CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCRUTINY AND POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2016 at 6.00 pm

Present:-
Cllr C P Jamieson – Chairman
Cllr Mrs L Dedman – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr J Abbott, Hon Freeman Cllr C R Bungey, Cllr D A Flagg,
Cllr T Fox, Cllr W Grace, Cllr P R A Hall, Cllr D C Jones,
Cllr Mrs D Jones and Hon Freeman Cllr J Lofts

Also in attendance: Cllr A Barfield, Cllr C Bath, Cllr B Davis, Cllr V Hallam, Cllr R Nottage,
attendance: Cllr Mrs S Spittle and Cllr T R Watts

Apologies: Cllr N C Geary

145. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations made on this occasion.

146. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016 were confirmed and
signed as a correct record subject to noting that Cllr Fox gave his apologies
for the meeting.

Members also took the opportunity to congratulate staff on their exceptional
work in the one-stop shop during the building works.

147. Scrutiny Review - Highcliffe Beach Huts

The Chairman provided Members with a verbal update on the review
stating that following discussions with Members of staff and the Chief
Executive, there was now a date set for an examination in public on
Tuesday, 11th October in the Council Chamber. He stated that they were
still finalising the list of people attending, and proposed that following the
meeting, a Task and Finish Group be created to distil the information
 gained and present a report at the November Meeting of this Committee.

The Ward Member of Highcliffe clarified and requested that it be noted that
as an elected member he did not have to make a declaration of interest on
things happening in his ward that he has been involved with.

Following a query, it was clarified that the meeting was not a public
meeting, but a meeting in public. There would be no opportunity for
members of the public to participate, but they are able to attend.

RESOLVED that a meeting on the Highcliffe Beach Huts take place in
public on Tuesday, 11th October and subsequently a Task and Finish
Group be created to distil the information gained with a report to be presented to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee in November.

Voting: Nem Con (1 Abstention)

148. The Process Leading Up To The Erection Of The Mudeford Sandbank Pontoon Gate Task and Finish Group

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix ‘A’ to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman of the Task and Finish Group presented the report which concluded that the process leading to the installation of the gate on the Mudeford Sandbank Pontoon was open transparent, and correct in its process. As a result of this conclusion, there were no recommendations; however, the Task and Finish Group endorsed the need for Policy and Resources Committee Task and Finish Group which was reviewing future facility provision for the users of the Mudeford Sandbank.

Following some concerns raised, it was stated that any issues with the written protocol set out for officers was a separate matter that Members would need to look into if they want to amend the Constitution. It was therefore requested that this be added to the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the conclusion of The Task and Finish Group as set out in the report be agreed.

Nem Con (3 Abstentions)


The Scrutiny Officer submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix ‘B’ to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members congratulated the previous Chairman of the Scrutiny and Policy Review Committee and the Scrutiny Officer for all their hard work.

RESOLVED that the 2015/16 Annual Report be noted.

Voting: Nem Con

150. Minutes of the Stour Valley and Poole Partnership Joint Committee

Members noted the Minutes of the Stour Valley and Poole Partnership Joint Committee held on 27 June 2016.

151. Work Programme

The Scrutiny Officer submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix ‘C’ to these Minutes in the Minute Book.
Members requested that the new Police Chief Inspector be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to introduce him or herself.

The Chairman stated that the item titled “Redevelopment of the Civic Offices and Surrounding Areas” would be removed. He proposed to replace this with an item to scrutinise the policy/procedure in place that brings forward any large projects to Committee.

Following a query from a Member, it was stated that a Special Meeting will be arranged for the second week in January to discuss the reshaping of Councils in Dorset.

**RESOLVED that the Work Programme be updated accordingly.**

Voting: Unanimous

The Chairman then proposed that following the earlier resolution, changes be made to the Terms & Conditions agreed at the last meeting for the Highcliffe Beach Huts Review.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- Resolution (d) be changed to read:- Authorises the appointment by the Special meeting of a task and finish group to prepare the report to be bought to the next meeting of Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committee
- Resolution (e) be removed.

Voting: Unanimous

152. Single Member Items

There were no items received on this occasion.

153. Press Releases

A Member requested that the meeting schedule for 11th October to discuss the Highcliffe Beach Huts be put into the public domain so everyone is aware of what is happening.

It was also requested that both officers and members of the public be commended for their continued cooperation during these building works.

The meeting ended at 6.55 pm

CHAIRMAN