

OPEN SESSION: There were no members of public present.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 30th January 2008 at 7.00pm

Apologies

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M F J Daly.

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

PRESENT: Cllr B H Terry (Town Mayor)
Cllr P Chambers
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr N R G Clarke
Cllr D R Cole
Cllr D E Cracknell
Cllr L C Ford
Cllr J D Heron
Cllr W S Rippon-Swaine
Cllr Mrs J Terry
Cllr M Steele
Cllr M J Urwin
Cllr A C Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Simpson, Town Clerk
Mrs J Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk
District Cllr C Treleaven

C/4785

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

Cllr Ford presented a grant aid cheque of £600 to Karen Jefferies of Forest Forge Theatre Company.

The Town Mayor presented a cheque for £150 to the Ringwood Carers' Group, his chosen charity. Mr Yeoman accepted the cheque on behalf of the Group, which helps over one thousand unpaid carers in the town.

C/4786

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2007, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/4787

RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Chard presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 9th January 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 9th January 2008 be received.

C/4788

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Clarke presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th January 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th January 2008 be received.

C/4789

TOWN PLAN COORINATING COMMITTEE

Cllr Terry presented the minutes of the Town Plan Coordinating Committee meeting held on 14th January 2008.

T/0097: The Town Mayor reported that, following a meeting with the District Council's coordinating officer on town plans, it was necessary to make some adjustments to the Town Plan in order to make sure the document fit fully with the District and County Community Strategies. The changes were largely related to layout and arrangements for taking forward the proposals put to the Council by the public in the town. He therefore proposed, and it was agreed, that the minute be amended by the addition at the end, of the words

“but that with regard to the recommendations in item numbers 4 and 5 of the Partnership Steering Group's minutes, such approval be in principle to allow the Steering Group and Coordinating Committee the opportunity to approve a revised layout following discussions with the District Council.”.

It was noted that a special meeting of the Town Plan Partnership Steering Group and Coordinating Committee would be held in February to recommend the final draft for approval by Full Council.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Plan Coordinating Committee meeting held on 14th January 2008 be received and the recommendation therein, as amended at the meeting, be approved.

C/4790

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Heron presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2008.

F/4218: The Town Mayor proposed, and it was agreed, that the word 'costs' in the penultimate line of the first box on page 1 of Appendix 1 to Annex B be amended to 'income'.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2008 be received and the recommendations therein, as amended at the meeting, be approved.

C/4791

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

The Town Mayor reported the following:

- 1) A letter had been received from local residents in appreciation of the Christmas Lights in the Market Square.
- 2) Congratulations to Ringwood School on being awarded a grant of £5,000 on the basis of the school's excellent leadership practices and its education for sustainability. This grant will enable the school to share best practice with local partner schools.
- 3) A two page article on Ringwood's student advisors had been included in Local Government First, a publication issued by the Local Government Association.

C/4792

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Ford presented her written report (*Annex 'A'*).

District Councillor Treleaven presented his written report (*Annex 'B'*).

District Councillor Rippon-Swaine commented on Cllr Treleaven's report and reported that the District Council had to make up a shortfall of £300,000 as a result of underfunding by central government for concessionary fares. He was also concerned to make sure that the District Council had funds available for the toilets and visitor information centre in the town. Cllr Ford confirmed that budgets were in place for both.

County Councillor Clarke presented his written report (*Annex 'C'*).

C/4793

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Planning, Town & Environment	2.00pm	Friday 1 st February
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 6 th February
Policy & Finance	7.00 pm	Wednesday 20 th February
Council	7.00 pm	Wednesday 27 th February
Planning, Town & Environment	2.00pm	Friday 29 th February

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.30pm.