

MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WOKING

held on 18 June 2020

Present:

Cllr Mrs B A Hunwicks (Chair)

Cllr S Hussain (Vice-Chair)

Cllr M Ali	Cllr D Harlow
Cllr S Ashall	Cllr K Howard
Cllr A Azad	Cllr D E Hughes
Cllr T Aziz	Cllr I Johnson
Cllr A-M Barker	Cllr C S Kemp
Cllr D J Bittleston	Cllr R N Leach
Cllr J E Bond	Cllr L S Lyons
Cllr A J Boote	Cllr N Martin
Cllr M A Bridgeman	Cllr R Mohammed
Cllr G G Chrystie	Cllr L M N Morales
Cllr G S Cundy	Cllr M I Raja
Cllr K M Davis	Cllr C Rana
Cllr G W Elson	Cllr J R Sanderson
Cllr W P Forster	Cllr M A Whitehand

Also Present: Claire Storey, Independent Co-Opted Member.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies for absence had been received.

2. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Mayor reported that she had participated in many events and meetings through Zoom since the last meeting of Council. These had included a coffee morning with the Horsell Residents Association, at which she had given a presentation looking back at the events over the past Mayoral year as well as the focus points for the coming year. The Mayor had recorded videos for the volunteers of Brookwood, Knaphill and St Johns for volunteer week, and had met with Mayors from across Surrey and beyond to share the different experiences during the Covid-19 crisis.

The Mayor reported that Ron Simms, Mace Bearer for Woking Borough Council for over forty years, had recently passed away. The Mayor would represent the Borough at a service to be held at Woking Crematorium in the coming week.

3. URGENT BUSINESS.

No items of Urgent Business were considered.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor D J Bittleston declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which he was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that speaking and voting were permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Azad declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which she was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that speaking and voting were permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor C S Kemp declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which he was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that speaking and voting were permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor D Harlow declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which she was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that speaking and voting were permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor G S Cundy declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which he was a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests were such that speaking and voting were permissible.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Chief Executive, Ray Morgan, declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which he was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that Mr Morgan could advise the Council on those items.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Deputy Chief Executive, Douglas Spinks, declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which he was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that Mr Spinks could advise the Council on those items.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Peter Bryant, declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which he was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that Mr Bryant could advise the Council on those items.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Finance, Leigh Clarke, declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which she was a Council-appointed director. The companies

were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that Mrs Clarke could advise the Council on those items.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Housing, Louise Strongitharm, declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which she was a Council-appointed director. The companies were listed in an attached schedule. The interests were such that Mrs Strongitharm could advise the Council on those items.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Finance, Leigh Clarke, declared a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning Woking Football Club and/or the GolDev Woking Limited development. The interest arose from (i) her husband having a small shareholding in Woking Football Club and (ii) being a Council-appointed director of Kingfield Community Sports Centre Limited. The interest was such that Mrs Clarke could advise the Council on those items.

In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Peter Bryant, declared a disclosable personal interest (nonpecuniary) in any items concerning Woking Football Club and/or the GolDev Woking Limited development. The interest arose from (i) him being a member of the Cards Trust (the supporters' club for Woking Football Club), (ii) providing occasional unpaid assistance to Woking Football Club, e.g. acting as returning officer at the election of directors and (iii) being a Council-appointed director of Kingfield Community Sports Centre Limited. The interest was such that Mr Bryant could advise the Council on those items.

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

The Mayor moved and Councillor Hussain seconded that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 6 in view of the nature of the proceedings that, if members of the press and public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, to the Local Government Act 1972.

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

6. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT WBC20-013.

RESOLVED

That the recommendation before the Council be approved as set out in the Part II minutes.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and ended at 10.20 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____