



Hart
DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUMMONS

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 31 JANUARY 2013 AT 7.00 PM

Geoff Bonner
Chief Executive

CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY
FLEET, HAMPSHIRE GU51 4AE

AGENDA

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PRAYERS

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2012.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable pecuniary, and any other, interests.

4 PRESENTATION BY HART NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

5 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

To receive any questions 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, 25 January 2013.***

6 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, 28 January 2013.

The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.4 must be submitted to the Chief Executive before 10.00 am on Thursday, 31 January 2013.

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8 CABINET MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

10 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.

Meeting	Date	Minute Numbers	For Decision
Audit	4 December 2012	19-25	
Cabinet	6 December 2012	87-105	
Cabinet	3 January 2013	106-117	
Planning	12 December 2012	47-54	
Planning	9 January 2013	55-60	
Licensing	8 January 2013	20-27	
Overview and Scrutiny	18 December 2012	65-74	
Overview and Scrutiny	15 January 2013	75-85	

11 OUTSIDE BODIES – FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

To allow the Council's representatives on Outside Bodies to report back, and to allow questions of the representatives from other members. See list of Outside Bodies attached.

Members wanting to ask questions of representatives on Outside Bodies are requested to give advance notice of their questions by 5pm on the Monday preceding the meeting to allowing responses to be prepared. Where advance notice is not given the member may still ask the questions, but the representative may choose not to answer at the meeting, but instead give a subsequent written answer.

Date of Despatch: 22 January 2013

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2012/13

Outside Bodies	1. NO. OF REPRESENTATIVES	Nominee(s)
Age Concern	1 Councillor	Crookes
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee	2 Councillor	1. Ambler 2. Kinnell
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee	2 Councillor 1 Reserve	1. Billings 2. Harward Reserve: Murphy
Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel	2 Councillor	1. Billings 2. Harward
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Glen 2. Appleton Reserve: Harward
Blackwater Valley Recreation & Countryside Management Committee	2 Councillors (1xCabinet Member)	1. Kinnell 2. Neighbour
Citizens Advice Hart	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Crookes
Community Safety Partnership	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Kennett
Crookham Almshouse Charity (Trustee)	1. Councillor	Butler
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Simmons 2. Radley JE Reserve: Ambler
Fleet Hospital & Community Friends	1 Councillor	Barrell
Fleet Neighbourhood Watch	1 Councillor	Radley JR
Fleet Pond Society	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Wheale Reserve: Lewis
Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust	1 Councillor	Bennison
Hampshire Senate	1 Councillor, 1 Reserve (Leader & Deputy Leader)	1. Crookes Reserve: Parker
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	1 Councillor	Kennett
Hart Access Group (representing interests of disabled in Hart)	1 Councillor	Butler
Hart Neighbourhood Centre Charity	1 Councillor	Crookes
Hart Voluntary Action	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Crookes

LGA General Assembly (Annual Event)	1 Councillor (Leader or Deputy Leader)	Crookes Deputy: Parker
Local Government Authorities Hants & IOW	1 Councillor 1 Reserve (Leader & Deputy Leader)	I. Crookes Reserve: Parker
North East Hampshire CPRE	1 Councillor (Observer)	Clarke
North Hampshire Road Safety Council	1 Councillor	Crampton
Project Integra Strategy Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor (2xCabinet Members)	I. Glen Reserve: Crookes
Sentinel Housing Association	1 Councillor	I. Crampton Reserve: Crookes
South East England Councils (SEEC)	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	I. Crookes Reserve: Parker
Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	I. Radley JE Reserve: Parker
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Project Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	I. Parker Reserve: Radley JE

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 31 January 2013 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Axam - (Chairman)

Ambler	Crookes	Morris
Appleton	Evans	Murphy
Bennison	Glen	Neighbour
Billings	Gorys	Oliver
Burchfield	Harward	Parker
Butler G	Ive (7.10 pm)	Radley JR
Clarke	Kennett	Radley JE
Cockarill	Kinnell	Simmons
Collett (7.30 pm)	Lewis	Southern
	Lit	Wheale

Officers Present:

Geoff Bonner	Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Business Support - Committee Services

PRAYERS

The Chairman led a short prayer.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman announced the death of Peter Duckworth, a former Councillor and Chairman, A Memorial service was being planned for March. Councillors honoured a minute's silence.

81 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2012 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

At Councillor Radley's request, Councillor Crookes agreed to circulate his written answer to Councillor Radley's question (page CL.62).

82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bailey, Barrell, Blewett, Crampton and Gani.

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Billings declared an interest in the Licensing Minutes of 8 January 2013 in that her brother-in-law owns a taxi business in Hart.

84 PRESENTATION BY HART NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Cheryl Edwards and Anita Taylor presented information on the work of the Hart Neighbourhood Centre. Cheryl explained that the HNC provides alternative education programmes for young people on the edge of being excluded from school, school refusers, vulnerable young people etc. HNC was moving forward and would be rebranding in March under the name [Inclusion]. The rebranding reflected the growth of HNC moving across borders for programmes, partner agencies and client base. In order to secure funding they would be applying to be an Academy, offering on-site bespoke education programmes for young people struggling with mainstream school. This work naturally led on to obtaining apprenticeships for some clients, and Anita Taylor talked about her work on this, working in partnership with Catch 22m networking with businesses and helping young people to access apprenticeships.

Issues considered by Councillors included linking in and overlap with other agencies and schools, cross border working, and their plans to become an Academy and the knock-on effects on funding in mainstream schools.

Members congratulated the HNC, and Cheryl, on its success and wished [Inclusion] further success for the future.

Councillors Collett and Ive entered the meeting during this item.

85 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

No questions received.

86 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Questions put by Councillors are detailed in Appendix B attached to these Minutes.

87 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

15 December 2012	Hart Male Voice Choir Xmas Concert at Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot
22 December 2012	Mayor of Havant's Christmas Charity Ball at Lakeside, Hayling Island
24 December 2012	Frimley Park Hospital carol singing in the wards
5 January 2013	Pelly Concert Orchestra New Year concert at Church on the Heath
24 January 2013	Institution & Induction of The Rev Canon Mark Tanner, St John's, Hartley Wintney
25 January 2013	New Forest Chairman's Charity Burns Night Dinner & Dance at Lyndhurst

27 January 2013	Havant Borough Council Holocaust Memorial Day – Service of Commemoration at Havant.
27 January 2013	Hampshire County Council “Space for Peace” Holocaust Memorial Service, Winchester Cathedral
29 January 2013	Unveiling of diamond jubilee bronze roundel. The Great Hall Winchester

The Chairman announced two dates for Councillors’ diaries. On Friday, 12 April the Chairman would be holding an evening event by the Rock Choir and Calthorpe School Choir at the Harlington Centre. Tickets would be available from the Harlington Centre. The Chairman’s Charity Dinner would be at the WE Restaurant in Fleet on Monday, 15 April .

88 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Crookes**, announced:

The latest Halifax survey once again declares that Hart is the “Best Place to Live”. I am delighted that Hart has again come out top. The results will come as no surprise to our residents. Many thanks to everyone - our excellent public sector partners, our very strong voluntary groups, our socially conscious and active businesses, and last, but not least, our residents - for bringing this about. I have also given a radio interview today on the announcement that Hart is the healthiest place to live.

On January 14th I attended the Local Government Association (LGA) Workshop called “Is your district open for business?” The workshop confirmed to me that we are right to invest in Economic Development which we have recently done and also that we must continue to build close relationships with the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership. I shall send a copy of the agenda, which has links to some of the presentation material, to political Group Leaders.

On January 21st I attended the District Councils Network Assembly. Again I shall send the agenda to the political Group Leaders.

The Cabinet Member for Planning, **Councillor Parker**, announced:

Following the closure of the consultation period for the Local Plan: Core Strategy, officers have been reviewing the 500 plus responses received. We have had some comments from neighbouring authorities, and officers and I have embarked on a series of meetings with them under the Duty to Cooperate provisions of the Localism Act. So far officers have met with Bracknell Forest, and with me have met Basingstoke & Deane, Wokingham and Rushmoor. All these meetings have been amicable and officers are addressing all the issues raised. I anticipate that we will be able to put a Memorandum of Understanding in place for each authority, and that any holding objections lodged will be withdrawn.

In the absence of the Cabinet Member for Housing & Health, **Councillor Crampton**, Councillor Crookes reminded Members of the Housing Seminar being held in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 12 February.

The Cabinet Member for Leisure & Recreation, **Councillor Kinnell**, had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, **Councillor Glen**, announced the following dates for diaries:

Fairtrade Fortnight, Monday, 25 February to Friday, 8 March 2013.

Climate Week – Monday, 4 March to Sunday, 10 March 2013.

HDC Emergency Planning Exercise – Wednesday, 6 February 2013.

QEB Transport Steering Group – Wednesday, 27 February 2013.

Project Integra Board Meeting – Thursday, 21 March

Councillor Glen added that the Greening Hart minutes from the last meeting of 24 January would reflect that Hart had been successful in obtaining funding to insulate 20 mobile homes.

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety Licensing and Environmental Health **Councillor Kennett**, announced:

On 29 January I went to the Away Day for the combined North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership. It was very well attended, with about 120 representatives from our various partner organisations including a large contingent from the Police and the new area commander, Chief Superintendent Jason Hogg, was one of the speakers.

The joint working between the three councils seems to be working well although no formal merger, which would require approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner, is planned for at least another year.

Crime figures were presented separately for all three Districts and those for Hart were less than half those for the other two authorities. For us total reported crime was down by 21% with drops in all categories. From March the definition of domestic abuse is being widened and also will include data from 16 and 17 year olds in intimate relations. As a result, the top picture figures for this may show an increase but I am asking for data to be collected separately so that we will still have a like for like basis.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services **Councillor Burchfield** had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Fleet Town Centre **Councillor Evans**, announced:

Fleet Future, otherwise known as the Town Team, have appointed committee members and a chairman, Michael Butcher, and agreed terms of reference. Hart has funded the consultant, Therese Lawler, through to April, but the intention is that the team will be self-sustaining. They are aiming to have a shared community vision by July and a town plan by October. We wish them well and I hope to report back on progress soon.

The retail review is also underway. We have a workshop this coming Monday with the consultants to allow members of the various councils, Fleet Future and retailers to comment on progress so far. The study is expected to be completed by the end of February.

89 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive had nothing to report.

90 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Audit	4 December 2012
No questions asked.	
Cabinet	6 December 2012
No questions asked.	3 January 2013
Planning Committee	12 December 2012
Councillor Appleton commented that there was a large amount of money being put towards the Hitches Lane SANG, and asked if Officers were happy with the parking provision. The Planning Chairman reported that the contributions fell within our policies, and suggested that Councillor Appleton discuss with the Officers how robust that policy is moving forward.	
Planning	9 January 2013
No questions asked.	
Licensing	8 January 2013
Councillor Appleton asked if Fleet Town Council had been consulted in the matter of a Late Night Levy. The Licensing Chairman reported that he did not know if FTC had been consulted, but that the discussions had been far reaching, and widely discussed by Members at the meeting.	
Overview and Scrutiny	18 December 2012
No questions asked.	
Overview and Scrutiny	15 January 2013
No questions asked.	

91 OUTSIDE BODIES – FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Kennett reported that he had attended a meeting of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel where the Commissioner presented his budget and asked for a 3.4% increase which was agreed. A decision had also been made on the new Chief Constable, who was at present serving as the Deputy.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Appleton asked

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) (also known as civic amenity sites) provide an important service throughout the county to local communities. HWRCs are busier at weekends and Bank Holidays, particularly during the summer. Both of the HWRCs serving Fleet struggle to cope with demand, due to the growth in the local population over recent years. What specific plans are in place to ensure that these sites can cope in future?

Councillor Glen responded:

Hampshire County Council is the authority responsible for the delivery, operation and management of the current HWRC facilities in Hampshire, and they have their own planning powers which enable them to deliver these.

Hampshire County Council has provided the following response to the question asked:

“We have reviewed the usage and performance of the site at Eelmoor Road, Farnborough. We are confident that, whilst the site does get busy at peak times, it has sufficient capacity to meet residents needs now and in the foreseeable future, and as such there are no plans to redevelop or relocate the facility.

The Hartley Wintney HWRC has been identified as a site that is in need of redevelopment and is one that we have, and continue to, liaise with colleagues at Hart DC to resolve. We first discussed the site with officers in 2005 and reviewed the potential to expand the site into the HDC depot next door but at the time the future of the depot was uncertain and no spare land was available. In 2006 a site search was undertaken to identify alternative locations and Thames Water Sewerage who also border the HWRC were contacted to establish if any land might be available for expansion. No sites were identified and no spare land was available from Thames Water. Enquiries have been made on an annual basis to establish whether an area of land might be made available from the HDC depot site but this has now been discounted as the depot has been leased to Veolia as part of the new waste collection service contract for the next 7 years.

We will be undertaking a site search in the Spring to establish if there are any potential sites for relocation in the area. HCC would welcome help from both Hart District Council and Hartley Wintney Parish Council to identify potential sites for relocation of the HWRC.”

The District Council will therefore work with Hampshire County Council to assist in their site search. We will look to do this in partnership with Hartley Wintney Parish Council. If HCC were to identify a suitable site there may be an opportunity for the site to be specifically allocated for HWRC use through the forthcoming Local Plan Site Allocations Development Plan Document which is to be prepared over the next two years.

Councillor Appleton asked a supplementary question:

The Hampshire Infrastructure plan from Hampshire County Council (HCC) states that redeveloping the Hartley Wintney HWRC is a medium to long term item. It also states that the site is currently overused, so in my view something should be done in the more immediate future than proposed by HCC in their plan. Given the constraints on the current site detailed in this answer, and limited number of alternative sites in Hartley Wintney, why is the district and county councils restricting themselves to looking only in Hartley Wintney for alternative sites - or is this going to be yet another bit of infrastructure where the county council spends years talking within itself whilst failing to keep capacity in line with the growing local population?

Councillor Glen responded:

Your comments about Hartley Wintney are true, and it would be helpful if you could help us to find a site in Fleet before the end of February. I have discussed your suggestion with John Elson and we will be having further discussions with Hampshire County Council.

Councillor Bennison asked:

Can the portfolio holder for Leisure please remind us of her priorities for Leisure provision in the district .

Councillor Kinnell responded:

The Council's overall strategy for delivering Leisure Services within the District is set out in the adopted Council Leisure Strategy. The implementation of this Strategy is carried out through the agreed annual Leisure Service Plan. Service Plans set out the key actions each service will undertake during the coming year to deliver the Council's objectives and priorities, as well as core service. Service Plans are approved by Cabinet and noted at Council.

The current 2012/13 Leisure Service Plan was adopted last April. Its progress is being regularly monitored by the Leisure Service Board and Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The proposed 2013/14 Service Plan for Leisure Services is currently being drafted. It has already been discussed by Members at the Leisure Service Board and in March will be scrutinised by Overview & Scrutiny Committee before it is recommended for adoption by Cabinet.

In addition Cabinet has agreed to set up a Working party of Members to look at the potential option of procuring a replacement Leisure Centre. The Shadow Portfolio Holder is a welcome member of that Working Party. Whether the delivery of the replacement of the Leisure Centre becomes a priority will be a matter for Members to decide once all the appropriate feasibility work is completed.

Councillor Bennison asked a supplementary question:

Given the extent of her ambitions for leisure provision in the district, hopefully the portfolio holder agrees with me that it would be unacceptable if this Council should once again face the loss of section 106 money simply because action to spend it had not been commenced in time. There was a recent 'near miss' with the money from Elvetham Heath for a much

needed artificial football pitch looking as if it had to be spent before May.

So that parish councils may in future have adequate time to identify viable schemes on which to invest section 106 derived money, will she now promise to involve all parish councils by sending them the list of all unspent leisure related section 106 payments which are subject to a time limit?

Councillor Kinnell responded:

Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Hart District Council (HDC) jointly signed a S106 Agreement in 2008 whereby HCC paid HDC £165,000 to deliver an Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) at Hitches Lane by 2015. Work on this is progressing. There is however a break clause whereby from 2013 HDC can instead deliver by 2015 either a grass football pitch and/or a 5 a-side ATP somewhere within a defined 3 mile radius of Fleet Town. If unused the contribution has to be repaid to HCC by 2015.

There is ample time to deliver all options. There is no reason to rule out the primary purpose of the S106 which was to deliver the Hitches Lane ATP by 2015. However, it is reasonable to start work with the three local parishes to see if the alternative grass pitch/5 a-side option could be delivered instead.