

COUNCIL
19 JANUARY 2005
(7.30 pm – 9.05 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Browne), Councillors Adams, Baily, Mrs Ballin, Barnard, Mrs Barnard, Beadsley, Mrs Beadsley, Bettison, Birch, Mrs Birch, Brunel-Walker, Dudley, Earwicker, Edger, Finch, Finnie, Grayson, Harrison, Miss Haydon, Mrs Hayes, Jones, Kendall, McCracken, Mihell, Mills, North, Osborne, Packham, Piasecki, Mrs Pile, Mrs Ryder, Sargeant, Mrs Shillcock, Thomas, Turrell, Wade, Ward and Worrall.

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor Leake, McLean and Thompson.

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Andy Marshall, opened the proceedings with prayers.

54. Minutes (Item 2)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council, held on 1 December 2004, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Mayor.

55. Declarations of Interest (Item 3)

All Members declared a personal interest in respect of Motion 2/2005, as detailed at Item No.9 to the Agenda.

56. Mayor's Announcements (Item 4)

Tsunami Tragedy

The Mayor expressed the Council's shock at the horrific scenes following the earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean. He announced that Reverend David Osborn was arranging a special church service to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell on Saturday, 22 January, at 7.30pm and invited all Members who were available, to attend.

Fundraising for the Mayor's Charity

The Mayor was pleased to announce further fundraising successes for the Mayor's Charity, as follows and thanked all those who had helped or contributed to their success.

- (i) Switching-on of Christmas Lights (£160.72)
- (ii) Mufti Days at St Margaret Clitherow and Wildridings Primary School (£417.70)
- (iii) Collection at The Meadows, Sandhurst (£520.67)

Charity Pancake Race

The Mayor announced that the Charity Pancake Race in support of the Mayor's Charity would be held in Bracknell Town Centre on Shrove Tuesday, 8 February 2005 and invited Members and Officers to take part in teams of four.

Councillor Mrs Hayes MBE

The Mayor invited the Council to join him in congratulating Councillor Mrs Hayes on being awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List, in recognition of her service to the community of Bracknell Forest. At the Mayor's invitation, Councillor Mrs Hayes addressed the Council.

57. **Executive Report (Item 5)**

The Leader of the Council presented the Executive Report to the Council. Since the last meeting of the Council the Executive had met on 14 December and 21 December 2004 and had reached decisions at that first meeting in respect of the following matters:

- Bracknell Forest Borough Local Development Scheme
- Grants to the Voluntary and Community Sector

The Leader of the Council and Executive Members then responded to questions arising from the report.

58. **Miscellaneous Appointments**

RESOLVED that

(i) Bracknell Forest Local Area Policing Board

Councillor Turrell be appointed as Bracknell Forest Borough Council's representative on the Bracknell Forest Local Area Policing Board.

(ii) Public Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Brunel-Walker be appointed to the Public Scrutiny Commission for the remainder of the municipal year, following the resignation from the Commission of Councillor Packham.

59. **Timetable of Meetings 2005/2006**

The Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate Services and Resources which set out a meetings schedule for the 2005/2006 municipal year. On the proposition of Councillor Birch, seconded by Councillor Bettison, it was

RESOLVED that subject to the abolition of the Grants Panel and the removal of meeting dates scheduled; the bringing forward of the Executive Briefing meeting from Tuesday 4 October to Tuesday 27 September 2005; the inclusion within the Schedule of this year's Annual Council on 11 May 2005, and the inclusion of a

scheduled meeting of the Education Governor Appointments Committee to be held on Monday 23 May 2005

- (i) the meeting dates for the Council, its committees (including the Public Scrutiny Commission and its scrutiny panels) and other bodies, as set out in the attached annexe, be approved; and
- (ii) the meeting dates for meetings of the Executive, the Executive Briefing and its committees be noted.

60. Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10 (Item 8)

Question by Councillor Beadsley to the Executive Member for Leisure Services

“When was the parking control system at the Look Out installed, when did its use cease and why?”

Councillor McCracken, in response, stated that the access control system was installed in 1995 and that its operation had not ceased. He confirmed that the system was operational, on a daily basis, between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00.

61. Motions Submitted under Council Procedure Rule 11

Motion 1/2005, as set out in the agenda for the meeting, was moved by Councillor Beadsley and seconded by Councillor Mrs Shillcock.

Councillor McCracken, seconded by Councillor Barnard, then moved an amendment as set out below. The amendment was put to the vote and declared carried. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED that the Executive note the request by Councillors Beadsley and Mrs Shillcock to include an additional £60,000 in the revenue budget for the Youth Service so that it can provide services for the young people of South Bracknell – including Great Hollands, Hanworth, Easthampstead, Wildridings, Crown Wood and Forest Park and considers the issue in due course, as already planned and published in the Council’s Medium Term Objectives for the period 2003-2007.

Motion 2/2005, as set out in the agenda for the meeting, was moved by Councillor Piasecki and seconded by Councillor Mrs Beadsley.

Councillor Bettison, seconded by Councillor Birch, then moved an amendment as set out below. The mover, with the consent of his seconder accepted the amendment. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED that, in view of the travel expenses paid for the current year to date, the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to conduct a post-implementation review to consider the performance of the Scheme of Members’ Allowances adopted in December 2003, to include any issues of concern raised by Members, and to report to the Council any recommendations for change, to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2005.

MAYOR