

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on Thursday the 21st July 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Cannon (Chairman), Ainsworth, Allen, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Blake-Thomas, Botten, Childs, Compton, Cooper, Duck, Mrs. Dunbar, Elias, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Harwood, Jones, Lee, Mrs. Lockwood, Morrow, Pannett, Mrs. Parker, Perkins, Pursehouse, Stead, Mrs. Steer, Mrs. Thorn, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Webster, Weightman and Wren.

ALSO PRESENT (for Minute 69):

Canon Peter Bruinvels - Civilian / Military Liaison Adviser, Surrey County Council

Surrey County Councillor Sally Marks - Chairman of both Surrey County Council and the Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board

Major Stuart Young - 4 Armoured Medical Regiment

The meeting was preceded with a prayer read by the Reverend Tim Goode, vicar of St Luke's Church Whyteleafe

66. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 26th May 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

67. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Lesley Ayers

The Chairman advised that Lesley Ayres would be leaving the Council on the 12th August after 27 years of valued service; most of which as PA to Leaders and Chairmen.

(ii) Young Epilepsy, Lingfield

The Chairman spoke in support of this organisation following his recent visit to its HQ in Lingfield. He explained how the charity sought to improve the lives of young people with epilepsy and associated conditions. Young Epilepsy was willing to accommodate subsequent visits by groups of Councillors and Members were asked to contact Vince Sharp if they wished to take advantage of this.

68. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Planning Committee (26th May and 2nd June 2016)

Resources Committee (26th May and 7th June 2016)

Community Services Committee (26th May and 9th June 2016)

Housing Committee (26th May and 16th June 2016)

Planning Policy Committee (26th May and 28th June 2016)

Minute 47 – Local Development Scheme Update 2016

In accordance with Standing Order 12(3), Councillor Wren wished it to be recorded that she voted against the adoption of this minute as she considered that that her speech had been incorrectly summarised. She emphasised that her concerns about the Local Plan process were not just her personal opinions (nor just those of OLRG) but reflected the views of experts instructed by OLRG which cast doubt on the robustness of the local plan documents being drawn up by the Council. She also considered that this minute failed to adequately capture concerns expressed by other Councillors about how the Council was proceeding with the Local Plan.

Planning Committee (26th May and 30th June 2016)

Resources Committee (26th May and 11th July 2016)

Minute 63 – Flash Flooding on 7th June – support for homeowners

A motion was moved by Councillor Warner, and seconded by Councillor Botten, that this matter be referred back to the Resources Committee so that her previous amendment to extend the Council Tax exemption scheme from three to six months could be reconsidered.

Upon being put to the vote, this motion was lost. In accordance with Standing Order 12(3), Councillors Allen, Botten, Cooper, Jones, Lee, Morrow, Pursehouse, Warner and Wren wished it recorded that they voted in favour of the motion.

The Council adjourned at 9.05pm to enable a special meeting of the Licensing Committee to proceed. The Council re-convened at 9.08pm for Minute 69 below.

69. PRESENTATION ABOUT THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

The Council had signed up to the Armed Forces Community Covenant in April 2013. In this context, a presentation was delivered by County Councillor Sally Marks, Major Stuart Young and Canon Peter Bruinvels about what the Covenant meant for the District. (For the purposes of the covenant, Major Young's regiment covered the Local Authority areas of Tandridge and Reigate & Banstead).

Rising: 9.34 p.m.