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Minutes of the meeting of the EXTRAORDINARY Full Council Meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Donovan, Cllr Harman, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Fabry, Cllr Gordon-Garrett, Cllr Rosser, Cllr Davies, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Studd, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Mills.

Officers: George Dyson (Town Clerk), Kevin Bray (Parks Officer), Zoe Polydorou (Meetings & Projects Officer)

C1441 MAYOR/CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting at 18:02, welcomed everyone and thanked those that attended the Civic Service on Sunday, reminded everyone that Bingo is tomorrow afternoon, read out a statement on Civility & Respect, ran through the building fire procedures, asked that phones be put onto silent, and reminded Council about the importance of confidentiality for items under a confidential heading.

C1442 PUBLIC SESSION.

Cllr Davies raised on behalf of the MP, Chris Ward, that there is an event on Saturday at the Meridian Centre at 10:30am, which is non-political to raise awareness about the need for a supermarket in Peacehaven.

C1443 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sharkey and Cllr Veck.

Cllr Wood, Bradley, and Cheta were also absent.

C1444 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

C1445 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025

Proposed by: Cllr Mills

Seconded by: Cllr Rosser

The minutes of 2nd September 2025 were **agreed** and **adopted**.

C1446 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30PM.

The next meeting was confirmed as 21st October 2025.

C1447 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell

Seconded by: Cllr Alexander

Council **resolved** to **exclude** press and public from the remaining agenda items.

NOTE: In accordance with Standing Order No. 3(d) and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1, in view of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted, the public and press are excluded from the rest of the meeting.

C1448 TO AGREE TO RENEW THE BOWLS CLUB LEASE

Council discussed the provisions in the lease, and some concerns were raised by Councillors, in particular relating to the cost of the lease and when rent increases are applied, why the lease did not go through the Policy & Finance Committee first, and a lack of comparison with the previous lease being available.

It was proposed that Council agree to execute the lease and give authority to proceed.

Proposed by: Cllr Griffiths **Seconded by:** Harman

Council **did not agree** to this proposal, by a majority vote of 5 in favour, and 7 against.

It was proposed that the item be deferred to the Policy & Finance Committee for further discussion before coming back to Council for agreement.

Proposed by: Cllr Davies **Seconded by:** Cllr Gallagher

Council **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal by a majority vote of 7 in favour and 5 against.

C1449 TO RECEIVE A CONFIDENTIAL UPDATE AND AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WORKS AT THE HUB

Cllr Donovan asked about why the company being put forward, which the Town Clerk clarified background to.

Cllr Gallagher asked about the qualifications of the consultants involved, which the Parks Officer clarified.

Cllr Alexander asked about what input from Councillors would be needed as part of this process, the Town Clerk summarised briefly the Councillor involvement, and how it would be important to ensure the ultimate agreement for the project to proceed.

It was proposed that Council agree to the recommendation

Proposed by: Cllr Campell **Seconded by:** Cllr Griffiths

Council **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal

Officers were also thanked for their work in progressing this.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 18:44.