

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 8 pm

Present: *Councillors J. Sartorel (Chairman); N. Al-Sanjari; J. Anderson; K. Baker; D. Bragg; S. Brindley; A. Chadwick; J. Cheng; K. Gilder; A. Heap; R. Horskins; C. Jewell; V. Lewis; T. McCann; M. Nagra; S. Rahmouni; B. Rowland; R. Skegg; D. Smith; B. Soane; A. Swaddle; P. Wicks*

Officers present: *K. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk; M. Filmore, Committee Officer*

Also present: *2 members of the public*

A maximum of 30 minutes was set aside before the start of the meeting for members of the public to pose questions to the Council in the Town Forum. As there were no members of the public wishing to address the Council the Town Forum did not take place.

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

The existing Mayor, Councillor Sartorel, addressed the Council. She stated that it had been an exciting and rewarding time being Mayor, with the nicest part being having the opportunity to talk and listen to people and to do her best for Woodley residents. She explained that being Mayor had given her the opportunity to see the level of work local voluntary organisations undertake, which she found humbling. Councillor Sartorel thanked officers and staff for their help and cheerful support throughout the year, and thanked the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Gilder, for attending events when she was unable to. Councillor Sartorel also thanked fellow Councillors for opportunity.

The existing Mayor called for nominations for the office of Town Mayor for 2022/23.

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To re-elect Councillor Sartorel to the office of Town Mayor of Woodley for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Voting: For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

2. **TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Sartorel stated she was proud and honoured to be elected Town Mayor for a second year, and thanked Councillors for the opportunity. In a changing world, Councillor Sartorel stated she would consider her time a success if in some small way she could bring cheer and optimism to events. Councillor Sartorel encouraged all Councillors to treat each other with respect in the coming year, noting that all Town Councillors are volunteers who give their time to support the community.

Councillor Sartorel confirmed that the Mayor's Charity for the municipal year would be Keep Mobile.

Councillor Sartorel confirmed that she would sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Town Mayor as soon as possible after the meeting.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Doyle and Forrer.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To re-elect Councillor Gilder to the office of Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 municipal year

Voting: For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 6 No Vote Registered: 2

6. **POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS**

6.1 **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillor Cheng as Leader and Councillor Brindley as Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group.

6.2 **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillor Jewell as Leader and Councillor Rowland as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

6.3 **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillor Al-Sanjari as Leader and Councillor Doyle as Deputy Leader of the Labour & Independent Group.

7. **LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL**

7.1 It was proposed by Councillor Brindley, seconded by Councillor Cheng and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To elect Councillor Baker as Leader of the Council for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Voting: For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 6 No Vote Registered: 2

7.2 It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Cheng and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To elect Councillor Brindley as Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Voting: For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 6 No Vote Registered: 2

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

8.1 **Strategy and Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the updated terms of reference of the Strategy and Resources Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, which includes setting the number of places on the Committee at 9.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 No Vote Registered: 2

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Anderson, Baker, Brindley, Chadwick, Jewell, Lewis, Rowland and Wicks to the Strategy and Resources Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, with one vacant Labour & Independent Group place to be filled at a later date.

8.2 **Leisure Services Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Bragg, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the updated terms of reference of the Leisure Services Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, which includes setting the number of places on the Committee at 9.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2 No Vote Registered: 2

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Al-Sanjari, Bragg, Gilder, Heap, Horskins, Jewell, Lewis, Smith and Swaddle to the Leisure Services Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

8.3 **Planning and Community Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Wicks, seconded by Councillor Cheng and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the updated terms of reference of the Planning and Community Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, which includes setting the number of places on the Committee at 9.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 4

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Baker, Bragg, Cheng, Jewell, Nagra, Sartorel, Skegg, Soane, Wicks to the Planning and Community Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

9. **MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING PARTIES AND SUB COMMITTEES**

Under Standing Orders 6.4a, 6.5a and 6.6a respectively, members of the parent standing committees considered the terms of reference as follows:

Strategy and Resources Committee

a) **Investments Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brindley, seconded by Councillor Jewell and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Investments Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the sub committee.

Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 1

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Anderson, Baker, Brindley and Heap to the Investments Sub Committee for the municipal year.

b) **Risk Management Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brindley, seconded by Councillor Jewell and

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To approve the terms of reference of the Risk Management Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the sub committee.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ♦ To note the appointment of Councillors Bragg, Green, Horskins and Rowland to the Risk Management Sub Committee for the municipal year.

c) **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Rowland and

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To approve the terms of reference of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the sub committee.

Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 1

- ♦ To note the appointment of Councillors Baker, Bragg, Heap and Swaddle to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Sub Committee for the municipal year.

d) **PR & Marketing Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To approve the terms of reference of the PR and Marketing Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the sub committee.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ♦ To note the appointment of Councillors Baker, Brindley, McCann and Swaddle to the PR & Marketing Sub Committee for the municipal year.

e) **Personnel Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Rowland and

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To approve the terms of reference of the Personnel Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the sub committee.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ♦ To note the appointment of Councillors Anderson, Rowland, Sartorel and Soane to the Personnel Sub Committee for the municipal year.

f) **Climate Emergency Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Wicks, seconded by Councillor Baker and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Climate Emergency Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 3 places on the sub committee.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Baker, Jewell and Wicks to the Climate Emergency Sub Committee for the municipal year.

g) **Town Electors' Working Party:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Town Electors' Working Party for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 3 places on the working party.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Anderson, Brindley and Skegg to the Town Electors' Working Party for the municipal year.

h) **Woodley Town Centre Partnership:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Woodley Town Centre Partnership for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 2 Council nominees on the partnership.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillor Baker and Mrs M. Holmes to the Woodley Town Centre Partnership for the municipal year.

i) **Youth Services Working Party:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brindley, seconded by Councillor Baker and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Youth Services Working Party for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the working party.

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Bragg, Chadwick, Gilder and Skegg to the Youth Services Working Party for the municipal year.

Leisure Services Committee

j) **Community Youth Partnership:**

It was proposed by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Jewell, that the terms of reference for the Community Youth Partnership be amended to increase the number of Members on the Committee from 4 to 6.

Following a vote, the proposal was rejected.

Voting: For: 3 Against: 4 Abstentions: 2 No Vote Registered: 0

It was proposed by Councillor Gilder, seconded by Councillor Bragg and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Community Youth Partnership for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 4 places on the partnership.

Voting: For: 6 Against: 3 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 0

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Cheng, Forrer, Gilder and Rowland to the Community Youth Partnership for the municipal year.
- ◆ To note the appointment of the following voluntary sector representatives to the Community Youth Partnership for the municipal year:
Sam Milligan (Just Around the Corner charity), Steve Outen (Woodley United FC), Paul Cassidy (ARC) and Laurie-Ann Price (Emmanuel Church).

k) **3G Pitch Steering Group Sub Committee:**

It was proposed by Councillor Bragg, seconded by Councillor Lewis and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the 3G Pitch Steering Group Sub Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 3 places on the partnership.

Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Bragg, Lewis and Skegg to the 3G Pitch Steering Group for the municipal year.

Planning and Community Committee

l) **Cycling in Woodley Working Party:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Cheng and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To approve the terms of reference of the Cycling in Woodley Working Party for the 2022/23 municipal year, including that there be 6 places on the working party.

Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Bragg, Chadwick, Gilder, Heap, Horskins and Nagra to the Cycling in Woodley Working Party for the municipal year.

Full Council

m) **Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) Joint Working Party**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the terms of reference of the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party.

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillors Baker and Jewell to the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party for the municipal year, and the appointment of Councillor Gilder as the named substitute.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

To speed up the item, the Mayor proposed that nominations would initially be sought for each outside body. Where there were more nominations than places then an individual vote would take place on that specific appointment. Otherwise, at the end of all nominations being made an overall vote would be taken on all appointments. No concerns were raised with regards to this proposal.

Following the nominations, Councillor Baker proposed, seconded by Councillor Brindley, and following a vote it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint the following Council representatives to outside bodies:

Voting: For: 20 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

10.1 **Berkshire Association of Local Councils (BALC) – 2 places**

Councillors Bragg and Rowland

10.2 **Wokingham District Association of Local Councils – 2 places**

No appointment to be made until the future of the association is determined

10.3 **ARC – 2 places**

Councillor Gilder and Mrs S. Flower.

10.4 **Campaign Against Waste – 1 place (plus 1 deputy)**

Councillor Wicks, with Councillor Jewell as deputy.

10.5 **Citizens Advice Wokingham – 1 place**

Councillor Jewell

10.6 **Friends of Woodford Park Committee – 1 place**

Councillor Baker

10.7 **Highwood Management Conference – 2 places**

Councillor Gilder and Mrs M. Holmes

10.8 **Museum of Berkshire Aviation Trust – 1 place**

Councillor Green

10.9 **Poor Land's Charity – 2 places to appoint, to serve until 2026**

Councillors Gilder and Rowland

10.10 **ReadiBus – 1 place**

Councillor Heap

10.11 **Sonning & District Welfare & Education Trust – 1 place**

Councillor Smith

10.12 **The Bulmershe School – 1 place (Governor)**

Councillor Al-Sanjari

- 10.13 **Wokingham Borough Council Climate Emergency Working Group – 1 place**
Councillor Jewell
- 10.14 **Woodley Bowling Club Management Committee – 1 place**
Councillor Gilder
- 10.15 **Woodley Volunteer Centre – 1 place**
Councillor Swaddle
- 10.16 **Wokingham Borough/Parish Working Group – 1 place (plus 1 deputy)**
Councillor Jewell, with Councillor McCann as the deputy

Representation on the following outside bodies was noted:

Poor's Land Charity – 2 places

Councillor Cheng and Mrs S. Flower serving until 2024

Robert Palmer Almshouse Charity – 1 place

Councillor Rahmouni serving until 2024

11. **CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

It was proposed by Councillor Sartorel, seconded by Councillor Brindley and

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To appoint Councillors Baker, Bragg, Soane and Swaddle as signatories to sign cheques and transfers on behalf of the Council for the municipal year.

Voting: For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 6 No Vote Registered: 2

12. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Town Mayor presented the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 February 2022.

Cllr Nagra stated that he believed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 February 2022 were not a true and correct record as there was no record that the Mayor had adjourned the meeting. Councillor Nagra requested that the details should be recorded, including the reasons why.

Members discussed the matter and consensus was that the adjournment of the previous meeting should be recorded in the minutes. It was noted that it was important to aid Councillors' memory of the events and also for transparency.

Councillor Baker stated that he could not remember the adjournment and supported that the matter should be recorded, including why the adjournment took place. Councillor Nagra requested for it to be recorded in the minutes that Councillor Baker had stated he does not remember anything. Cllr Baker commented that the discussion was deteriorating into personal abuse. He clarified that he said he couldn't remember the precise adjournment, and requested that the minutes record the constant personal attacks by Councillor Nagra on himself.

Councillor Jewell proposed, seconded by Councillor Skegg, that the minutes be deferred for approval at the next Full Council meeting, and for the minutes to be amended to include details of the adjournment.

Councillor McCann commented that, at the meeting of the 8 February, the Deputy Town Clerk had advised that recommendations from Standing Committees were not required to be proposed and seconded, but that subsequently the Deputy Town Clerk had contacted Councillor McCann to advise that this advice was incorrect. Councillor McCann requested that this correction be included in the minutes when they are amended, and the Committee Officer confirmed that a Deputy Town Clerk's note could be added to the minutes to confirm this.

Following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To defer the approving of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 February 2022 until the next meeting of Full Council, and for the draft minutes to be amended to include details of the adjournment and the Deputy Town Clerk note to update the inaccurate advice given regarding the proposing and seconding of Standing Committee recommendations.

Voting: For: 13 Against: 1 Abstentions: 6 No Vote Registered: 2

13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

13.1 **Minutes of the Planning and Community Committee: 1 March 2022**

Councillor Wicks presented the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 1 March 2022.

Minute 95: Wokingham Borough Council Active Travel Route

In response to a query regarding whether Active Travel Route funding had been lost, the Deputy Town Clerk stated he believed Andy Glencross, Wokingham Borough Council Assistant Director for Highways and Transport, had advised at the meeting that this would not be the case.

At this point in the meeting Councillors Al-Sanjari and Nagra left the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To receive the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 1 March 2022.

Voting: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 3

13.2 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Strategy and Resources Committee: 22 March 2022**

Councillor Baker presented the minutes of the Extraordinary Strategy and Resources Committee meeting held on 22 March 2022.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To receive the minutes of the Extraordinary Strategy and Resources Committee meeting held on 22 March 2022.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

13.3 **Minutes of the Planning and Community Committee: 29 March 2022**

Councillor Wicks presented the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 29 March 2022.

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To receive the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 29 March 2022.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

13.4 Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee: 12 April 2022

Councillor Bragg presented the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 12 April 2022.

Minute 44: Members Questions

Councillor Heap reiterated his concerns that the Youth Strategy has yet to get off the ground, stating that a meeting of the Youth Services Working Party was needed as soon as possible.

The Deputy Town Clerk updated Members to confirm that the deadline for Expressions of Interest forms had now passed, and that a meeting would be arranged soon between the Youth Services Working Party and those who had responded.

In response to a query regarding the defibrillator, the Deputy Town Clerk advised that this had now arrived but installation was pending the completion of significant electrical works which are due to take place at Woodford Park Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To receive the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 12 April 2022.

Voting: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 3

13.5 Minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee: 19 April 2022

Councillor Baker presented the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19 April 2022.

Minute 60: Finance

b) Payments

In response to a query, the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the 3rd quarter VAT payment made to HMRC, as referenced in the minutes, was indeed a regular quarterly payment.

RESOLVED:

- ♦ To receive the minutes of the Strategy & Resources Committee meeting held on 19 April 2022.

Voting: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 3

13.6 Minutes of the Planning and Community Committee: 26 April 2022

Councillor Wicks presented the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 26 April 2022.

Minute 136: Twyford Neighbourhood Plan

In response to a query, the Committee Officer confirmed that he had emailed both Twyford Parish Council and Finchampstead Borough Council on the 27 April, but had yet to receive a response.

Minute 140: Community Issues

In response to a query, the Committee Officer confirmed that he had contact Wokingham Borough Council regarding the old haul bridge across the River Loddon, but had yet to receive a response.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To receive the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 26 April 2022.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

14. **LEADER'S STATEMENT**

Due to the lateness of the house, the Leader of the Council confirmed he would not be making a statement.

15. **OAKWOOD CENTRE LOAN REPAYMENTS AND INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

15.1 The Deputy Town Clerk presented Report No. TC 2/22.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that, in addition to the recommendations included in the report, an additional recommendation is being made that, should Council approve the placing of funds within the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF), then updates on the progress of these funds would be reported to each meeting of the Strategy & Resources Committee.

In response to a query, the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that no high street bank has an AAA rating. He also confirmed that the investment could not go down as the fund is not exposed to the stock market. Members noted that a number of local councils, including several within the vicinity of Woodley, currently place funds within the PSDF, as do the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

With regards to the Council's reserves, the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that any increase in cost would be offset by the interest gained.

Councillor McCann raised a concern that the Council should ensure funds are invested ethically and with no impact to the environment.

Members noted that the PSDF fact sheet states that the CCLA monitor their counterparties' environmental, social and governance risk management, and that their research utilises their in-house Ethical and Responsible Investment Team.

15.2 It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Wicks, and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That as the business would not be completed by 10pm, the meeting continue until 10:30pm in order to complete the business set out in the agenda.

Voting: For: 14 Against: 3 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 3

Councillor Soane recommended that, as meeting extensions were becoming very regular, consideration should be made to starting meetings earlier.

- 15.3 Councillor McCann proposed that all short, medium and long-term investments from the Council must have an ethical and environmental dimension which are positive for the community. He stated they should be really simple, very flexible, and easily interpretable. Councillor McCann stated he was happy for the details of exactly how that would work to go to next Strategy & Resources meeting to see how it is practical, as it needs to be practical as well as ethical and environmental. Councillor McCann requested a seconder.

Councillor Anderson suggested changing the word dimension to assessment.

Councillor Baker stated he was concerned that the proposed wording makes a very strong commitment regardless of the practicalities. Councillor Baker proposed that the Investment Sub Committee review and assess the Treasury Management strategy with the underlying objective of the Town Council moving to a full ethical and environmental based investment strategy, which will then be brought to the Strategy & Resources Committee for approval.

At this point Councillor Skegg left the meeting.

Councillor McCann advised that he would withdraw his proposal.

Councillor Baker formally proposed, seconded by Councillor Brindley, the three recommendations included within Report No. TC 2/22, along with the additional recommendation added by the Deputy Town Clerk at the meeting, and Councillor Bakers further proposal, and following a vote on each recommendation individually it was:

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the contents of Report No. TC 2/22.
- ◆ To approve the investment of £2M, presently held in a Rathbones account, in a short term money market fund with the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund

Voting: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

- ◆ To approve the investment of:
 - the Council's 2022/23 estimated earmarked reserve of £715,888,
 - the High Street bank Time Deposit amounts, once they mature,
 - and other surplus funds from the 2022/23 precept through the year,in a second short term money market fund with the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

Voting: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 2

- ◆ To approve that the Investments Sub Committee will meet to update the Treasury Management Strategy in line with the new arrangements.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 1

- ◆ To approve that updates on the progress of the Council's funds placed within the PSDF will be reported to each meeting of the Strategy & Resources Committee.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 1

- ◆ To approve that the Investments Sub Committee review and assess the Treasury Management strategy with the underlying objective of the Town Council moving to a full ethical and environmental based investment strategy, to then be brought to the Strategy & Resources Committee for approval.

Voting: For: 18 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 1

- 15.4 At this point Councillor McCann left the meeting.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Mayor proposed adjourning the meeting and carrying forward the remaining items to the next Full Council meeting. Councillor Jewell recommended the meeting continue, stating that she believe the next item could be approved quickly.

16. **VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF SUB COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

It was proposed by Councillor Jewell, seconded by Councillor Baker, and it was:

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the contents of Report No. TC 3/22.
- ◆ To approve the holding of all future meetings of sub committees, working parties and partnerships virtually, where no formal decision making is required.

Voting: For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 No Vote Registered: 1

17. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members noted the following written reports which had been included in the agenda:

- Robert Palmer's Almshouse Charity by Councillor Rahmouni
- Sonning & District Welfare & Educational Trust by Councillor Smith
- Readibus by Councillor Heap

18. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

The Town Mayor advised Members to note the details of the events which both the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor had attended since the last Full Council meeting, as provided in the agenda.

19. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councillor Heap requested that, at the next appropriate meeting, the Council considers what it's responsibility would be in the event that the country were to go to war, citing that a missile had recently struck within 21 miles of a NATO country.

20. **PUBLICITY AND WEBSITE**

There were no suggestions for items to be publicised.

Meeting closed at 10:14 pm