

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Mann (Chairman); Councillors Tennent, Airey, Allingham, Asman, Atkinson, Bicknell, Bourne, Broadhurst, Campbell, Clarke, Corben, Couldrey, Craig, Cross, Dean, Doguie, Garton, Gomer, Grajewski, Groves, Holes, House, Irish, Jurd, Kyrle, Manning, Parker-Jones, Pragnell, Pretty, Reynolds, Tidridge, Trace, Bearder, Tyson-Payne, Duguid and Marsh

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rich and Rushton

71. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor held a minutes silence for Honorary Alderman, and former Mayor, Godfrey Olson OBE. Godfrey, who was Leader of the Conservative Group, was also the longest serving Borough Councillor in the country, having served for a remarkable 61 years when he retired from the Council in 2016. He represented the Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury area throughout that time, was highly respected and a great servant to the residents of the Borough.

Councillors Grajewski, Atkinson, Airey and Irish also paid tribute to Honorary Alderman Godfrey Olson OBE.

The Mayor also reported that:

- He had visited Grantham Green to see the new rock feature that has been installed as part of a range of improvements, that were recently recognised for a Street Design award;
- Helped to mark Armed Forces Day with the raising of the flags in the Leigh Road Recreation Ground;
- The first evening supporting his charities had taken place at the Steamtown Brewery;
- He was proud to welcome the Cricket World Cup to the Borough; and
- He had helped celebrate the immense contribution that volunteers made to the Borough at a social evening organised by One Community

- The Eastleigh Mela would take place on Sunday 21 July on the Leigh Road Recreation Ground and would be a celebration of the all the Borough's cultures. It would feature traditional music, dance, culture and food; and
- Eastleigh Pride would take place in September and would celebrate the achievements of the LGBTQ+ community and was a huge hit in 2018.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 9 May 2019 (Mayor Making) and on 13 May 2019 (AGM) be agreed as a correct record.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

74. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader reported on a number of recent events:

- There was a need to change the sequencing of a number of meetings in the autumn due to the new performance reporting cycles; details would be sent to all Councillors;
- The main agenda item was the climate change and environmental emergency; a similar motion had been supported on a cross party basis by Hampshire County Council however the Eastleigh Borough Council's motion included ambitious stretch targets;
- A date still hadn't been received from the planning inspectorate for the Local Plan examination hearings but this was expected in a matter of days; and
- Thanked the Councillors and members of the community that attended the launch of the project brief for the development west of Horton Heath. The brief set high level aspirations for what the Council wanted to achieve from the development including: reducing water consumption per dwelling, energy creation on or near the site, cycle route for Horton Heath to Eastleigh along the railway line and delivering affordable housing to meet the need. More detail would be available at the next Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING CALL-INS) REQUIRING DECISION

75. MOTION

The Mayor proposed, in accordance with Standing Order 41, that Council waive:

- Standing Order 18 to allow the petition to be presented by a member of the public; and
- Standing order 28 (Appendix B) which allows public participation before the motion is proposed and each speaker to speak for no more than three minutes.

RESOLVED –**That Standing Orders 18 and 28 (Appendix B) be waived.**

Laura Palin presented her petition of 601 signatures calling on the Council to:

- Declare a climate emergency and communicate the urgency to local residents and businesses;
- Commit to net zero carbon neutrality by 2025 in Eastleigh;
- Create a representative citizens assembly to promote dialogue and generate ideas and decisions;
- Set-up a working group that will report back to full council within six months of its formation with an action plan for achieving carbon neutrality by 2025; and
- Call on the UK government to provide the necessary powers and resource to enable these targets to be met and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to 1.5°C

Councillor Kyrle moved the following cross party motion seconded by Councillor Tidridge:

“Eastleigh Borough Council has a long history of tackling climate change; throughout the life of its current Climate Change Strategy the Council has installed thousands of kWh of renewable energy, supported residents and community groups to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, lobbied Government and worked with partners to improve the resilience of the Borough.

“Council reaffirms its existing commitment by joining other local authorities and institutions in declaring a Climate Change and Environmental Emergency. In doing so it agrees to

- a) put in place measures to ensure that the Council's own operations and functions achieve carbon neutrality by 2025,

- b) work with partners to aim for all projects and services delivered in the Borough to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030,
- c) ensure that the Council's procurement policy recognises carbon neutrality as one of the primary considerations,
- d) recognise the urgency of action to mitigate and adapt to climate change in every decision taken by the Council,
- e) establish a cross-party working group to develop a plan for how the Borough of Eastleigh could achieve carbon neutrality by 2030,
 - i. to be Chaired by the Cabinet Lead for the Environment and to include representatives from within the local community and businesses,
 - ii. to report to Council within six months with a new Climate Change Strategy alongside immediate actions the Council will take to address this emergency,
 - iii. to be followed by a detailed Action Plan to be developed to include reporting requirements and assessment of the associated resource implications; and
- f) include all of the recommendations above in a revised Climate Change Strategy to be completed and approved by Council in 2019/20."

RESOLVED –

That the motion be approved.

76. CABINET STATEMENTS

Councillor Airey gave a verbal statement as he was not expecting to be at the meeting:

Taxi/Private Hire “Mystery Shopper”

Licensing was now carrying out regular spot checks to ensure that national and local licensing policies are being adhered to by the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trade. He was pleased to report that the most recent “mystery shopper” check, which focussed on the carriage of helper dogs for disabled people (hearing dogs, dogs for the blind) resulted in a 100% success rate with all policies and regulations carried out correctly. He was particularly pleased about this as he quite frequently get emails from residents campaigning on behalf of the disabled asking if EBC has supporting policies in place and whether we check them out. There have been some problems in some parts of the country.

Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Annual Report on Disabled Access and Experience at Airports.

The top 31 UK airports are rated for accessibility by the CAA; 14 were rated very good, 16 rated good and one did not reach those ratings

despite having improved since the previous report. Five airports have improved. There have been 3.7 million requests for assistance at UK airports in the last recording period, a rise of 80% since 2010. He was pleased to report that Southampton Airport has once again been rated as very good. A Disability Forum for the Airport has now been set up. This is now a Government requirement.

Government Review of Airspace

The Government believes that it is the right time to review the way the country's airspace is used. It is a long time since the previous review and times have changed as aviation has developed and many more planes are flying. Capacity and environmental issues are leading the need for the review. This review is a medium to long term project and Cllr. Janice Asman and I have started to attend a number of consultative workshops intended to consider how the airspace around Southampton Airport can be better used. Airports have been charged with undertaking the consultative process with consultants running the workshop meetings. Attendees come from local authorities the Airport Consultative Committee, housing associations, the travel trade, transport operators etc.

RESOLVED –

That the Cabinet Statements, as set out in the agenda pack and above, be noted.

77. RESOLVED ITEMS - FOR NOTING AND QUESTIONS ONLY

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the following meetings be received:

CABINET

**4 April 2019
16 May 2019
20 June 2019
11 July 2019**

AUDIT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**12 March 2019
18 June 2019
9 July 2019**

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

**14 March 2019
30 May 2019**

10 July 2019

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 March 2019

**BISHOPSTOKE, FAIR OAK AND HORTON HEATH LOCAL AREA
COMMITTEE**

15 May 2019

**BURSLEDON, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AND HOUND LOCAL AREA
COMMITTEE**

28 March 2019

13 June 2019

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

7 March 2019

11 June 2019

17 July 2019

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

4 March 2019

17 June 2019

The next meeting would take place on the new date of Thursday 7
November at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting finished at 8:55 pm
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