

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
 WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
 held in the Council Chamber,
 Council Offices, Godalming on
16 December 2008

Cllr Len Bate (Mayor)

* Cllr Mrs Pat Frost (Deputy Mayor) (in the Chair)

Cllr Mrs Jean Arrick	* Cllr Robert Knowles
Cllr Cyril Baily	Cllr Ms Denise Le Gal
* Cllr Mike Band	* Cllr Dr Nicky Lee
* Cllr Mrs Gillian Beel	Cllr Alan Lovell
* Cllr Maurice Byham	* Cllr Peter Martin
* Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable	* Cllr Tom Martin
Cllr Mike Causey	* Cllr Bryn Morgan
* Cllr Mrs Carole Cockburn	* Cllr Stephen Mulliner
* Cllr Stuart Connolly	Cllr David Munro
* Cllr Victor Duckett	Cllr Stephen O'Grady
Cllr Jim Edwards	* Cllr Samuel Pritchard
* Cllr Brian Ellis	* Cllr Ken Reed
* Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis	* Cllr Steven Renshaw
Cllr Mrs Lucinda Fleming	* Cllr Stefan Reynolds
* Cllr Bob Frost	Cllr Ian Sampson
* Cllr Richard Gates	* Cllr John Sandy
* Cllr Michael Goodridge	Cllr Mrs Celia Savage
* Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith	Cllr John Savage
* Cllr Mrs Jill Hargreaves	Cllr Roger Steel
* Cllr Stephen Hill	* Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith
* Cllr Nicholas Holder	* Cllr Ms Jane Thomson
* Cllr Julian Hubble	* Cllr Andrew Thorp
Cllr Simon Inchbald	* Cllr John Ward
* Cllr David Inman	Cllr Mrs Nerissa Warner-O'Neill
* Cllr Peter Isherwood	* Cllr Keith Webster
Cllr Mrs Diane James	* Cllr Ross Welland
* Cllr Mrs Carole King	* Cllr Mrs Liz Wheatley
	* Cllr Andrew Wilson

* Present

At the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Margaret Jackson.

41. PRESENTATION TO RACHEL MORRIS

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Pat Frost, welcomed Rachel Morris, a Farnham resident, to the Council meeting to celebrate her success in achieving a gold medal in the handcycling event at the Paralympic Games in Beijing earlier this year. This was a fantastic achievement for Rachel and the reward for many years of hard work and determination and one which the Council was very proud to celebrate. A DVD of Rachel's highlights was shown to the Council, which was followed by an inspirational speech from Rachel.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor (Cllr Leonard Bate), Councillors Mrs Arrick, Causey, Edwards, Mrs Fleming, Inchbald, Mrs James, Ms Le Gal, Lovell, Munro, O'Grady, Sampson, Mr and Mrs Savage, Steel and Mrs Warner-O'Neill.

43. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Andrew Wilson declared a personal interest in Executive Minute No. 151 relating to the Capital Refurbishment Programme for Leisure Centres as a regular user of the Godalming Leisure Centre.

44. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor and those councillors present signed a card sending their best wishes to the Mayor for a continued speedy recovery and it was reported that he was feeling much better. Councillor Byham made available some information and forms of support relating to Foundation Status for the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford. The Deputy Mayor and her consort had also attended a number of carol concerts in the Borough over the last few weeks.

45. QUESTIONS

The following questions to the Mayor had been received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

i. from Kathy Smyth of Guildford and Waverley Friends of the Earth:-

“Having regard to the fact that NI 186 relating to CO2 emissions per capita is now a priority indicator under the local area agreement between 2008 and 2011

1. What procedures, if any, does the Council have in place to capture data on reductions in CO2 emissions by residents of the borough?
2. Does the Council have a system for keeping records of CO2 emissions which have been avoided as a result of the installation of renewable energy systems installed under planning consents and 106 agreements?”

The Executive Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Cllr John Sandy, gave the following response:-

1. Thank you Mrs Smyth for the two questions, they are technical questions and I am going to give you technical answers and I have arranged for you to have the answers in writing after this council meeting. If there are any further questions that you wish to follow up please write to the Director concerned. The answer to your first question is that Local Authorities are not required to carry out any reporting under Indicator NI186; the data used for

this indicator is the current nationally produced dataset collected and published annually by DEFRA. This is done so that the Local Authorities can focus on actions to encourage CO2 reduction. The Council will monitor data for best practice in the form of activity based targets, for example the number of planning applications that have adopted the 10% renewable target or we measure how many properties have had loft or cavity wall insulation as a result of the Heatseekers Project. However, for any awareness raising projects it will not be possible to measure behavioural change but any change is likely to be demonstrated in the annual consumption dataset collected and produced by DEFRA. The Surrey Climate Change Partnership is the leading partner which includes all Surrey Boroughs and Districts and Surrey County Council. A spreadsheet is being developed for all Local Authorities to be logging activities and actions that will help monitor the LAA targets. The Partnership members are working very closely together and sharing best practice.

2. Waverley implement Policy SE2 of the Surrey Structure Plan and therefore require new developments for residential dwellings and non-residential buildings to incorporate 10% of the total energy consumption of the development to come from design-in renewable energy technology. This is normally controlled through the imposition of planning conditions rather than Section 106 Agreements. Because of the wording of the policy all calculations are expected to be submitted in terms of energy, that is kilowatt hours per year, rather than carbon tonnes CO2 over the year. There is a section on the Waverley Website dedicated to Policy SE2. Currently we do not have a single system for monitoring the energy savings as a result of the renewable energy requirement of Policy SE2, although information should be available on each individual planning file. However, this information will be an important evidence base for climate change policies in the core strategy and work will be undertaken in the near future to establish how much energy has been saved as a result of the 10% requirement. As an aside, it is unlikely that we have energy or carbon emissions data related to planning applications submitted solely for renewable energy installations, that is standalone schemes. In summary whilst the information is not currently available it is an area of work to be undertaken in the early part of 2009 as part of the core strategy evidence base. However the information is likely to be expressed in terms of energy rather than CO2 emissions.

- ii. from Mrs Celia Sandars of Farnham:-

“Government Circular 05/2005 requires at paragraph B41: The process of setting planning obligations, policies and negotiating planning obligations should be conducted as openly, fairly and reasonably as possible and members of the public should be given every reasonable assistance in locating and examining proposed and agreed planning obligations which are of interest to them.

'And paragraph B42 requires:

'The Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure)(Amendment) (England) Order 2002 (Statutory Instrument 2002 no.828), which came into effect on 1 July 2002 requires details of planning obligations to be recorded in both parts I and II of the local planning authority's planning register:

*Part I must include details of any planning obligation (including unilateral undertakings) entered into or proposed in respect of an application for planning permission or application for the approval of reserved matters, and of any other relevant planning obligation or agreement in respect of the land which is the subject of the application.

*Part II must include details of any planning obligation (including unilateral undertakings) entered into in connection with a planning decision by a local planning authority or the Secretary of State and of other planning obligations or agreement taken into account when making the decision, together with particulars of any modification or discharge of any such obligation or agreement.

'Question: When is the draft s.106 relating to the proposed East Street development going to be placed on the register and made available for public scrutiny and comment?'

The Executive Portfolio Holder for East Street gave the following reply:-

"In accordance with best practice and statute, all information about the proposed East Street planning obligations are available for public inspection on Waverley Borough Council's Planning Register. I believe that this Council should, in all dealings in relation to East Street, be as open and transparent as possible and for this reason I have authorised the unusual step of posting the draft of the Section 106 agreement on Waverley's website so that it is available for all to view and for anyone who is interested. You should note that the draft that has been posted on the website is in the course of negotiation and that the final agreement may change in some respects from the initial draft. It is my aspiration as the Portfolio Holder for East Street to continue to ensure that all relevant information other than that which is highly sensitive commercial information, is made publicly available as soon as possible".

46. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

46.1 Meeting of 3 November 2008

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 3 November 2008 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

46.2 Meeting of 2 December 2008

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 2 December 2008 be approved and adopted.

i. Review of Area Planning Committees (Minute No. 132)

It was moved and seconded that a new recommendation 37A be added, as follows:-

“37A. that the start time of the second Committee meeting remains at 7.15 p.m. rather than 7.30 p.m.”

Having been put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 2 December 2008 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted, as amended.

46.3 Special Meeting of 15 December 2008

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the tabled Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive held on 15 December 2008 be approved and adopted.

i. Capital Refurbishment Programme for Leisure Centres at Godalming, Farnham and Cranleigh (Minute No. 151)

It was moved and seconded that the existing recommendation 41b be replaced with the following wording:-

“41b. to allocate or “ring-fence” £1 million of current reserves towards any proposals that emerge for a new or updated Godalming Leisure Centre”.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST. When voting on the substantive recommendation 41b, Cllrs Victor Duckett and Ken Reed asked that their votes against the recommendation be recorded.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive held on 15 December 2008 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

47. MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

47.1 Meeting of 29 October 2008

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Committee held on 29 October 2008 be approved.

47.2 Meeting of 1 December 2008

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Committee held on 1 December 2008 be approved.

48. MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

48.1 Meeting of 3 November 2008

It was moved by the Independent Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 3 November 2008 be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

48.2 Meeting of 1 December 2008

It was moved by the Independent Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 1 December 2008 be approved.

Having presented the Minutes of the Meeting, Nicolas Davies, the Independent Chairman informed the Council that having chaired the Committee for a number of years, it was now time for him to stand down and offer the opportunity to a fellow independent colleague to take over the role. The Leader and Deputy Mayor both paid tribute to the calm and dignified manner in which Mr Davies had dealt with the Standards Committee over the last few years.

49. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25 November 2008 be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

Having wished those present a Happy Christmas and New Year and extended best wishes and thanks to the staff for all their hard work during the year, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.38 p.m.

Mayor