



EPSOM AND EWELL

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Council Chamber - Epsom Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom on 19 April 2016

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Chris Frost); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor George Crawford); Councillors Michael Arthur, Tony Axelrod, Richard Baker, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Alex Clarke, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Graham Dudley, Robert Foote, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Eber Kington, Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jan Mason, Tina Mountain, Barry Nash, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Keith Partridge, Jane Race, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Vince Romagnuolo, Clive Smitheram, Jean Steer, Alan Sursham, Mike Teasdale, Peter Webb, David Wood, Clive Woodbridge and Tella Wormington

Absent: Councillors Rekha Bansil and John Beckett

The Meeting was preceded by prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by councillors regarding items on the Agenda.

39 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 8 December 2015 and 11 February 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor, subject to amendments notified to members prior to the meeting.

40 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS/BUSINESS

Deaths of Honorary Alderman Reg Saviel and former Councillor Ken Humphries: It was with regret that the Mayor announced the passing of Honorary Alderman Reg Saviel and former Councillor Ken Humphries and asked the Council to stand in one minutes' silence. Charity events: The Mayor announced that there were

still a few tickets left for his Spring Charity Ball to be held at Epsom Racecourse on 30 April 2016 and Golf Day to be held at Horton Country Park on 9 May 2016.

41 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Improvements to access at Ewell West Station: Councillor Michael Arthur asked the following written question and received the following written answer from the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Humphrey Reynolds:

Question:

At Council on 17 February 2015 I asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning Committee with regard to the special allocation of funds from central government for improvements under "Access for All". The response being that Head of Planning & Building Control (the then job title) would write at the appropriate person in The Department for Transport to ensure proper liaison on this issue.

I have heard little more at the Council end, but, informally, I understand that representatives of Southwest Trains, Network Rail and contractor Osbornes are proceeding with working up designs which will include two lifts connected with a horizontal walkway. This option may not be the best and not give value for money.

I have had a feedback of local opinion that different solutions giving improved access from both sides, i.e. Ewell and West Ewell may be possible and certainly be less costly. There could be highway implications involving the County Council.

Could the Chairman say if this Council may be able to set up a Stakeholder meeting to see if all the interested parties be brought together to input local views.

Reply:

I can confirm that the Head of Planning and Building Control contacted Network Rail in early 2015 and that he was advised that the Access for All programme of works affected many stations and that Ewell West was some way down the list. They undertook to contact him once the timing was more certain.

He was recently further advised that the necessary authority to begin feasibility work had been given on 31 March 2016. This set in motion the early development work. It will initially be a process internal to Network Rail and will involve the preparation of some high-level options for consideration by the Department for Transport (DfT). The Head of Place Development will be contacted again when the options are at a stage where they can be discussed before submission to the DfT. He will ensure that Ward Councillors are informed and invited to meet with Network Rail's representative/s.

Network Rail has confirmed that it is aware that the station is a listed building and that the solution needs to be appropriately designed to respect its special character. Furthermore, Councillor Arthur may be aware that the Chairman of Ewell Village Residents' Association recently met with a representative of Network Rail to explain some of the alternative ideas. I cannot confirm whether they will be among the options assessed in the feasibility work.

42 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 5 April 2016 were received.

Upon being put, recommendation **40 E (Corporate Plan)** was **CARRIED** without a division.

RESOLVED

That the Council

- (1) Adopt the Ambition and four Key Priorities for the Corporate Plan as set out in Annexe 1 of the report of the Chief Executive**
- (2) Agree to adopt the new Corporate Plan 2016 – 2020**

Upon being put, recommendation **41 F (Economic Development Strategy)** was **CARRIED** without a division

RESOLVED

That the Economic Development Strategy be adopted

Upon being put, recommendation **42 G (Treasury Management)** was **CARRIED** without a division

RESOLVED

That the updated Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2016/17 to 2018/19 be adopted

Upon being put, recommendation **43 H (Committee restructure)** was **CARRIED** without a division

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Social Committee and Leisure Committee be disestablished with effect from the next Municipal Year**
- (3) A new Community and Wellbeing Committee be established with effect from the next Municipal Year, comprising ten members**
- (4) The terms of Reference of Committees and Panels be amended as set out in the Annexe to the report to the Strategy and Resources Committee**

43 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT CRIME & DISORDER AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 February 2016 were received and noted.

44 MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

Pursuant to FCR 79, Councillor Vince Romagnuolo **MOVED** and Councillor Neil Dallen **SECONDED**

“This Council notes that the Prime Minister has announced the Government’s intention to hold a referendum on the UK’s continued membership of the European Union.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council unreservedly supports this referendum and encourages all residents to study the information available and participate in the debate before voting on the day”

In accordance with the advice given by the Chief Executive, the Council **RESOLVED** (without a division) to debate the motion.

Upon being put, the motion was **CARRIED**, there being 12 members for, no members against and 22 members not voting.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.13 pm

CHRISTOPHER FROST
MAYOR