

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 2.00 pm

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Hugh Mason (in the Chair)

Councillors

Yinka Adeniran	Brian Madgwick
Dave Ashmore	George Madgwick
Matthew Atkins	Lee Mason
Chris Attwell	Kirsty Mellor
Simon Boshier	Robert New
Ryan Brent	Terry Norton
Stuart Brown	Scott Payter-Harris
Tom Coles	Steve Pitt
Cal Corkery	Darren Sanders
Jason Fazackarley	Asghar Shah
George Fielding	Russell Simpson
Charlotte Gerada	John Smith
Lewis Gosling	Judith Smyth
Graham Heaney	Lynne Stagg
Ian Holder	Benedict Swann
Suzy Horton	Linda Symes
Lee Hunt	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Mark Jeffery	Daniel Wemyss
Abdul Kadir	Matthew Winnington
Leo Madden	

109. Declaration of Members' Interests

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
Cllr Tom Coles	117	Personal and prejudicial. Cllr Coles left the room for the duration of this item

110. To approve as a correct record the attached Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 11 October 2022

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

These were agreed by assent.

111. To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Kimberly Barrett and Councillor Gemma New.

The Lord Mayor reminded council that at an extraordinary council meeting held on 19 July 2022, it was agreed to admit former Portsmouth City Councillor and Council Leader, Donna Jones to the roll of honorary alderwomen.

The Lord Mayor presented Honorary Alderwoman Donna Jones with her scroll and she took the opportunity to make a short speech of thanks to council.

112. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The City Solicitor advised that one verbal deputation request had been made for this meeting in respect of Minute 117.

At the invitation of the City Solicitor, Mr Charles Burns made his deputation to Council.

113. Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25

The Lord Mayor advised that no public questions had been received under the provisions of this Standing Order.

114. Appointments

RESOLVED that the following changes to Labour Group seats be AGREED:

Councillor Charlotte Gerada to replace Councillor Asghar Shah as a full member of the Licensing Committee.

Councillor Asghar Shah to replace Councillor Charlotte Gerada as a Standing Deputy on the Licensing Committee.

115. Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.

The Lord Mayor advised that there was no urgent business to transact at this meeting.

116. Notices of Motion

117. Rethink E-Scooter Trial

It was

Proposed by Councillor George Madgwick
Seconded by Councillor Russell Simpson

That notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

Council voted on the motion in the name of Councillor George Madgwick.

Following a vote, the motion was declared LOST.

118. Improvement to Paulsgrove's Roads

It was

Proposed by Councillor Brian Madgwick
Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

That notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Seconded by Councillor Benedict Swann

To

Amend paragraph one, eighth line after return home add 'via the north of the city'.

Amend paragraph two that starts with 'The people of Paulsgrove..', third line after Paulsgrove add 'and the North of the city'.

Delete last paragraph and add 'Full Council asks the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, to work on a plan on how they intend to start improving the roads/infrastructure in Paulsgrove and the North of the city. This should include disclosing relevant timescales in a timely manner. Full Council requests that all relevant ward councillors in the north of the city to be consulted for feedback during the process. The plan report to be published before the end of March 2023.'

Following debate, the proposer of the original motion, Councillor Brian Madgwick, agreed to subsume the amendment put by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris into the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 48(b), eight Councillors stood to request that a recorded vote be taken.

The following members voted in favour of the motion which incorporated the subsumed amendment

Councillor Yinka Adeniran	Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor Cal Corkery
Councillor George Fielding	Councillor Charlotte Gerada
Councillor Lewis Gosling	Councillor Graham Heaney
Councillor Brian Madgwick	Councillor George Madgwick
Councillor Lee Mason	Councillor Kirsty Mellor
Councillor Robert New	Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Councillor Asghar Shah	Councillor Russell Simpson
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Judith Smyth
Councillor Benedict Swann	Councillor Lynda Symes
Councillor Daniel Wemyss	

No members voted-against the motion

The following members abstained from voting

Councillor Chris Attwell	Councillor Dave Ashmore
Councillor Stuart Brown	Councillor Jason Fazackarley
Councillor Ian Holder	Councillor Suzy Horton
Councillor Lee Hunt	Councillor Mark Jeffery
Councillor Abdul Kadir	Councillor Leo Madden
Councillor Hugh Mason	Councillor Steve Pitt
Councillor Darren Sanders	Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Councillor Matthew Winnington

The motion, incorporating the subsumed amendment, was therefore declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

For decades roads in Paulsgrove have been allowed to suffer without resolution. Residents, associations, current ward councillors and former ward councillors have requested and asked for roads within the ward to be looked at for consideration for resurfacing or other resolutions for years. This has always fallen short. Paulsgrove residents have to drive onto Portsea Island to see and witness constant road improvements. Constant upgrades. Constant resurfacing of the south of the city yet when they return home via the north of the city, they are expected to drive over bumpy, uneven roads that are unpleasant to the eye.

In the last few years here are an example of a few things:-

- A petition submitted by the residents of Chedworth Crescent with over 90% of the households signing the petition for road resurfacing resolutions and nothing has been done.
- A resident in Elkstone Road has asked to view reports into the speed bumps in the road and was not responded to.
- A sign, in Port Solent, completely blocks a public footpath not allowing a local mobility scooter user to pass. This was reported to council officers, twice, several months ago and nothing has been done.

The people of Paulsgrove simply want to see work starting in their ward. They want to see improvements made on their road infrastructure and not all the money put into just the south of the city. Paulsgrove and the north of the city already suffers with extremely poor public transport network system. The ward simply needs better roads.

Full Council asks the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, to work on a plan on how they intend to start improving the roads/infrastructure in Paulsgrove and the North of the city. This should include disclosing relevant timescales in a timely manner. Full Council requests that all relevant ward councillors in the north of the city to be consulted for feedback during the process. The plan report to be published before the end of March 2023.

119. Anaerobic Digester

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent
Seconded by Councillor Lee Mason

That notice of motion (c) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

Following a vote, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

The Council supports the aspiration of building an anaerobic digester. However, due to a lack of update on this project since the budgetary commitment earlier this year, Council requests that a progress report be brought back to the March Full Council meeting that includes the proposed location and clear timescales of the project.

120. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17

Eleven questions from members had been received under Standing Order No 17.

The first question was from Councillor Tom Coles.

"With the nights drawing in, can the Cabinet Member confirm whether there are any plans for installing lighting at Kingston Rec?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Economic Development, Councillor Steve Pitt.

The second question was from Councillor Scott Payter-Harris.

"Does the Cabinet member have any plans to reintroduce fixed speed cameras to Portsmouth?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

The third question was from Councillor Benedict Swann.

"Can the Cabinet member confirm that lighting to the green pathway through Anchorage Park will be fixed?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

The fourth question was from Councillor Simon Boshier.

"Can the Leader advise whether any capital schemes have been placed on hold pending a budget review?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson.

The fifth question was from Councillor Graham Heaney.

"Will the cabinet member for traffic and transportation confirm if the process to apply for a Play Street in residential roads will be streamlined, with a simple application form on Portsmouth City Council's website and when this will happen?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

The sixth question was from Councillor George Madgwick.

"What consultation was done, if any, to decide the locations of the two new recycling bottle banks placed in Paulsgrove & Port Solent?"

In the absence of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, Councillor Kimberly Barrett, this and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

The time allocation for this item having elapsed, written responses would be

provided to the remaining questions.

121. Further Communications from the Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor advised that the deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Tom Coles, had kindly agreed to Chair the December 2023 Full Council meeting, as he would be away, following an invitation to visit the Falkland Islands to attend the 40th anniversary events taking place there.

Finally, with the support of and in consultation with the Leader and other Group Leaders, he had agreed to cancel the provisional Council meeting in January 2023 due to the lack of pressing business.

The meeting concluded at 5.48 pm.

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Lord Mayor