

# **BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL**

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# MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

## **HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2018**

#### **PRESENT:**

Town Mayor: Cllr. S. Reynolds; Cllrs: J. Brooks, J. Cosgrove, A. Cunard, P. Dillon, D. Enticott, S. Goodheart, M. Stanley, Mrs. J. Warr and P. Woodall

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. G. Frost (Town Clerk)
Mrs. S. Norman (Deputy Clerk)
5 members of the public
2 members of the Press

### The Meeting opened at 7.45pm

### 40. WELCOME BY TOWN MAYOR AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor welcomed all those present and apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Batley, Lineham and Smith who were working, Cllr. Mrs. Daniells who was on annual leave and Cllr. Gardiner who had a prior engagement.

The Mayor made reference to the opening statement that had been read out to those present at the earlier meeting.

#### 41. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and/or Ordinary Interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda

Members and Officers should declare an interest by stating: -

- a) The item they have an interest in
- b) whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary or Ordinary interest
- c) the nature of the interest
- d) if it is an Ordinary interest whether they intend to leave the room for the discussion and vote
- e) if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary interest, and therefore must leave the room for the discussion and vote, whether they will be exercising their right to speak on this matter under Public Question Time

They then need to re-declare their interest and the nature of the interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent. They should request that it be recorded in the Minutes that they will leave the meeting and will neither take part in discussion, nor vote on the item.

In accordance with good practice, individual forms were available to those Councillors present in order that they could personally record their interests - both Disclosable Pecuniary and Ordinary. These forms should be returned to the Committee Clerk at the end of the meeting to enable all declarations of interest to be accurately recorded in the Minutes. Members were reminded that it is their responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of all Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, not already recorded on their Register of Interests Form, within 28 days.

Cllrs. Brooks, Cunard, Dillon, Goodheart, Reynolds and Stanley requested that their declarations as stated at the previous Extraordinary Policy and Resources Committee meeting be restated for this Extraordinary Meeting of the Council which are as follows:

Cllr. Reynolds declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 and made the following statement: I wish to make this meeting aware that I have made public statements in the past in a meeting of Arun District Council's Full Council that I supported the proposals for the regeneration of Bognor Regis, particularly the Hothamton site. These were my views that I held at that time. However, I have an open mind regarding this item and I will listen and consider all the relevant issues and interests presented to this meeting today and I confirm that I will reach my decision on merit and not bias. For the record I ask that this declaration be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting

Cllr. Brooks declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 and made the following statement: I wish to make this meeting aware that I have made public statements in the past in a meeting of Arun District Council's Full Council and in my election leaflets and written submissions, that I did not support the then proposals for the regeneration of Bognor Regis, and more recently the proposals regarding the Hothamton site. These were my views that I held at that time. However, I have an open mind regarding all items regarding regeneration plans for Bognor Regis and I will listen and consider all the relevant issues and interests presented to this meeting today and I confirm that I will reach my decision on merit and not bias. For the record I ask that this declaration be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting

Cllr. Stanley declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 and asked for an identical statement to that made by Cllr. Brooks be

noted as follows: I wish to make this meeting aware that I have made public statements in the past in a meeting of Arun District Council's Full Council and in my election leaflets and written submissions, that I did not support the then proposals for the regeneration of Bognor Regis, and more recently the proposals regarding the Hothamton site. These were my views that I held at that time. However, I have an open mind regarding all items regarding regeneration plans for Bognor Regis and I will listen and consider all the relevant issues and interests presented to this meeting today and I confirm that I will reach my decision on merit and not bias. For the record I ask that this declaration be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting

Cllr. Goodheart declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 due to his voluntary capacity at 4BR

Cllr. Dillon declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 and asked for an identical statement to that made by Cllr. Reynolds be noted as follows: I wish to make this meeting aware that I have made public statements in the past in a meeting of Arun District Council's Full Council that I supported the proposals for the regeneration of Bognor Regis, particularly the Hothamton site. These were my views that I held at that time. However, I have an open mind regarding this item and I will listen and consider all the relevant issues and interests presented to this meeting today and I confirm that I will reach my decision on merit and not bias. For the record I ask that this declaration be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting

Cllr. Dillon also declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 as a voting member of Arun Arts

Cllr. Cunard declared an Ordinary Interest in Agenda item 5 as a member of Arun Arts

#### 42. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

43. TO RATIFY THE RECOMMENDATION ARISING FROM THE PRECEDING POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING REGARDING THE MOTION REFERRED FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 INCORPORATING THE RESOLUTION FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

Members noted the **RECOMMENDATION** from the preceding Policy and Resources Committee as follows:

#### This Council:

- considers that there has been inadequate consultation on Bognor Regis regeneration and that the public should have opportunities to view proposals by suitable means and
- b) decides that the Council will fully explore all cost-effective means of achieving this and
- c) proposes that a Working Group of the Council should be formed to make recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee, within one month, as to how to implement any decision taken regarding (b)

Furthermore, Members noted the **RECOMMENDATION** that the membership of the Working Group should consist of Cllrs: Cosgrove, Mrs. Daniells, Enticott, Goodheart, Stanley and Mrs. Warr.

A recorded vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS
Cllr. Brooks		Cllr. Cunard
Cllr. Cosgrove		Cllr. Dillon
Cllr. Enticott		Cllr. Reynolds
Cllr Goodbeart		

Cllr. Goodheart Cllr. Stanley Cllr. Mrs. Warr

Cllr. Woodall

Members therefore **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the recommendations and asked that the Town Clerk organise a meeting of the Working Group as soon as possible.

The Meeting closed at 7.47pm