

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on Thursday the 19th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Thorn (Chairman), Cannon (Vice Chairman), Ainsworth, Allen, Mrs. Black, Bond, Mrs. Bradbury, Caudle, Compton, Mrs. Connolly, Cooley, Cooper, Duck, Mrs. Dunbar, Elias, Fisher, Gascoigne, Gosling, Harwood, Mrs. Ingham, Jones, Keymer, Lee, Mrs. Lockwood, Manley, Mrs. Marks, Morrow, Pannett, Mrs. Parker, Perkins, Pursehouse, Stead, Mrs. Steeds, Mrs. Steer, Turner, Mrs. Vickers, Wates, Mrs. Webster, Weightman, Mrs. Whittle and Mrs. Young.

The meeting was preceded with a prayer read by Councillor Weightman.

143. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 16th July 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

144. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The late Honorary Aldermen Eric Morgan and John Rawling

The Chairman reflected on the long periods of Local Government service provided by these two former Tandridge Councillors who had represented the Limpsfield (1988-2010) and Chaldon (1973-1996) Wards respectively before being made Honorary Aldermen. They had both passed away during August 2015 and Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Local Plan process – Member drop in session

The Chairman advised that the Planning Policy Team would be holding a Member 'drop-in day' on Tuesday, 15th December in the Council Chamber from 8am until 7pm. During those hours, Councillors could come and speak to Officers about any aspect of the emerging Local Plan and its evidence base. Hard copies of the documents would also be available to view.

Business Improvement Districts

The Chairman was pleased to confirm that Oxted businesses had voted overwhelmingly in support of creating a Business Improvement District for their town. This was expected to lever over £500,000 worth of improvements over the next five years. The Chairman thanked Officers for their work in supporting this initiative, especially Belinda Purcell, the Corporate Policy Manager.

Charity Ball – 12th February 2016 – Surrey National Golf Club

Finally, the Chairman announced that her Charity Ball would take place on the evening of Friday, 12th February at the Surrey National Golf Club, Chaldon. Proceeds will go to her chosen charities, namely the Ectopic & Early Pregnancy Charity and Steps.

145. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – that the reports of the following Committees be received and the recommendations therein adopted:

Overview & Scrutiny (28th May and 28th July)

Planning Committee (30th July)

Planning Committee (3rd September)

Community Services Committee (8th September)

Housing Committee (10th September)

Planning Policy Committee (17th September)

Resources Committee (24th September)

Note: Councillor Fisher declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 116 – Oxted Business Improvement District – as he was a Director and Shareholder of Thanington Holdings Ltd. This company had been eligible to vote in the ballot which had sought a mandate from local businesses for a Business Improvement District to be established. Hence, there could be a financial impact on the company. In accordance with the Members' Local Code of Conduct, he left the Chamber whilst Minute 116 was being discussed.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (29th September)

Planning Committee (1st October)

Licensing Committee (8th October)

Planning Committee (29th October)

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (3rd November)

Resources Committee (5th November)

Rising: 9.24 p.m.