



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE HART DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY, FLEET ON THURSDAY 29TH APRIL, 2010 AT 7.00 PM

Geoff Bonner  
Chief Executive

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## **AGENDA**

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- 1. PRAYERS**
- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
  
To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL)**
- 5. PRESENTATION BY MR CHARLES LYNCH OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GURKHAS (N E HANTS)**
- 6. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**  
  
To receive any question from members of the public submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.

*Note: The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 12 must be given to the **Chief Executive** not later than **Noon on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010**.*

## **7. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

To receive any questions from Members submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 14.

*Note: The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.3 must be given to the **Chief Executive** not later than **5.00 pm on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010**.*

*The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.4 must be submitted to the **Chief Executive** before **10.00 am on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010**.*

## **8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **9. CABINET MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

## **11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

The Minutes of the following Committees, which met on the dates shown, are submitted.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1, Members are allowed to put questions at Council without Notice in respect of any matters in the Minutes to the Leader of the Council or any Chairman of the relevant meeting at the time those Minutes are received by Council.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minute Numbers</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	85 - 95	
Resumed Planning Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	86 - 89	
Audit Committee	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	29 - 34	
Cabinet	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	147 - 160	<b>154</b>
Planning Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	90 - 96	

Recommendations from the following meetings ONLY if required -

Overview & Scrutiny Committee	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
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**Date of Despatch: 20th April 2010**

## **COUNCIL**

**Date and Time:** Thursday 29th April 2010 at 7.00 pm

**Place:** Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

**Present:**

### **COUNCILLORS –**

Wheale - (Chairman)

Ambler	Crookes	Kinnell
Appleton	Davies	Maughan
Bailey	Glen	Neighbour
Band	Gotel	Parker
Barrell	Haffey	Radley J E
Bennison	Harward	Radley J R
Billings	Healey	Simpson
Blewett	Henderson	Singh
Butler C	Ive	Street
Butler G	Kennett	

Officers Present:

Geoff Bonner	-	Chief Executive
Rod Hursthouse	-	Monitoring Officer
Tricia Jackson	-	Senior Committee Services Officer

#### **81. PRAYERS**

Councillor Jenny Radley led Members in a short prayer.

#### **82. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

#### **83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Axam, Cockarill, Gorys and Murr.

#### **84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**85. PRESENTATION BY MR CHARLES LYNCH OF THE FRIENDS OF THE GURKHAS (NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE)**

Mr Charles Lynch of the Friends of the Gurkhas (North East Hampshire) gave a presentation on the history of the Gurkhas and the background to the founding of the Welfare Trust in 1969. The mission of the Trust was for the relief of poverty and distress amongst Gurkha veterans and their families and now 10,000 veterans and their villages depended on the Trust. A monthly welfare pension of about £34 is available to any elderly Gurkha in Nepal who did not serve the 15 years required to earn an Army pension and who faces destitution.

Mr Lynch paid tribute to the regiments of Gurkhas who had been stationed in Church Crookham and stated that the people of Hart still had great affection for them. He also thanked the Chairman for making the Gurkha Welfare Trust one of her charities this year and looked forward to the time when enough funds had been raised for a memorial to be erected in Fleet as a lasting tribute to the Gurkhas.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lynch for his most interesting and informative presentation and would continue in her efforts to raise more money to ensure that the memorial would be in place in the not too distant future.

Note: Councillors Bailey, Henderson and Appleton entered the meeting at 7.07, 7.17 and 7.30 pm.

**86. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

No questions had been received.

**87. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

No questions had been received.

**88. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that she had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Hampshire Senate Meeting at Civic Offices
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Mayor of Fareham's Charity Dinner, Titchfield
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Chairman's Fundraising Dinner at El Castello Restaurant, Fleet
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Mayor of Yateley Town Council's Charity Dinner
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane's Charity Dinner
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Chairman and Hart Voluntary Action's Hart Volunteer Awards Presentation
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Mayor of Test Valley's Civic Ball
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Lord Lieutenant's Concert for SSAFA, Winchester Cathedral
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Mayor of Eastleigh's Civic Day
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Citizenship Ceremony, Winchester Cathedral

The Vice-Chairman had attended a Charity Football Match at Fleet Football Club on behalf of the Chairman.

The Chairman announced that there would be a fundraising lunch at Hook Tandoori in aid of Leapfrogs – Odiham Community Pre-School on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. There were still tickets available.

Councillor Billings, as Mayor of Yateley Town Council, presented the Chairman with an illuminated scroll to Hart District Council “In Grateful Recognition of Outstanding Service and Contribution to the Local Community” by Yateley Town Council. The Chairman gratefully accepted the Scroll on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Billings announced that £1700 had been raised which would be given to Hart Citizens Advice Bureau as her charity for the year. She thanked all those Members who had supported her.

The Chairman informed Members that this was the last Council meeting to be attended by Councillor Band who was retiring and invited them to express their sentiments and memories of working with her.

Councillor Crookes praised Councillor Band in the exemplary way she had served the residents of Hartley Wintney and the District as a whole. He wished to personally thank her for her support during the last two years of his leadership.

Councillor Neighbour referred to Councillor Band’s work on housing which was known throughout the District and also paid tribute to Mr Band for his support.

Councillor James Radley stated that the Council would greatly miss Councillor Band and her sterling work for housing and the provision of affordable housing.

Councillors Haffey, Glen, Street, Parker, Bailey and Blewett also paid tribute to Councillor Band, in particular highlighting her dignity, humour, steadfastness, conscientiousness and attention to detail. They all expressed the view that it had been a pleasure to work with Councillor Band and would miss her wealth of knowledge.

The Chairman stated that Councillor Band had the gratitude and respect of the whole Council. She remembered starting out with Councillor Band twenty years’ ago with former Councillor Sarah Wallis. Hartley Wintney had been safe in the hands of Councillor Band on planning and she regarded her as a friend as well as a colleague. She wished Councillor and Mr Band good wishes for the future, which sentiment was echoed by all Council Members and Officers present.

Councillor Band responded and thanked Members for their kind comments. She felt the coming year would be very difficult but had confidence that with the will of all Councillors and Officers, the Council would survive. She wished all Members good luck for the future and invited those present to join her and her husband for refreshments after the meeting.

Note: Councillor Maughan entered the meeting at 7.40 pm.

## **89. CABINET MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Crookes** had no announcements but thanked Members and Officers for their support and challenge.

The Cabinet Member for Planning, **Councillor Appleton** wished to thank the Head of Planning Services for his excellent work and support.

The Cabinet Member for Health & Housing, **Councillor Band** wished to draw the attention of Members to a Residential Landlord Forum taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May at The Key, Elvetham Heath from 6.00 to 9.00 pm. This would be of interest to current and prospective landlords and anyone looking for private rented accommodation.

Good news that the Government grant this year for the Disabled Facilities Grant to Hart is for £260,000 which would enable the Council to fulfil its current programme for 2010/2011.

Further good news is that the Homes and Communities Agency has approved funding for the proposed Rural Exception Scheme for nine houses at Eversley. This scheme can now progress to the planning stage.

Following the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee this month, I thanked the Chairman of the Committee and the Chairman of the Housing Review Group for their work and expressed my pleasure on behalf of the hard working staff of the Housing Department that they had been complimented on the standard of service they gave their customers.

The Cabinet Member for Public & Business Engagement, **Councillor Kennett**, announced

“I am pleased to report that, at 86%, Hart had the second highest percentage in Hampshire of eligible businesses gaining small business rate relief. East Hampshire scored higher but most Councils were down around 50%. Hart's high score has obviously been helped by our policy of sending letters to eligible businesses with their rate bills advising them of their right to relief. These are some of the most hard hit businesses and the relief could make the difference between survival and going under. The cost of the discount is borne by central government rather than Hart.

The 2010 Inspire Business Awards were launched this week. Hart joins with Basingstoke and Test Valley Councils to sponsor the awards, in a range of categories, in order to encourage excellence among businesses in North Hampshire. Last year there were some winners from Hart but it would be good if we were even better represented. I urge all Councillors to encourage businesses in their Wards to enter this year.”

The Cabinet Member for Leisure & Recreation, **Councillor Kinnell**, announced as follows:

“Members will recall that a few months’ ago, I announced that we were to receive a grant from the SITA Trust to assist with the management of Hazeley Heath. I am pleased to let you know that we have now received that grant totalling £43,450. This funding will assist with the grazing trial, the process for which was agreed back in 2007 following management plan recommendations and stakeholder meetings.

The Seasonal Ranger, in charge of this five year trial, is now in place and the temporary electric fencing has been completed on both trial compartments. We are aiming to have some local cattle grazing here by the third week of May”.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, **Councillor Parker** wished those Members who needed it good luck for next week.

The Cabinet Member for Partnerships, **Councillor Singh** echoed Councillor Parker's sentiments.

## **90. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive had nothing of any significance to report.

## **91. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>
No questions asked.	
<b>Resumed Planning Committee</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>
No questions asked.	
<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010</b>
No questions asked.	
<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2010</b>

### Honorary Aldermen

Subject to the amendment of the wording of "town" in the second line of bullet point three, it was

### **RESOLVED**

That the following criteria and procedure be used in considering whether or not to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on appropriate individuals:

- Nominees shall be former councillors and who have served in that capacity for a significant time.
- Regard may also be given to nominees who have given service to the wider community in a role outside of their duties as a District Councillor.
- It is important not to devalue the honour by conferring it too readily. Many people provide good service both to the **town** and to the Council. It should not be expected that retiring Councillors of many years service would automatically receive an honour. The honour should be to reward exceptional service."

**Planning Committee** **14<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

No questions asked.



The meeting closed at 8.12pm.