

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR BOURNEMOUTH

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr R Lawton – Mayor

Cllr D Kelsey – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr M Anderson, Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr R Burton, Cllr M Davies, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr L Fear, Cllr A Filer, Cllr M Haines, Cllr N Hedges, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr R Rocca and Cllr L Williams

Also in attendance: Alderman M Filer

24. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Allen, L Allison, M Andrews, D Brown, S Bull, B Dunlop, M Iyengar, L Lewis, D Mellor, K Rampton and K Wilson.

25. Declarations of Interests

The Honorary Clerk reported that no declarations of interest had been received for this meeting.

26. Confirmation of Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

27. Charter Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that he had carried out over 60 engagements since the last meeting, including:

- Visiting residents celebrating their 100th birthdays;
- Visiting the Coastguard Station at Hengistbury Head;
- Black History Month events;
- A fundraising event for a child with Cerebral Palsy;
- Remembrance events;
- Christmas Day with the Salvation Army in Boscombe.

28. Report of the Bournemouth Charter Trustees Civic Working Group

The Deputy Mayor presented a report summarising the issues discussed at the Civic Working Group held on 19 December 2022.

The £10k budget allocation for Coronation events was confirmed, as set out within Item 6 of the agenda. It was agreed that the use of this budget be delegated to the Working Group.

Regarding the requested joint meeting of BCP, Bournemouth and Poole to discuss the engagement matrix, Trustees were informed that this had taken place on 20 January 2023 and that further information would be provided in due course.

In response to a query on the display of past Charter Mayors in the BCP Civic Centre, Trustees were advised that the displays would be put in place following completion of ongoing building works.

Cllr Filer reiterated her thanks to the Civic Team for providing a great service to the Civic Dignitaries.

RESOLVED:-

- a) **That The Civic Working Group be delegated authority to agree a programme of events and expenditure from within the allocated £10k budget.**

Voting: Unanimous

29. Budget and Precept 2023/24

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a Budget and Precept report.

Trustees were advised that, due to an underspend of the 2022/23 Budget and an increased investment from unspent Reserves, the £10,000 allocated for the Coronation was to be met from Reserves.

It was confirmed that, following an increase in the number of tax base properties, the Council Tax charge to residents had been reduced by 1.8% on a Band D property.

Cllr M Anderson congratulated officers for their efforts in securing a reduction in the Council Tax as part of the budget.

RESOLVED: that:-

- a) **The proposed budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A be approved;**
- b) **The council tax requirement and precept of £147,091 be approved.**

Voting: Unanimous

30. Review of the Risk Register - Bournemouth

The Deputy Head of Democratic Services presented a report detailing the annual review of the Risk Register for the Charter Trustees of Bournemouth.

Reduced risks regarding historical and ceremonial assets, transmission of the covid-19 infection, and the Charter budget, were highlighted.

Trustees suggested that many of the ceremonial and historical assets were suitable for display, and it was agreed that officers would provide further information on this to the Civic Working Group.

RESOLVED: that the risk register, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

31. Appointment to the position of Mayor of Bournemouth 2023/24

The Deputy Head of Democratic Services confirmed the appointment of Councillor Roberto Rocca as the Mayor of Bournemouth for 2023/24, and subsequent Deputy Mayor of Bournemouth for 2024/25.

Councillor Rocca indicated that he was immensely proud and felt privileged to accept the nomination.

The meeting ended at 6.27 pm

MAYOR