

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, HARROGATE
ON 7 DECEMBER 2005
(FROM 5.30 PM TO 8.12 PM)**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Bayliss in the Chair). Councillors Heather Adderley, Robin Adderley, Anthony Alton, Mrs Atkinson, Beer, Broadbank, Brown, Jean Butterfield, Chapman, Clark, Cooper, Joan Crowther, de Courcey-Bayley, Ellington, Fawcett, Fox, Freeman, Galloway, Dr Gardner, Goss, Grange, Harrison, Hawke, Hawkins, Elwyn Hinchcliffe, Hoult, Andrew Jones, Anne Jones, Pat Jones, Chris Lewis, Macare, Pat Marsh, Marsh, Nash, Newby, Peter Phillips, Charlie Powell, Dr Rothwell, Simms, Skidmore, Mrs Smith, Smith, Sturdy, Ward, Webber, Williams, Willis and Wren.

Late Arrivals: None.

Early Departures: None.

44/05 - **PRAYER:** The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Jeremy Trew, led Members in prayer prior to commencement of the meeting.

45/05 - **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Martin, Simister and Theakston.

46/05 - **URGENT BUSINESS:** There were no items of urgent business.

47/05 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** The following Members declared interests as set out below:-

Councillor Cooper – A personal interest in any relevant items appearing before the Council associated with the HIC and the use of its facilities by his employer for conference purposes.

Councillor Willis – A personal interest in respect of agenda item 15(1) arising from his Chairmanship of his local police community forum.

Councillor Broadbank – A personal interest in respect of agenda item 15(1) arising from his chairmanship of CAP Tier 2 (Starbeck/Woodlands).

Councillor Hoult – A prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item 15(1) and who, as a consequence, left the room during the consideration of this item by Council.

Councillor Ward – A personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 14(2) arising from his employment by Harrogate and District Travel.

Councillor Clark – A personal interest in respect of General Purposes Committee Minute 35/05 arising from his position as Director/Treasurer of Harrogate District Community Transport.

Councillor Wren – A personal interest in any relevant items appearing before the Council associated with the North Yorkshire Fire Brigade, arising from his membership of the Fire Authority.

48/05 - **EXEMPT INFORMATION:** There was no exempt information.

49/05 - **MINUTES:**

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardner

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 October 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

In seconding the Minutes, Councillor Cooper took the opportunity, referring to Minute 39/05 (14/05) – Review of Planning Committee and Delegation Arrangements – to advise Council that the question of holding meetings of the Planning Committee in alternative venues to the Council Offices, Harrogate would be one for decision by the Chair of the Committee in consultation with the respective Officers and taking into account the business before the Committee, in particular the receipt of a major application affecting a specific part of the District.

Subject to the record being amended to delete the early departure of Councillor Reg Marsh, the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 October 2005 were then approved as a correct record.

(Forty eight Members voted for the motion and there were three abstentions).

50/05 - **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **REMEMBRANCE DAY:** The Mayor took the opportunity to thank all those who had been able to support the recent Remembrance Day Parade and Service, which once again was extremely well attended, and again supported by the Army Foundation College, who were now becoming extremely well practised at marching through the Town. For those who had been unable to attend the service at Stonefall, it had proved to be an incredibly moving service, and the Mayor took the opportunity to thank the Harrogate Grammar School pupils for placing a single red rose on every grave within the War Grave's Commission enclosure.
2. **MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF BOROUGHBIDGE:** The Mayor had written a letter of condolence to the Mayor and Mayoress of Boroughbridge, Councillor Ian and Mrs Wendy Hick, whose young grandson died recently during a school trip at Bewerley Park, Pateley Bridge, and had since received a letter of thanks from Councillor and Mrs Hick.

3. **DEPUTY MAYOR OF WELLINGTON:** The Mayor advised that the Deputy Mayor of Wellington, New Zealand was to visit Harrogate later this month during his visit to England and asked any Councillor with a connection with New Zealand to join her for a coffee during the visit of the Deputy Mayor.
4. **LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK:** The Mayor reminded Council of the schools' election leaflet competition, which had been run as part of the Local Democracy Week held in October. High standards combined with innovative ideas had made judging of the competition very difficult, but following judging, the prize for best election promise had been awarded to Joseph Porrit the prize for the best slogan the joint winners of Finlay Brown and Rebecca Gilmore with the overall winners, Jonathan McAuley and Cara Hope having the opportunity to visit Phil Willis MP in London and take a trip on the London Eye.

The Mayor then made presentations to the five competition winners, who were warmly applauded by the Council for their endeavours and interest in local democracy.

5. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** The Mayor advised that thanks to the Soroptomists and First Fair, Harrogate had now joined all other towns in the District who had Christmas lights, and wished to place on record her gratitude for the work undertaken by the Soroptomists.
6. **CHRISTMAS DRINK:** The Mayor invited all Members and Officers to join her in her parlour upon conclusion of the evening's meeting for a Christmas drink, and also reminded Members of the Christmas Eve Carol Concert to take place, as usual, outside the Council Offices, the arrangements for which would be shortly confirmed by her Secretary.
7. **NOTICES OF MOTION:** The Mayor advised that there were four Notices of Motion laid before the Council this evening, two of which would be debated by Members, those being the minority group motion in the names of Councillors Williams and Powell and that in relation to the North Yorkshire Police Authority, in respect of which she had exercised her discretion in order that the Council could debate and respond to this issue prior to the consultation deadline. The remaining Notices of Motion would stand referred as indicated on the agenda papers, and would be taken prior to those motions to be debated by the Council.

51/05 - **PUBLIC ARRANGEMENTS – PETITIONS:** No petitions had been received.

52/05 - **PUBLIC ARRANGEMENTS – QUESTIONS:** In accordance with Standing Order 27, the following inter-related questions had been received from Mr R Fieldman, Ripon Taxi Proprietors' Association and which were directed to the Leader of the Council :-

1. Councillor Gardner as the Leader of this Council could you please justify to my 480 colleagues and I why Officers of this Council have irresponsibly spent £2,654 of funds chasing a prosecution on myself over a trivial matter, after having been the holder of a Hackney Carriage licence for the last 12 years with a totally unblemished record they choose to totally disregard their own disciplinary enforcement policy that is there to safeguard frivolously wasting of both finances and court time, only to end up recovering £50?
2. I have been accused of breaching Harrogate Borough Council byelaws, can you therefore tell me if you find it acceptable that this Council instead of leading by example, not only breaches its own byelaws by not issuing the taxi trade with legal documents such as a tariff card for 5 months but then when it does, tells us that because they had made it too big, we need not display it. Surely any responsible Council should make sure its own house is in order before pursuing unnecessary court cases?

In submitting the questions, Mr Fieldman also recorded his wish for a written response to the questions which the Leader agreed to provide.

In then responding to Mr Fieldman, the Leader of the Council expressed his surprise over the receipt of the first question, having regard to the fact that Mr Fieldman had been found guilty of failing to behave in a civil and orderly manner contrary to Byelaw 10 of the Council's Byelaws made under Section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act, as amended by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1975, and also under the Public Health Act 1875. The Court had, therefore, not judged the matter to be trivial, as was contended by Mr Fieldman in his first question. In responding to Mr Fieldman with regard to the Council's costs in pursuing a prosecution, the Leader advised that Mr Fieldman's own actions had given rise to a significant proportion of the costs, due to the change of his initial plea of not guilty to guilty and in the Council preparing its case in response to the barrister employed by Mr Fieldman in connection with his initial plea. Were Mr Fieldman to have pleaded not guilty in the first instance, a significant amount of the Council's costs would therefore have been avoided, and he himself would have faced a fine of £150.

In responding to the second of Mr Fieldman's questions, the Leader conceded that the Council did have difficulties with the issuing of the 2005/06 tariff cards and mistakes were made. Discussion had taken place with the Taxi Liaison Group at the time, and the mistakes were rectified and a written apology issued to all drivers. The Taxi Liaison Group had not raised this matter with the Council since.

53/05 - **MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME:** In accordance with Standing Order 12, the following questions had been received.

01. Question to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Jean Butterfield, from Councillor Bill Hoult.

Alterations have been carried out to flats at Manor Road, Knaresborough to implement a secure controlled entry system and tenants welcome the provision. Unfortunately, the postman cannot enter the common lobby to deliver mail and the Council has provided locked mailboxes outside the flats

for tenants to use. During wet days standing water collects in the boxes making the mail wet through.

The tenants were of the understanding that their mail could be posted from the outside to boxes accessible from inside the flats and it is clear that the boxes installed, which must be accessed externally are not fit for purpose.

Will the Cabinet Member for Housing confirm whether:-

- (a) The proposal to provide internally accessible mailboxes was altered and, if so, why?
- (b) The current mailboxes are designed for external use or not?
- (c) If "yes" what action is to be taken against the supplier?
- (d) If "no" why was this design used?
- (e) What action is being taken to ensure that residents receive their mail in a dry and acceptable condition?
- (f) Other similar installations of faulty mailboxes have been carried out across the District?

The Cabinet Member responded to the question point by point as follows:-

- (a) The work was part of a larger programme of door entry provision, involving the same postal delivery option at various locations. Extensive consultation was carried out with the residents before the work was commissioned, and residents were advised by letter, as far back as December 2004, that external post boxes would be provided. Unfortunately, the layout of the communal entrance area of the properties at Manor Road, Knaresborough, did not allow the provision of an internally accessible solution. There had been no change to the scheme that residents were advised of in December 2004.
- (b) The specification for the boxes was that they were to be weatherproof, or installed in a manner approved by the manufacturer to ensure that they kept their contents protected from the weather.
- (c) No complaints had been received direct from residents regarding this problem, but following a site visit, it did appear that in some more exposed sites, water had penetrated some of the post boxes. The manufacturer and installer had agreed an alteration to the boxes that would prevent this problem and this work would be carried out within the next week.
- (d) The specification was for the boxes to be weatherproof.
- (e) Alterations to the post boxes would be made within the next week.

- (f) The post boxes had also been used at Norwich Drive, Harrogate without any problems and were also to be used at Chatsworth Road, Harrogate.

In concluding her response, the Cabinet Member advised Councillor Hoult that the issue would have been resolved more quickly by raising this issue with the appropriate Officers, rather than via the formal question mechanism at Council.

In response to a supplementary question from Councillor Hoult that he had been advised by tenants that they contacted an Officer on this issue, the Cabinet Member asked Councillor Hoult to let her have details of the Officer contacted by the residents.

02. Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Councillor Sturdy from Councillor Bill Hoult

Earlier this year, I put forward a motion that the funding for a senior citizen railcard be provided as an alternative to the current half price bus pass. The Cabinet Member for Transport indicated that he would be looking in detail at the situation in autumn this year.

The Government has now confirmed its intention to introduce free bus passes for eligible categories for buses from next year. This means that the option of a senior railcard would be cheaper, less of an administrative task, a popular alternative and would help support the Harrogate Railway Line and the wider aims to extend the use of public transport.

In view of this would the Cabinet Member for Transport indicate whether he will be introducing the alternative of a senior citizen railcard for Harrogate District residents as an alternative to a free bus pass?

The Cabinet Member responded by advising that a report had been presented to the meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission held on 12 September 2005 regarding concessionary fares.

Although he had hoped to be able to review the concessionary fares scheme at that meeting, there was continuing uncertainty about the levels of funding the Council would receive for the Government's new free fare scheme, which was due to be introduced from 1 April 2006.

The position on funding was still uncertain, although the latest indications were that the free fare scheme may be under-funded.

The Environment Commission, therefore, supported the recommendation to delay the review of the concessionary fares scheme until the full details of the Government's free fare scheme and the financial impact that it would have on the Council were known.

In concluding, Councillor Sturdy advised that he was hopeful that he would be able to report on the review of the whole concessionary fares scheme and Councillor Hoult's suggestion for funding a senior citizen railcard early in the New Year.

03. Question to the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services, Councillor Pat Jones, from Councillor Trevor Chapman

In recent weeks the poolside staff at the Hydro have valiantly attempted to keep the café open due to the catering contractors withdrawing their services. Could the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services inform Members what steps are being taken to appoint new contractors and hence resolve this unfortunate situation?

The Cabinet Member responded, advising that the service had been run in-house, following withdrawal by the catering contractors after two months of operation. Since that time, a new specification for the contract had been compiled to attract as much interest as possible, and the contract had been advertised in the local press in November, with an open day also organised for that month, which had been attended by nine companies, who had subsequently been asked to submit proposals. The Director of Community Services was working closely on the revised arrangements with the Director of Resources to ensure a viable and sustainable future arrangement under which it was envisaged that a new contractor would be appointed by February 2006.

In response to a supplementary question from Councillor Chapman regarding action undertaken to avoid a recurrence of this matter, the Cabinet Member stated that all tenderers submitting proposals would be vetted very carefully by the appropriate Leisure and Financial staff.

54/05 - **MEMORANDA OF REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS:** There were no such reports to be considered.

55/05 - **REPORT BACK ON PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION:** In accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(a), the Council considered the following reports on the Notices of Motion referred from Council at its meeting held on 12 October 2005.

(55/05 01) **North Yorkshire Fire Brigade's Emergency Call Centre:** Councillor Willis referred to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor Simister and himself calling on the Deputy Prime Minister to scrap proposals to close North Yorkshire Fire Brigade's Emergency Call Centre and that of two others in Yorkshire in favour of a single centre in Wakefield, serving the whole region with a population of 4.7 million people.

The Notice of Motion had been discussed at a meeting with the Leader, together with Councillors Simister and Willis, which had considered the impact of the proposals for the District and County, including the loss of both resources to the County and of local knowledge when dealing with emergency calls, together with the absence of a strong compelling business case for the suggested single call centre.

As a result of that meeting, the Leader had agreed that a letter be sent to the Deputy Prime Minister bringing his attention to these concerns and, as

a consequence, asking him to reconsider closing the North Yorkshire Fire Brigade's Emergency Call Centre.

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardener Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED:**

That the report and action of the Leader be accepted.

(Forty nine Members voted for the motion and there was one abstention).

(55/05 02) **TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS:** Councillor Webber introduced the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor Newby and himself, calling on the Council to terminate its current, but inactive twinning arrangement with Luchon, and to identify an appropriate third world town, which could benefit from some form of cooperative or adoptive arrangement with Harrogate Borough Council and other organisations in the District.

In then submitting his written report, the Leader advised that whilst this Notice of Motion had originally been referred to the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services, he had had the opportunity to discuss the Notice of Motion informally with Councillor Webber, with both Members being supportive in principle in developing some form of contact arrangements with a third world town which, following discussion with Councillor Webber had been potentially identified as one in Malawi. In pursuing this arrangement, it was important that all proper courtesies and formalities were observed in terms of discontinuation of the existing twinning links with Luchon and further consideration would be given to this matter.

In order to advance the objective of the Notice of Motion, it was proposed that a small advisory group be established, comprising the mover and seconder of the motion, Councillors Webber and Newby, together with two Conservative Group Members who would report to the Cabinet with a final decision being taken by the Council. The Leader welcomed the suggestion from Councillor Webber, that the Mayor be invited to serve on this Group and the Mayor indicated that she would be more than happy to do so.

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardner Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED:**

That the report and action of the Leader be accepted.

(Forty eight Members voted for the motion, one against and there was one abstention).

56/05 - **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND CABINET:** The Council resolved upon the various non-delegated Minutes of Committees and Cabinet as follows:-

56/05(01) - **CABINET** – 16 November 2005:

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardner Seconded by Councillor Skidmore

That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 November 2005 be approved and adopted.

89/05 - **HYDRO FITNESS FACILITIES:**

Moved by Councillor Chris Lewis Seconded by Councillor Trevor Chapman

That the recommendations under Minute No 89/05 be deferred, and the report be referred to the Community Services Commission.

On a vote being taken on the amendment, thirteen Members voted in favour, twenty seven against and there were seven abstentions.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

In referring to the use of unallocated capital resources to finance this proposal, Councillor Freeman asked the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources the extent of such resources, in response to which Councillor Skidmore advised that it was in the region of £500,000 but that he would confirm this figure when letting the Member have a written reply.

90/05 - **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:**

Moved by Councillor Galloway Seconded by Councillor Willis

That the recommendation be deleted and the subject be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration and back to the Improvement and Involvement Members' Steering Group to address and investigate the changes needed to the current Member training programme.

On a vote being taken on the amendment, ten Members voted in favour, twenty five against and there were twelve abstentions.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The Minutes of Cabinet of 16 November 2005 were then approved and adopted.

(Forty five Members voted in favour of the motion, one against and there was one abstention).

56/06/02 - **LICENSING COMMITTEE** – 10 November 2005:

Moved by Councillor Nash Seconded by Councillor J Smith

and **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 10 November 2005 be approved and adopted.

(Forty six Members voted for the motion and there was one abstention).

56/05(03) - **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** – 17 November 2005:

Moved by Councillor Mrs Atkinson Seconded by Councillor Jean Butterfield

That the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 17 November 2005 be approved and adopted.

35/05 - **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY – HARROGATE DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

On a separate vote being taken on this matter, twenty four Members voted in favour, twenty one against and there were four abstentions.

The Minute was, therefore, approved.

39/05 - **COUNCIL SUBSTITUTION SCHEME:** The Chief Executive advised that the second of the four bullet points appearing under the third recommendation to this Minute was currently at variance with the Constitution and that, when reporting further to the General Purposes Committee in connection with the adoption of an amended Standing Order 22, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services would also address the relevant Constitutional issues regarding a long list of substitute Members.

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee were then approved and adopted.

(Forty eight Members voted in favour and there was one abstention).

57/05 - **PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL BY THE EXECUTIVE:**

57/05(01): In accordance with Standing Order 28, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a written report, notifying Council of the remaining programme of presentations to be made by individual members of the Cabinet to those ordinary meetings of the Council remaining in the current Council year. It was noted that the programme would be amended in that the Cabinet Member for Planning was to make a presentation at this evening's meeting with the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services now scheduled to undertake a presentation to Council on 19 April 2006.

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardner Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That the revised programme of presentations be noted.

57/05(02): In accordance with Standing Order 28, the Cabinet Members for Transport and Planning addressed the Council on the major and/or topical issues arising under their portfolios as summarised below.

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT

Congestion

Looking back 2004/05

Introduced experimental measures to improve traffic flow.
Improved the operation of 5 traffic signals and 6 pedestrian crossings.

Looking forward 2005/06 and beyond

Make permanent some of the experimental schemes.
Continue to improve the efficiency of traffic signals and pedestrian crossings. Park and Ride schemes, rail halts, relief roads, car sharing schemes.

Concessionary Fares

Looking back 2004/05

Introduced half fare rail pass.
Increased take up of concessionary fares passes.

Looking forward 2005/06

Introduce the free fare scheme/report to Scrutiny.
Review other transport concessions.

Public Transport

Looking back 2004/05

Improved bus stops.
Bus corridor improvements.

Looking forward 2005/06

Continue to improve bus stops.

Parking

Study the provision of new multi-storey car parks in Ripon and Knaresborough.

The Cabinet Member then answered Members' questions and, in response to a question from Councillor Hoult regarding the extension of the Passenger Transport Executive area into Harrogate in order to take advantage of cheaper fares, the Cabinet Member advised that he would let Councillor Hoult have a written reply.

CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING

Pressures on the Planning Service

Meeting Best Value Performance Indicator Targets

The Local Development Framework

Pre-application consultation

Planning training

Officer training

The Cabinet Member responded to Members' questions on his portfolio, and wished to place on record his appreciation for the hard work undertaken by the Officer team within the Planning Division.

58/05 - **NOTICES OF MOTION RECEIVED:** In accordance with Standing Order 10, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted those Notices of Motion received, of which those shown at (01) and (02) below were debated by Council.

(01) This Council deplores proposals for the abolition of North Yorkshire Police force and its integration into a larger urban-based organisation at a time when it has achieved considerable success in working in partnership with local communities and reducing crime.

This Council believes merger would lead to the Police service becoming remote from its public throughout the Harrogate district.

This Council calls upon the Home Secretary to allow the public to engage in a meaningful and informed debate on the future of policing in England's largest county which it has so far been denied.

Proposed: Councillor Fred Willis

Seconded: Councillor Jim Clark

In accordance with Standing Order (10)(6)(c) this Notice of Motion was debated by Council.

In responding to the concerns expressed by Council in debating the Notice of Motion, the mover and seconder of the motion, Councillors Willis and Clark agreed that the motion, in addition to being conveyed to the Home Secretary, also be forwarded to the North Yorkshire Police Authority and the Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police.

The Notice of Motion was then approved by Council.

(Forty six Members voted for the motion and there was one abstention).

- (02) This Council notes that through the mindless actions of others there are occasions when the public conveniences in the District do not meet the high standards that residents and visitors expect and we would wish to offer.

The Council, therefore, wishes the Cabinet Member for the Environment to be provided with a detailed costed report on the option of introducing "Super Loo" facilities similar to those in Northallerton, Scarborough and Whitby where toilet attendants are on site during opening hours and a nominal fee is charged for the use of the facilities. These facilities offer high standards of cleanliness and have removed the distasteful graffiti which adorns some of our heavily used public conveniences.

Proposed: Councillor A Williams

Seconded: Councillor C Powell

In accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(f) this Notice of Motion was debated by Council.

On a vote being taken on the Notice of Motion, the Mayor declared it approved.

(Forty six Members voted for the motion and one against).

- (03) After the recent sporting successes of some of our local sports clubs, this Council should take a pro-active role by working with those clubs to allocate land, in the Local Development Framework, for Multi Sports use.

Proposed: Councillor Pat Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Trevor Chapman

The Mayor ruled that, in accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(a) that this Notice stood referred to the Cabinet Member for Planning.

- (04) Cabinet intends to appoint a Fairtrade Champion to tackle poverty by enabling disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal for their labours:

The Council:

- will take practical steps to support those aims as part of the Council's commitment to Local Agenda 21, including offering Fairtrade coffee and tea at

its meetings and will implement Fairtrade principles in its purchasing policies where possible;

- supports the local campaign for Harrogate to become a Fairtrade Borough;
- commits itself to promote awareness of Fairtrade through the Council's website.

Proposed: Councillor Richard Cooper Seconded Councillor Jean Butterfield

The Mayor ruled, that in accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(a) this Notice stood referred to Cabinet.

59/05 - **COMMON SEAL:**

Moved by Councillor Dr Gardner Seconded by Councillor Cooper

and **RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That (1) the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deeds and documents necessary to carry out the resolutions confirmed and passed this day; and

(2) no Deed shall be treated as being delivered by the Council at the time of sealing, that has been conditional upon the Council proceeding to the completion of the transaction relevant to any deeds.

(The meeting concluded at 8.12 pm).