

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY
14TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Horsman

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, C Gorst, T Holbrook, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, M C G Sewart, Mrs J Sewart, Cllr G Smith.

Cllr H Murray arrived part way through item 53.

Opening prayer

46. Questions to the Mayor

Mr Walter Thomas, Lostock Road, asked if the Mayor would give a verbal report about the Mayor's engagements at each meeting as this did not happen at the last meeting he attended.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor continues to read the report verbally unless there is no member of the public present. That the report is sent out in the agenda pack before the meeting. (NC)

47. Apologies for absence

Cllr I Hollingworth, Cllr Mrs J Saunders, Cllr Mrs N Wylie, Cllr Mrs T Lorde, Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore, Cllr L Podmore, Cllr M Beanland, Cllr H Murray.

48. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

49. Approve previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 26th September 2016 are approved as an accurate record. (6 for, 3 abstentions)

50. The Mayor's engagements/announcements

The Mayor read her full report, a copy of which is available from the Clerk by request. The Mayor explained that expenses for attending mayoral events are not paid by the Council but out of her own pocket.

The Mayor attended a small ceremony at 11am on 11th November 2016, led by Glyn Derbyshire, where the two minutes silence was observed by the war memorial and then wreaths were laid on war graves in St George's churchyard by Royal British Legion representatives. The Mayor suggested this is advertised to the Poynton community in 2017.

Cllr Mrs J Sewart said the organisation went very smoothly this year and that the many young people's behaviour was exemplary, well prepared by their supporting adults.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to congratulate the resident who recently received the Legion d'Honneur (NC)

RESOLVED: That the Clerk list the groups who attended the Remembrance Day Parade for an item in the Poynton Post (NC)

RESOLVED: That the Mayor's report is accepted (NC)

51. Initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the North West proposed by the Boundary Commission for England

Cllr Clarke explained there is a proposal to reduce the number of parliamentary constituencies. The proposal is to take Poynton out of the Macclesfield constituency, to join Poynton with Bramhall and part of three other constituencies. Cllr Clarke objects because such a constituency mixes part of Stockport and Cheshire, communications to Stockport are poor and we have been separate counties for 42 years and so have separate public services and an MP would represent 60% Stockport and 40% from Poynton.

Cllr Clarke expressed the worry that this will lead to an attempt to put Poynton into Stockport Borough and thereby lead to replacement of Green Belt with housing.

RESOLVED: That the Council responds to the proposals with the view to keep Macclesfield constituency including Poynton and add either Alderley Edge or Chelford to raise the quota to the required number (1 abst)

Cllr M Sewart stated in support of this that Poynton has had no connection with Offerton since 1883.

Cllr King thanked Cllr Clarke for his hard work on the report.

Cllr Gorst would like to know what Hazel Grove residents think of the proposals.

Cllr Horsman stated that residents have expressed their concerns about being moved into Stockport Borough Council.

52. Resignation from the Planning and Environment Committee by Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore and composition of the Committee.

Cllr Clarke said Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore will be greatly missed for her contribution and recognises the practical difficulties she and others face in attending even 8pm meetings

and particularly the additional 7pm meetings required due to the heavy Planning and Environment Committee workload.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs S-J Gilmore is thanked for her services. That Cllr M Beanland join the Planning and Environment Committee (NC)

53. Receive and adopt the Minutes of Committees

The following minutes of committees were received and adopted:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Management and Establishment Committee held on 4th July 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee held on 25th July 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee held on 22nd August 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

Cllr H Murray arrived.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee held on 12th Sept 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19th Sept 2016 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee 19th Sept 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee 3rd October 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Order and Public Safety Committee 10th October 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee on 17th October 2016 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted by full Council (NC)

54. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from the meeting

- That the Town Council has responded to the constituency boundary review.
- An item is written about the Remembrance Day in Poynton.
- Ruth Harrison, ex Cllr has died. Her funeral is on Friday 18th November. Cllr Sewart has asked the Mayor if she will attend on behalf of PTC. Cllr Murray will try to attend subject to a previous engagement. The Clerk should inform residents with a formal notice and that Cllrs may wish to arrange a collection for her family in recognition of her and her family's service to Poynton.

The meeting concluded: 8.50pm