

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Flexi Hall, The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT on Tuesday, 27th January, 2015 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Chaudhry), in the chair; Councillors Abe, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Cheema, Chohan, Coad, Dar, Davis, Dhaliwal, Hussain, Malik, Mann, Mansoor, Matloob, Mellor, Munawar, Nazir, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Rasib, Sandhu, Shah, Sharif, Sidhu, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani, Wright and Zarait

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Ajaib, Dhillon, M Holledge, N Holledge and Pantelic

30. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that a member of his family worked for Slough Borough Council.

Councillor Carter declared an interest in Agenda Item 9: Slough Council for Voluntary Services, Community Database and did not participate in the discussion and vote for this item.

31. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 25th November 2014

Resolved - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th November, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

32. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

Members were informed that former Councillor and Mayor of Slough, Vic Hills had recently passed away aged 83. Mr Hills had been a dedicated and popular Councillor serving the Chalvey Ward from 1973 to 1976 and again from 1984 until 1992. He was Deputy Mayor in 1989/1990 and was elected Mayor for 1990/1991. A letter of condolence had been sent to Mr Hill's family on behalf of Members and Officers.

The Mayor reminded Councillors that it was Holocaust Memorial Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and led the Council in observing a one minute's silence both in memory of Vic Hills and in commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

33. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

The Mayor advised that a question had been received from an elector, a copy of which had been tabled. The elector was in attendance and asked a supplementary question. A written copy of the reply would be forwarded to the questioner.

34. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meetings held on 13th October 2014 and 19th January 2015

A) War Memorial Maintenance

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

- (a) "That the amount spent on maintenance of the war memorials from the general fund be reimbursed from the War Memorial Garden Trust; and
- (b) That any individual item of expenditure of less than £10,000 from the War Memorial Garden Trust be approved by the Head of Legal Services following consultation with the Commissioner for Neighbourhoods and Renewal."

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried by 28 votes for, 1 against and 8 abstentions.

Resolved -

- (a) That the amount spent on maintenance of the war memorials from the general fund be reimbursed from the War Memorial Garden Trust.
- (b) That any individual item of expenditure of less than £10,000 from the War Memorial Garden Trust be approved by the Head of Legal Services following consultation with the Commissioner for Neighbourhoods and Renewal.

B) Five Year Plan 2015-2020

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

"That in accordance with Procedure Rule 27 the rules of debate as set out in Procedure Rule 16 be suspended to allow the Leader to make a fifteen minute presentation on the Five Year Plan and take any Member questions on it within the allocated time."

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

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Councillor Anderson delivered a presentation on the Five Year Plan, setting out the Council's vision for the Borough against the funding challenges facing the Council over the medium term and how the Council would prioritise its resources. On completion of the presentation the Leader answered a number of Member questions.

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“That the Five Year Plan 2015-2020 be approved.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved – That the Five Year Plan 2015-2020 be approved.

35. Review of Constitution and Related Matters

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

- (a) “That the proposed changes to the following Sections of the Constitution be approved as set out in the attached Appendices and incorporated in the Constitution to take immediate effect:
 - Part 4.6 - Financial Procedure Rules (Appendix 1)
 - Corporate Parenting Panel Terms of Reference (Appendix 2)
 - Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Appendix 3 & 4)
- (b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make any necessary consequential amendments to the published Constitution.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That the proposed changes to the following Sections of the Constitution be approved as set out in the attached Appendices and incorporated in the Constitution to take immediate effect:
 - Part 4.6 - Financial Procedure Rules (Appendix 1 to the report)
 - Corporate Parenting Panel Terms of Reference (Appendix 2 to the report)
 - Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Appendix 3 & 4 to the report)
- (b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make any necessary consequential amendments to the published Constitution.

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36. Appointment of Member to the Slough Independent School Admission Appeals and Exclusion Panel

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“That Mrs Fabia Doran be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel as an Education Member.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That Mrs Fabia Doran be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel as an Education Member.

37. Calendar of Meetings 2015/2016

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“(a) That the calendar of meetings for the 2015/16 municipal year attached as Appendix A be approved.

(b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved –

(a) That the calendar of meetings for the 2015/16 municipal year attached as Appendix A be approved.

(b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

38. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

Motion A: Slough Council for Voluntary Services – Community Database

The Mayor advised that Councillor Coad, as proposer of the motion, was seeking the Council’s consent to the motion being moved in an amended form. A copy of the proposed amended motion was circulated.

The Mayor put the procedural proposal to the vote and the proposal was lost by 9 votes for the proposal, 27 against and 1 abstention.

It was moved by Councillor Coad,
Seconded by Councillor Strutton,

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“This Council resolves

To acknowledge that Slough Council for Voluntary Services has a comprehensive listing of disability services on the Slough Community Database, however hard copies are not available for disabled residents and their families. We thereby call for the printed publication of disability services, for those residents who do not have access to computers or possess high levels of computer literacy, to provide clear and concise information on where to go to find disability products and services which are required to maintain a high quality of living.”

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, as an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“This Council resolves:

To acknowledge that Slough Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS) ~~has provides an excellent and vital service to vulnerable residents living in Slough and for the numerous small charities operating in Slough. This includes a~~ comprehensive listing of disability services ~~on~~through the Slough Community Database. ~~however hard copies are not available for disabled residents and their families. We thereby call for the printed publication of disability services.~~

This Council welcomes that SVCS is working on the production of a printed publication of disability services, for those residents who do not have access to computers or possess high levels of computer literacy. To provide clear and concise information on where to go to find disability products and services which are required to maintain a high quality of living”

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 26 votes for, 9 against and 1 abstention.

The amended motion became the substantive motion.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, as an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Coad,

That the words “and that the information be published in the Slough Citizen” be added after ‘living’ in the final sentence of the motion.

The amendment was put to the vote and lost by 9 votes for, 25 against and 1 abstention.

The motion was put to the vote and carried by 25 votes for, 8 against and 2 abstentions.

Resolved:

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numerous small charities operating in Slough. This includes a comprehensive listing of disability services through the Slough Community Database.

This Council welcomes that SVCS is working on the production of a printed publication of disability services, for those residents who do not have access to computers or possess high levels of computer literacy. To provide clear and concise information on where to go to find disability products and services which are required to maintain a high quality of living.

39. To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled).

Councillor Mellor had submitted a written question and both question and reply were tabled at the meeting.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 9.00 pm)