. STC must now apply for the area to be designated by BFC. The applications for grant funding will also be prepared by the working group in conjunction with the consultants and the Executive Officer.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Agenda item 18)

The Executive Officer's report was received for information. The Executive Officer also thanked all Councillors that volunteered to help at the Fireworks event.

BALANCE AT BANK (Agenda item 19)

The balances of the Council bank accounts as at 30th September 2023 were as follows:

Current Account	£2,000
Business Reserve	£1,185,367
Capital Reserve	£379,995
Mayors Charity	£227

ACCOUNTS (Agenda item 20)

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

**RESOLVED
3086**

that the payments for August 2023 (62 payments totalling £51,679.05) and September 2023 (40 payments totalling £85,201.54) and receipts for August and September 2023 be received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 21)

The date of next meeting was confirmed as 4th January 2024.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
MAYOR**

