

THE CHARTER TRUSTEES FOR POOLE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2023 at 5.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr T Trent – Mayor

Cllr Julie Bagwell – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr M F Brooke (Sheriff), Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr D Brown, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr D Butt, Cllr B Dion, Cllr L-J Evans, Cllr S Gabriel, Cllr M Haines, Cllr M Howell, Cllr D Mellor, Cllr S Moore, Cllr T O'Neill, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr V Slade and Cllr M White

30. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: S Baron, J Beesley, P Broadhead, J Butt, M Earl, T Johnson, A Hadley, M Iyengar, R Maidment, & M Robson.

31. Declarations of Interests

Councillors T Trent and M Brooke reported a declaration of interest in respect of Item 7, as they were honorary members of the Poole Cherbourg Twinning Association Board through their roles as Mayor and Sheriff of Poole.

Councillor L-J Evans reported a declaration of interest in respect of Item 7 as she was a member of the Poole/Cherbourg Twinning Association Board and was a member of the Society for Poole.

Councillor Marcus Andrews reported a declaration of interest in respect of Item 7 as he was a member of the Poole/Cherbourg Twinning Association Board.

All above Councillors confirmed they would leave the room for Agenda Item 7 (a) and not take part in the debate or vote.

32. Confirmation of Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

33. Charter Mayor's Report

The Mayor updated the Charter Trustees on his activities and engagements since the last meeting in October.

34. Update on the intentions for Historic and Listed Poole Civic Centre

The Charter Trustees received a verbal update on the future intentions and plans for the historic and listed part of Poole Civic Centre.

A request was made for further detail on the costs implications to reopen the Civic part of the building for Civic and Community events and it was agreed that this would be provided to the Charter Trustees following the meeting.

35. Report of the Poole Charter Trustees Civic Working Group

The Sheriff presented a report summarising the matters discussed at the Civic Working Group meeting held on 19 December 2022:

Poole Civic Flag:

RESOLVED: That the Charter Trustees delegate all further matters relating to the Civic Flag to the Civic Working Party

Voting: Unanimous

Marking the Coronation:

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Charter Trustees agree to delegate authority to the Civic Working Group, with the addition of the Budget Signatories, to determine the use of this budget.
- b) That the Working Party proposals for use of the budget be circulated to all Charter Trustees for comment.

Voting: Unanimous

Accommodation Review and Annual/ Mayor-Making meeting:

RESOLVED: That the Charter Trustees:

- a) Confirmed that they wish to hold future Charter Trustee meetings at the Guildhall,
- b) Requested that officers provide further information relating to venue and equipment costs;
- c) delegated further actions relating to the use of the Guildhall for future meetings of the Charter Trustees to the Working Group, and;

Voting: Unanimous

d) Agreed to change the date and venue of the Annual/Mayor Making meeting to Tuesday 6 June 2023 at the Guildhall.

Voting: 12 for – 4 against

Beating of the Sea Bounds 2024:

Resolved: That the Sheriff Elect be appointed to sit on the Society for Poole committee for the planning of the event.

36. Budget and Precept 2023/24

The Mayor, Sheriff, Councillors Andrews & Evans left the room at 18:26, and returned 18:30.

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a Budget and Precept report, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That:

- a) the Poole - Cherbourg Twinning Association grant is increased from £1,500 to £4,000 for 2023/24;
- b) The proposed budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix A be approved;
- c) The council tax requirement and precept of £126,084 be approved.

Voting: Unanimous

37. Review of the Risk Register - Poole

The Deputy Head of Democratic Services presented a report detailing the annual review of the Risk Register for the Charter Trustees of Poole. Reduced risks regarding historical and ceremonial assets, transmission of the covid-19 infection, and the Charter budget, were highlighted.

Following requests from Trustees, it was agreed that future risk registers include dates for completed actions, where appropriate. Additionally, it was agreed that information relating to personal injury Member training, together with public liability insurance cover for the over 80's, be provided following the meeting.

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

Voting: Unanimous

38. Appointment to the positions of Mayor and Sheriff of Poole 2023/24

The Deputy Head of Democratic Services confirmed the nominations of Councillor Julie Bagwell for the Mayor of Poole for 2023/24, and subsequent Deputy Mayor of Poole for 2024/25 and Councillor Bryan Dion for the Sheriff of Poole 2023/24 and subsequent Mayor of Poole 2024/25.

The meeting ended at 6.39 pm

MAYOR