

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 Thursday, 25th September, 2014 at 7.00 pm

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

16. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that members of his family were employed by Slough Borough Council and Arvato.

Councillor Chaudhry declared that a member of his family was employed by Arvato.

Councillor Munawar declared that a member of his family was employed by Slough Borough Council.

17. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 22nd July 2014

Resolved - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd July, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

18. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor thanked all Members who attended the Civic Service on the 14th September. The Service included the Harvest Festival, with donations of food and other aid items being delivered to SHOC and Slough Foodbank. Members were informed that correspondence had been received from Slough Foodbank, thanking all those individuals who had generously contributed and that all their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Members were advised of forthcoming civic events with the Annual Remembrance Sunday Service to be held on Sunday 9th November and the Armistice Day two-minute silence taking place on Tuesday 11th November at the new memorial to war in the High Street.

19. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

The Mayor advised that two questions had been received from Electors, a copy of which had been tabled. An Elector who was in attendance received a

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response to his question and asked a supplementary question. A copy of the replies would be forwarded to the questioners.

20. Appointment of Standards Independent Person and Co-Opted Member of the Standards Advisory Committee

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

- “(a) That Dr Louis Lee be appointed as the (Standards) Independent Person for the Council from 26th September 2014 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.
- (b) That Mr Graham Davies be appointed as a co-opted member on the Standards Advisory Committee with effect from 26th September 2014 until the Annual meeting of the Council in 2018.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That Dr Louis Lee be appointed as the (Standards) Independent Person for the Council from 26th September 2014 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.
- (b) That Mr Graham Davies be appointed as a co-opted member on the Standards Advisory Committee with effect from 26th September 2014 until the Annual meeting of the Council in 2018.

Members placed on record the Council’s appreciation to Mr Fred Ashmore for his contribution both as Co-Opted Member on the Standards Committee and more recently as the Council’s Independent Person under the new standards regime. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Ashmore.

21. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

It was moved by Councillor Mellor,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

“This Council resolves:-

That for the war memorials for which SBC has responsibility through a public trust, including the one at St Mary’s Church, Upton, any broken or otherwise damaged flagstones at the base of these monuments will be replaced with their original inscriptions, like-for-like, by the time of the next Remembrance Sunday in November. Furthermore, any stone panels with names and/or inscriptions that are worn-out or otherwise in a hard-to-read condition should be restored to their former glory by re-carving or re-casting of stone panels, including the name of Frederick Youens VC on the St Peter’s Church, Chalvey, war memorial. Such work should be completed as soon as possible to restore them to their former glory well before the centenary of the end of the First World War and to mark the centenary of the actual deaths of those remembered there. SBC mandates the Trust responsible to pay the cost of this refurbishment.”

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It was moved by the Leader, as an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“This Council resolves to:

- (i) Continue to do all within its power to complete the additional and already planned and agreed works at the St. Mary’s monument, which includes the repair of the broken or otherwise damaged flagstones at the base of the monument where appropriate in accordance with advice from the War Memorials Trust.
- (ii) Continues to be the guardian of the book of remembrance that preserves the names of Slough residents lost in the two World Wars.
- (iii) Continue to follow the advice of the War Memorials Trust and proceed with its current position to allow the monuments at St. Mary’s and St. Peter’s to weather naturally while maintaining them in a safe state and not jeopardising their structural and historical integrity.”

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 30 votes for, 7 against and 3 abstentions.

The amended motion became the substantive motion and was carried by 31 votes for, 3 against 7 abstentions.

Resolved:-

That the Council

- (a) Continue to do all within its power to complete the additional and already planned and agreed works at the St. Mary’s monument, which includes the repair of the broken or otherwise damaged flagstones at the base of the monument where appropriate in accordance with advice from the War Memorials Trust.
- (b) Continues to be the guardian of the book of remembrance that preserves the names of Slough residents lost in the two World Wars.
- (c) Continue to follow the advice of the War Memorials Trust and proceed with its current position to allow the monuments at St. Mary’s and St. Peter’s to weather naturally while maintaining them in a safe state and not jeopardising their structural and historical integrity.”

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

Questions from Councillors Mellor and Smith were tabled together with the responses received.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.04 pm)