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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24 JULY 2019 AT 6.00 pm

Attendance:

The Mayor (Mrs Jones) (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance: Honorary Alderman Gill.

APOLOGIES

An apology for non attendance was received from Cllr Huggins.

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH AND 16TH MAY 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 15 and 16 May 2019 be signed as true and correct record subject to the minor amendments identified.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Mayor welcomed the newly elected Councillor Mitchell to the Council.

The Mayor led a minute of reflection for the late Honorary Alderman Angela Whitbread.

Tributes were also paid to well known Gosport resident Dave Rowlands.

The Mayor advised that she had attended 84 events in her first 8 weeks and that it had been pleasing to see so many citizens of the Borough. She advised that she would be holding a 10 hour dance-a-thon in the autumn.

DEPUTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO 3.4 AND TO ANSWER PUBLIC QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.5,

There were none.

QUESTIONS (IF ANY) PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 3.3.

Question standing in the name of Councillor Miss Kelly on:

With regard to reducing Gosport Borough's carbon footprint, can you advise members on how many public electric car charging points are there within the Borough?

Was answered by the Leader of the Council

Question standing in the name of Councillor Miss Kelly on:

Are GBC in the process of reviewing the success of the Community Lottery as a year has now passed?

Was answered by the Leader of the Council.

Question standing in the name of Councillor Miss Kelly on:

With the enrolment of extra Enforcement Officers has the issue of fines for parking, littering and dog fouling increased?

Was answered by the Chairman of the Community Board

Question standing in the name of Councillor Hutchison on:

What is Gosport Council's position on supporting the Woman Against State Pension Inequality group commonly known as the WASPIs

Was answered by the Leader of the Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It was reported that Councillor Johnston had given notice of the following Motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.2.

Council notes:

that the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.

that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits;

and that, recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities as well as the UK Government have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

Council therefore commits to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action.

Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030

Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030.

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;

Implement a strategy that will drastically improve the amount of our kerb side and commercial waste that is recycled within 12 months.

Ensure that political and chief officer leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that the Executive and Scrutiny functions review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline;

Request that Council Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;

Work with, influence and inspire partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops;

Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;

Request that the Executive Portfolio holder with responsibility for Climate Change convenes a Citizens' Assembly in 2019 in order to involve the wider population in this process. This group would help develop their own role, identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030, consider the latest climate science and expert advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;

Set up a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses, and other relevant parties. Over the following 12 months, the Group will consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, transport and the economy

Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio;

Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the council will take to address this emergency;

Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise;

Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to): renewable energy generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice;

The motion was accordingly seconded by Councillor Mrs Mitchell.

An amendment was put to the Council, proposed by the Leader of the Council

That the Council notes:

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that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector.

that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits;

and that, recognising this, a growing number of UK local authorities as well as the UK Government have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

Council therefore commits to:

1. Recognises the need to remain fully engaged with the issue of climate change, and shall pay close heed to – the action taken by many other Councils and organisations in the UK and globally,
2. Commits to develop an action plan that takes into account the Government's world leading, ambitious target so as to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to such an extent as shall be considered to be affordable for the residents of the Borough, to ensure that Gosport moves towards any proven need for carbon neutrality by 2050 and developing yet greater resilience to the effects of climate change
3. Appointing an energy awareness champion
4. Setting up a working group to move the plan forward.

Furthermore because of the widespread public and Member interest in this matter, that Gosport Borough Council unanimously support the bold and ambitious programme.

The motion was put to the meeting and the amendment was declared CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Substantive Motion be agreed.

PART II MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the following Part II Minutes be received

- Community Board 16th May 2019
- Economic Development Board 16 May 2019 and 3 July 2019
- Policy and Organisation Board 16 May 2019 and 24 July 2019

RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE BOROUGH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN THE BROCKHURST WARD HELD ON 30 MAY 2019

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BY-ELECTION IN THE BROCKHURST WARD HELD ON

THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2019

1. **I have to report that a vacancy arose for the office of Councillor for the Brockhurst Ward of the Borough following the sad passing of Councillor Austin Hicks.**
2. Four candidates were validly nominated in the election of a Councillor for the Brockhurst Ward to fill the resulting vacancy. A Poll was taken on 30 May 2019 and the votes cast for the respective candidates were as follows:

Names of Candidates	<u>Number of Votes for Each Candidate</u>
Simon James BELLORD	165
Siobhan MITCHELL-SMITH	488
Kirsty Anne SMILLIE	80
Peceli ULUIVITI	214

3. Accordingly, I duly declared elected the candidate who received the greatest number of votes, namely Siobhan Mitchell-Smith who will serve until May 2022.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE AND DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS

RESOVLED: That the Council approve the allocation of Boards and Committees set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report of the Chief Executive.

**TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD AND
STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mitchell be appointed to the Standards and Governance Committee and that she replace Councillor Herridge on the Community Board and that Councillor Herridge be appointed to the Policy and Organisation Board.

TO APPOINT AN ACCESS AND DISABILITY CHAMPION

RESOLVED: That the Council appoint an Access and Disability Champion.

Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Batty were nominated, a vote was taken and Councillor Batty was elected as the Access and Disability Champion.

Meeting concluded 20:19

The Mayor.