

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 8.00 pm

Members: *Mrs B Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Binns	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr B Dash	*Mr M Short
oMr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	oMr A Wade
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

In attendance: Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk to the Council/Finance Officer)
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)
Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)

Also present: PCSO Mark Atrill (Hythe Police)
Ms F Gallien, CEO, New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau
Mr G Whitcher, Chief Operating Officer, New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau

oMr M Harris (New Forest District Councillor)
oMr P Fawkes (Hampshire County Councillor)

2 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

189/13 Discussion with PCSO Mark Atrill, Hythe Police

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Atrill to the meeting. PCSO Atrill informed Members that although there had been a couple of break-ins to sheds in the Dibden Purlieu area, the Parish continued to benefit from very low levels of crime. The main cause for concern was anti-social behaviour at One Stop, Fairview Parade where young people were regularly gathering and consuming alcohol and tobacco products and asking members of the public to make purchases on their behalf. CCTV cameras are being used to alert the Police.

Hythe Police will be visiting Noadswood and Applemore schools to talk to the young people about these issues.

Patrols over the Christmas period have been extended, with patrols on Fridays and Saturdays being extended from mid-night to 2 a.m.

PCSO Atrill was asked about the frequency of the Wednesday Beat Surgeries at Costa Coffee, Hythe. Members were informed that these surgeries were now taking place on a monthly basis, the next one being on Wednesday 18 December 2013. Additionally, outreach Surgeries are being planned for further locations in Hythe and Dibden: One Stop at Fairview Parade, Applemore Leisure Centre and Cornerstone Church. The weekly surgeries at St. Andrew's Church, Dibden Purlieu will continue as normal.

When asked whether any Police checks were being undertaken within the newly designated 20 m.p.h areas in Hythe, PCSO Atrill responded that this is a matter that requires authorisation from the Traffic Department.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Atrill for attending the meeting.

190/13 Presentation from Florence Gallien, CEO, New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau

Florence Gallien and Geoff Whitcher from New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau (NFCAB) updated Members on the achievements of the NFCAB during the 2012/13 period and its future plans on how the introduction of Universal Credit will be managed.

Ms. Gallien asked Members to communicate that additional Trustees are required for the NFCAB. Councillor Robinson suggested that the monthly Trustee meetings be held during the evening rather than the day time to make them more accessible to potential Trustees.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Gallien and Mr Witcher for attending and wished them all the best for the future.

191/13 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

192/13 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 November 2013.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 November 2013 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

193/13 **Public Forum**

Mr Martin Cox thanked the Parish Council for the excellent work undertaken in maintaining and improving the environment within the Parish.

He expressed concerns about road safety along Frost Lane following the replacement of street lighting along its length. Mr Cox stated that the diffusion of the lighting is poor and presents a danger to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists especially since Frost Lane is the designated road for HGV vehicles to access Hythe Marine Park. Mr Cox has taken the matter up with the County Councillor for South Waterside.

Malcolm Wade informed Mr Cox that the matter would be taken up on his behalf at County Council level.

194/13 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed Members that sadly David Shimpe's mother had passed away. A condolence card had been sent on behalf of all at the Parish Council. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 17 December 2013.

195/13 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Malcolm Wade advised Members that on 23 November he attended a presentation by Hampshire County Council (HCC) on its future. It is projected that HCC will experience a £90 million loss over the next few years, will need to make a 12% reduction in revenue spending across all services and a 10% reduction of staff.

To address this, HCC plan to undergo Management restructuring, undertake more work on behalf of Isle of Wight Council, selling IT support to Oxford County Council, receive income from the new Joint Health Boards, share the HR role with the Police and Fire Service and reduce HCC funded posts by increasing non-funded posts.

Mr Wade attended the presentation of the final report on the Waterside Rail study. The findings were based upon transport modelling which showed that currently it is not economically viable to run a service along the Waterside. However, should there be a new Government transport initiative or further development by ABP at Marchwood Military Port, this may make a new service economically viable based on the current model. The scheme has therefore been put on the shelf for possible future development.

On 10 December 2013 Mr Wade visited Glendalyn Children's Home in New Milton where he was able to gain considerable feedback to present to the Children and Families Advisory Panel.

196/13 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

James Binns reported that he had attended training sessions for resolving housing complaints at a local level. The Designated Persons Panel, which will deal with tenant complaints, comprises of Councillors and individuals from local tenant panels.

Councillors from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel had a presentation on substance usage within the New Forest area. Drug issues within the Parish are minimal and are mitigated by partnership working with The Handy Trust.

Mr Binns advised of the intention to restart the Shoutabout Youth Conference in June/July 2014.

Maureen McLean provided information supplied by Councillor Paul Vickers: the public consultation on Revisions Part 2, Local Development Plan is closing and not many responses have been received. An examination hearing will take place on 21 January 2014.

Discussions with NFDC Officers are being undertaken regarding the purchase of Marchwood Military Port by ABP and the implications on the District.

The food hygiene rating system has been introduced where premises are scored between 0 – 5 points. This has resulted in 80% of the inspected premises within the District scoring 3 points or above, with 5 scoring 0 and 37 scoring 1 point. The premises will be reviewed in 6 months' time.

Following the introduction of glass recycling collection, Mrs McLean has asked why the service is not available to sheltered housing schemes and flats. She was advised that the matter would be considered at a later date.

Maureen Robinson reported on two Task and Finish Group meetings recently attended: Budgets for Portfolio Holders which is looking at the way in which the budget is constructed. Fact finding interviews with portfolio holders have been undertaken. The rent arrears within Housing have increased considerably.

Consultations have been held in relation to the number of Members on New Forest District Council. Consultations suggest that Members wish to preserve their positions.

Mrs Robison informed Members that her past mentor, Margaret Bannister, had sadly passed away.

Chris Harrison had attended a Planning Development Control Committee meeting. He advised Members that the applications submitted for properties in Solent Road and Frost Lane had both been passed.

Full Council had approved the tax reduction scheme for 2014/15. The minimum contribution from working aged residents would be increased to 10% even though the current contribution of 8% had resulted in a significant increase in reminders and court summons.

Mr Harrison reported on the Task & Finish group for rough sleeping. Following a reworded bid to Southampton City Council, which oversees the 'no second night out' budget, a grant of £25,000 has been given for the pilot scheme which will be operated by Nightstop Extra for 18 – 25 year olds and Nightstop Plus for those over the age of 25.

Malcolm Wade attended a presentation on substance usage in the New Forest at the Community panel on 19 November 2013.

Mr Wade gave an overview of the housing situation with regard to acquiring new affordable housing units. In the first year since the HRA review, NFDC have used £6 million of £143 million borrowed to purchase 36 properties. A further £4 million is to be released for further purchase of affordable housing.

Mr Wade informed Members of a presentation given by officers from Hampshire County Council on sexual health and youth service provision within the New Forest Area.

Maureen Robinson advised Members that she had received an email from the Senior Development Manager, Homes & Communities Agency regarding the future sale of Hythe

Marine Park. Agents will shortly be appointed with for the site to be marketed in January/February 2014, with the expectation of the sale completing during the Summer.

197/13 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Maureen McLean attended a Hythe Hospital Stakeholder meeting on 20 November 2013. She reported that all libraries are to become dementia friendly. The phlebotomy walk-in service at Hythe Hospital has been successful, to the point of being over-run.

The Community Independence Team operated by Hampshire County Council has reduced the eligible age for services from 60 to 55.

Brian Dash reported that the Hythe Hospital project is going ahead.

198/13 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

There were no questions asked.

199/13 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Brian Dash asked the Chairman whether it was necessary for a report from Hythe Police at every Council meeting. The Chairman advised that the matter would be discussed at the briefing on Thursday 19 December 2013.

200/13 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee - 13 November 2013
Personnel Committee - 13 November 2013

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee and Personnel Committee held on 13 Nov 2013.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 November 2013 be received and adopted.
- b) the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 13 November 2013 be received and adopted.

201/13 **Update on Woodland Management/Tree budget 2013/14**

Members had previously received an updated report on Woodland Management and Tree Budget. The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor updated Members further on the shortfall in the Woodland Management and Tree Budget for 2013/14 due to significant tree damage within the Parish following the storm in October 2013 and an increase in individual tree issues which require a response from NFDC's Arboriculturist. The Deputy Clerk also advised Members of a need to increase the Tree Budget requirements for 2014/15.

RESOLVED

That the shortfall in the 2013/14 Tree Budget be approved.

202/13 **Waterside Rail Study – Final Report**

Members had previously received a copy of an email from Hampshire County Council concerning the Waterside Rail Study Final Report. Some Members had also previously attended a meeting which had provided an update on the GRIP 3 study.

RESOLVED that

- (a) In the response to the County Council a request to hold the project in abeyance is made.

- (b) The County Council are requested to contact Southampton City Council requesting a review of the usage of its redundant, intermittent passenger stations between Hythe and Eastleigh.

203/13 **White Lining – St John's Street/The Promenade**

Members had been made aware of a proposal from New Forest District Council regarding the centre lines at the above location.

RESOLVED

That the proposal by New Forest District Council for white lining in St Johns's Street/The Promenade be supported.

204/13 **Youth Ambassador's Report**

Alex Wade was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, no report was provided.

205/13 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in the schedule totalling £102,788.49 be approved and paid.

206/13 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

207/13 **The Grove**

Members received a proposal to increase Tenant provision at The Grove.

RESOLVED

That a valuation by the District Valuer is sought prior to the matter being considered further.

The meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.