

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames Thursday 13 December 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Ayers F. (Leader)	Friday A. E	Pinkerton J.M. (Deputy Leader)
Ayub A.	Gething N. St. J.	Rough M.W.
Bannister C.A.	Gohil D.	Sider R.W. (The Mayor)
Broom P.A.	Grant D.L.	Smith-Ainsley R.A.
Budd S.E.W	Harman A.C.	Spencer C. L.
Dunn R.D.	Leighton V. J.	Taylor S.D
Dunn S.A.	Madams M.J.	Watts R.
Evans T. J. M.	Mitchell A.J.	
Forsbrey G.E.	Napper I. (Deputy Mayor)	
Francis M.P.	Nichols C.E.	
Frazer C.M.		

Ms Sue Faulkner, the Vice Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee was also in attendance

R.W. Sider, the Mayor, in the Chair

**Apologies:** Councillors M. Bushnell, C. A. Davis, P. C. Forbes-Forsyth, D. Patel, A. C. Patterson, J. Sexton, C. V. Strong, S. Webb, and Mr Murray Litvak, Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, the Mayor introduced Hollie Steel, aged 14 from Shepperton, who sang 'Ave Maria' and 'O Holy Night' unaccompanied and received a standing ovation from the councillors.

**337/12 Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 October 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**338/12 Disclosures of Interest**

There were none.

**339/12 Announcements from the Mayor**

**(1) Spelthorne Museum – Accredited Status**

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to his guests, Mrs. Julia Gibbs, Chair of Spelthorne Museum, and Mrs. Rowena Ferneley, the curatorial advisor to the Museum.

The Museum has been awarded accredited status in the first round of the updated Arts Council Museum Accreditation Scheme. Spelthorne Museum is one of the first in the country to receive this award, and the achievement is even more remarkable because, unlike many of the 1800 museums taking part, it is run entirely by volunteers with the support of the Council.

The Mayor also announced that Spelthorne sportspeople won three out of the 12 Surrey Sports Awards – a fantastic result given the number of entries from across the county.

Seamus O'Connell from Staines Hockey Club was named Coach of the Year.

Conor Sawenko – a world champion acrobatic gymnast – was named Young Sports Personality of the Year; and

Chris Evans who had given 47 years of dedication to organising and developing Ashford Cricket Club had earned the accolade of Outstanding Service to Sport.

### **(2) Mayoral Events**

The Mayor invited members to join him at the following upcoming events in support of his Mayoral charities:

19 January 2013 – Race Night at St Peter's Church Hall, Staines-upon-Thames

22 February 2013 – Spelthorne Young Voices Concert at Halliford School

9 March 2013 – Mayor's Charity Ball at Runnymede Hotel, Egham

16 March 2013 – Weybridge Male Voice Choir at St Peter's Church Hall, Staines-upon-Thames

23 April 2013 – Mayoress' Ladies Charity Lunch at Ashford Manor Golf Club

Tickets for all these events are available from the Mayor's secretary.

### **340/12 Announcements from the Leader**

The Leader made three announcements as follows:

#### **(1) Review of the Parliamentary Constituency Boundary**

The first concerned a review of the parliamentary Constituency boundary and a proposal from the Boundary Commission that Poyle and Colnbrook should be added to the Spelthorne Constituency. The Leader said that he was satisfied that this was probably the best available solution and that the MP, Kwasi Kwarteng, was also happy with the proposal.

#### **(2) Brooklands College**

The second announcement was to the effect that the Council is supporting Brooklands College with its 'expression of interest' in having a University Technical College on the Ashford site. This is in line with the Council's long-standing support for further education in Ashford.

However, the Brooklands College application has not yet been successful, and there is still work to be done to win the support of the local secondary schools.

### **(3) DCLG Grant**

The final announcement was that our Streetscene department had been successful in accessing funds from the Department for Communities and Local Government's £250 million Weekly Collection Support Scheme. Spelthorne Borough Council has been awarded £493,000 of funding over 2 ½ years to deal with rubbish & recycling related issues. The grant will be used to enhance service delivery to 2000 of the Council's properties that do not currently have access to onsite recycling services. We were the only authority in Surrey to have achieved this success and one of only 89 successful applicants across the entire country.

The Council congratulated all of the officers who contributed to the successful bid which will help us to offer better and improved services to a large number of residents and improve our recycling rates.

### **341/12 Announcements from the Chief Executive**

There were none.

### **342/12 Questions from Members of the Public**

The Mayor reported that under Standing Order 13, one question had been received from Mr A. McLuskey.

#### **Question from Mr A. McLuskey:**

"Bearing in mind the recent attempt by the controlling group to ambush the people of Stanwell with a fraudulent 'consultation' regarding CCTV cameras, will the Leader guarantee that the location, timing and agenda of ALL future Council-sponsored meetings in the area are agreed on a cross-party and cross-community basis and are properly advertised in advance?"

#### **Response by the Leader, Councillor F. Ayers:**

Thank you Mr McLuskey for your question

"I am disappointed that you feel it necessary to ask a question to which you've already received an answer.

To repeat the answer to that question does seem to be a waste of my time, your time and particularly the Council's time.

On Monday 12 November 2012 we assured you that the meeting you referred to was not organised by the Council but was organised by the Stanwell Working Group. Therefore the basis of your question is flawed.

I have always stated that there will be a full consultation on the CCTV proposals for Stanwell and to this end we have arranged two meetings on 15 January - one at the Stanwell Health and Community Centre (in the café) from 12-2pm and again later on the same day at Stanwell Village Hall, 13 High Street, Stanwell between 7-9pm. These will take the form of drop-in sessions, so that residents can see the ideas for where cameras might be placed; ask questions of the community safety staff and Police, and have their views recorded.

Information is being sent early next week to several thousand Stanwell addresses - providing details of proposed locations, the aforementioned meetings, and details of how to register your views – in person, by email and post.

In addition, a separate public meeting on matters of community interest will be held on Monday 7 January, at Stanwell Congregational Church Hall, between 6.30 and 9pm.

It is hosted by Spelthorne Council, with representatives from the Surrey Police Neighbourhood Team, A2Dominion Housing and Heathrow Airport.

This event offers residents the opportunity to hear updates and give their views on various issues such as housing in Stanwell, leisure and recreation, airport issues and community safety.

The CCTV drop-ins will also be publicised at this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Both meetings will be publicised throughout the area in a variety of ways so as to encourage greatest possible local participation.”

#### **343/12 Adoption of the Statement of Gambling Policy 2013-16**

The Council considered the recommendation of the Cabinet on a revised Statement of Gambling Policy 2013-16 following a recent consultation process, as required under the 2005 Gambling Act.

**RESOLVED** that the revised Statement of Gambling Policy 2013-16 be adopted.

#### **344/12 Priorities for the Corporate Plan 2012-15**

The Council considered the recommendation of the Cabinet on the proposed, new priorities for the Corporate Plan 2012-15.

**RESOLVED** that the revised Corporate Plan for 2012-15, as circulated to all councillors, be adopted.

#### **345/12 Report from the Leader**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor F. Ayers, presented the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 November 2012 which outlined the various matters the Cabinet had decided since the last Council meeting.

#### **346/12 Report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee**

The Chairman of the Audit Committee, Councillor D. Gohil, presented his report, which outlined the matters the Committee had decided since the last Council meeting.

**347/12 Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Philippa Broom, presented her report which outlined the matters the Committee had decided since the last Council meeting.

**348/12 Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor R. A. Smith-Ainsley, presented his report which outlined the matters the Committee had decided since the last Council meeting.

**349/12 Questions on Ward Issues**

There were none.

**350/12 General Questions**

There were none.

**351/12 Appointment of representative Trustees**

The Council considered the appointment of Council representative trustees to serve on two outside bodies which were the Laleham Charities and the Ashford (Middlesex) Sick or Needy Charity.

**(a) Staines Parochial Charity**

**RESOLVED** that Mr Alex Forrester and Mrs Alice Deere be re-appointed to serve as Council representative Trustees on the Staines Parochial Charities for a term of four years each from 1 January 2013.

**(b) Laleham Charities – Mary Hodgson and Mary Reeve**

**RESOLVED** that Mr Stephen Bishop and Mr Barry Morgan be re-appointed to serve as Council representative Trustees on the Laleham Charities – Mary Hodgson and Mary Reeve for a term of four years each from 13 December 2012.

**352/12 Urgent Business**

There was none.

**Season's Greetings**

The Mayor, Councillor Robin Sider, wished those present at the meeting a Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year.