

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

13 December 2007 at 7.30 pm

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor H.W.V. Meares in the Chair)

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Prof. I.O. Angell, Mrs F.M. Angell, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs F.J. Barden, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, H.A. Butterfield, M.J. Brown, D.A. Cotty, A.J. Davis, Mrs R.M. Denby, R.J. Edis, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs C.E. Gant, Mrs E. Gill, Mrs L.M. Gillham, D.R. Hamilton, Ms R.E. Haylor, Miss M.N. Heath, R.N. Jones, C. Knight, Mrs Y.P. Lay, H.W.V. Meares, Prof. A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, D.W. Parr, J.W.C. Perschke, B.J. Relph, Mrs M. Roberts, P.I. Roberts, Ms C.M. Simmons, N. Stewert, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, P.J. Waddell and G.B. Woodger.

Members of the  
Council absent:

Councillors J. Broadhead, Ms D.V. Clarke, M.T. Kusneraitis, and A.D. Mills.

429. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor read out the Fire Precautions Procedure to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency.

430. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 October 2007 were confirmed and signed as a current record.

431. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported some of his recent engagements as follows:

- the receiving of the Mayor of Joinville Le Pont on his recent visit to Runnymede;
- attendance at the Royal Air Forces Memorial on Remembrance Day;
- the Civic Reception held at Great Fosters on 5 December had been attended by 250 persons representing the community, business and voluntary sectors.

The Mayor announced that the Valentine Opera Interlude Evening would be held on Friday 15 February at Windsor Theatre, Royal Holloway College, as a meeting of the Council to set the Council Tax would be held on the 14 February.

Finally, the Mayor then asked Councillor Mrs. P. Broadhead to present the former Mayor, Councillor A.M. Moore, with a Certificate for achieving third place in the Co-operative Bank Mayor of the Year Award. Councillor Moore thanked Councillors Mrs Broadhead and Furey who had supported the nomination and the members of his fundraising committee.

432. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Broadhead, Ms D.V. Clarke, M.T. Kusneraitis and A.D. Mills.

433. FINANCIAL FORECAST

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 323 on page 459 (Minutes of 1 November 2007) be approved.**

434. PLANNING GUIDANCE

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Planning Committee as set out in paragraph 375 on page 539 (Minutes of 20 November 2007) be approved.**

435. LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF THE LICENSING POLICY

The Council considered a recommendation from the Licensing Committee which had met on 22 November 2007.

**RESOLVED that –**

**the revised draft Licensing Policy 2008-2010 be approved.**

436. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2008/2009

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 29 November 2007.

**RESOLVED that –**

**the Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2008/2009 be approved subject to the meeting of the Englefield Green Committee scheduled for 5 November 2008, being rescheduled to take place on 4 November 2008.**

437. NOTICE OF MOTION – AIRTRACK

The following Motion was moved by Councillor G.B. Woodger and seconded by Councillor P.I. Roberts:

\*(1) That Standing Order 15.6 be suspended for this meeting to the extent necessary to allow the motion set out below to be determined without reference to Committee;

(2) That the Council reaffirms its support for Airtrack and the benefits it will bring:-

- to residents of Runnymede through reducing road traffic;
- to airport employees travelling to and from work; and
- to air travellers accessing Heathrow.

The Council also urges the Minister for Transport to consider improvements to the road infrastructure in respect of level crossings in Addlestone, Egham and Staines, which will close to road traffic more often as a result of the increased number of trains and rail usage."

The Council resolved that Standing Order 15.6 be suspended in order to allow the Motion to be determined by Council rather than referred to the appropriate Committee.

The following Amendment was moved to part (2) of the above Motion by Councillor A.M. Moore, seconded by Councillor Alderson:-

- (2) Provided that the problems of long down times at level crossings in the Borough can be solved, then this Council reaffirms its support for Airtrack and the benefits it will bring:
- to residents of Runnymede through reducing road traffic;
  - to airport employees travelling to and from work; and
  - to air travellers accessing Heathrow.

This Council requests the Minister for Transport to initiate improvements to the road infrastructure and railway signalling at level crossings in Addlestone, Egham and Staines and asks for solutions to the problems of severe traffic congestion in the Borough.

The insertion of the words "solutions to" instead of "one or two road bridges to be built to solve" in the above Amendment were accepted by the mover and seconder of the Amendment.

Upon the Amendment being put to the vote, the Amendment was declared to be lost.

Council then returned to the substantive Motion. The mover and seconder of the Motion were agreeable to the substitution of the word "consider" with "facilitate" and the addition of the words "and rail" in line 5 and 6 respectively of the Motion. Accordingly, the Motion was put to the vote and it was

**RESOLVED that –**

**the Council reaffirms its support for Airtrack and the benefits it will bring:-**

- **to residents of Runnymede through reducing road traffic;**
- **to airport employees travelling to and from work; and**
- **to air travellers accessing Heathrow.**

**The Council also urges the Minister for Transport to facilitate improvements to the road and rail infrastructure in respect of level crossings in Addlestone, Egham and Staines, which will close to road traffic more often as a result of the increased number of trains and rail usage.**

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 8.32pm)