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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2020 AT 6.00 pm

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Huggins) (in the Chair)

Councillors Mitchell, Hook, Bateman, Mrs Batty, Beavis, Burgess, Carter, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Earle, Farr, Foster-Reed, Mrs Furlong, Mrs Hook, Hylands, Jessop, Mrs Jones, Miss Kelly, Mrs Morgan, Murphy, Philpott, Mrs Prickett, Raffaelli, Scard, Blackman, Casey, Hammond, Herridge, Hutchison, Johnston, Pepper and Westerby

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS FOR THEIR INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEETING

An apology for non attendance was received from Councillor Ms Ballard.

MINUTES OF THE 7 OCTOBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the minute of the meeting held on 7th October 2020 be signed as a true and correct record.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reflected on the difficult year, and thanked key workers for their support and resilience.

The Mayor advised that there were currently two initiatives running to continue to publicise the Borough at this time, the Mayor's Bear would travel around the Borough and be photographed in locations and that a photography competition had been launched by the Mayor of Havant.

The Mayor advised she would be publishing a virtual Christmas message and that she was pleased to report the success of the food partnership scheme.

DEPUTATIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

There were none.

QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.3.

Question standing in the name of Councillor Blackman on

Now that the second national Lockdown is over and GBC has moved into Tier 2.

- 1) How do GBC keep party leaders and councillors up to date with latest developments?
- (2) How do Councillors have input into any new decisions being considered?
- (3) What access to information is available to Council Officers / Staff at this time?

Was answered by the Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

It was reported that Councillor Burgess gave notice of a motion

Proposer Councillor Burgess
Seconder Councillor Hutchison

That this Council supports the bid by the Lee Community Hub to take on responsibility for the operation of the Lee on the Solent Library and the bid by the Elson Community Library and Hub to take on the responsibility for the operation of the Elson Library, for the benefit of local residents following their anticipated closure as Libraries operated by Hampshire County Council on 31 December 2020

That this Council approves the transfers of the Library Buildings and associated land at Lee on the Solent Library and Elson Library from Hampshire County Council to this Council for nil consideration subject to all necessary documentation being agreed to facilitate this including – but not limited to - property information and schedules of condition, and legal transfer documentation (such transfers being necessary to enable the continued and future use of those Library Buildings as community Libraries and independent community hubs by community groups)

AND further delegates power to the Chief Executive to negotiate and agree with Hampshire County Council any remedial works, if required, together with all necessary documentation; and conclude the arrangements to give effect to this motion

RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.

LICENSING POLICY PART I

Consideration was given to a cross reference report from the Regulatory Board detailing the proposed Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Policy be approved.

TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING PART II MINUTES OF THE BOARDS OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received.

Community Board – 4 November 2020
Housing Board – 11 November 2020
Climate Change Board – 12 November 2020
Economic Development Board – 18 November 2020
Policy and Organisation Board – 23 November 2020

OUTSIDE BODY NOMINATION

RESOLVED: That Councillor Beavis be appointed as the Gosport Borough Council representative on the Solent Airport Consultative Committee.

The Meeting concluded at 7.10 pm

The Mayor.

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