

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 5th December, 2019 at 7.00 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Cllr Sue Carter (Chairman))
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr P.F. Rust (Vice-Chairman))

Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford	Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr M.S. Choudhary	Cllr A.K. Chowdhury
Cllr D.E. Clifford	Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr A.H. Crawford	Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr P.J. Cullum	Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green	Cllr C.P. Grattan
Cllr Christine Guinness	Cllr A.J. Halstead
Cllr L. Jeffers	Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr Nadia Martin	Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr T.W. Mitchell	Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr K.H. Muschamp	Cllr A.R. Newell
Cllr Sophie Porter	Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr M.D. Smith	Cllr Calum Stewart
Cllr P.G. Taylor	Cllr M.J. Tennant
Cllr B.A. Thomas	Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber
Honorary Alderman A.E.A. Gardiner

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Gaynor Austin, Cllr T.D. Bridgeman, Cllr Sophia Choudhary, Cllr Prabesh KC, Cllr J.H. Marsh and Cllr M.J. Roberts.

Before the meeting was opened, the Mayor's Chaplain, Revd. Steve Stewart, led the meeting in prayers.

35. **MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** by Cllr A.R. Newell; **SECONDED** by Cllr P.G. Taylor and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3rd October 2019 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

36. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) The Mayor conveyed her sincere condolences, on behalf of the Council, to the family of former Mayor and Councillor Alan Ferrier who had recently passed away. Alan Ferrier had served on the Council for 33 years and held the position of Mayor twice.

- (2) The Mayor advised Members that she had visited a number of primary schools in the Borough in recent weeks as well as Farnham, Fleet and Aldershot Sea Cadets to talk to them about being the Mayor. There had also been a number of community events which the Mayor had attended including the Rushmoor Firework Extravaganza and switching on the Christmas lights in Aldershot Town Centre. The Community Carol Services had been held the previous evening which had been extremely well attended and included children singing and a spectacular fireworks display.
- (3) The Mayor's Charity Horse Race Night had been held on 25th October and was very well attended and raised £682 for the Mayor's charities, the Mayor thanked those that had attended and supported the event. A charity quiz night was being held on 24th January 2020 and Members were invited to join a team. The Mayor's Charity Banquet and Ball was being held on 6th March at Princes Hall and invitations would be sent out shortly.
- (4) The Mayor advised Members that on 10th December a Mayor's Grotto was being set up at Christ Church in Cove. The Mayor thanked those Members that had donated presents. The number of presents received from organisations and residents for the Grotto had been overwhelming and, in addition to the Grotto, presents would be donated to schools and hospitals in the area for deserving children. Members were asked to advise the Mayor of any families they would like to nominate to receive presents.

37. **STANDING ORDER 8 - QUESTIONS**

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order 8 (3).

38. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Council was asked to consider two Notices of Motion which had been submitted for debate in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1).

(1) **Highways Responsibilities**

A Motion had been submitted by Cllr A.K. Chowdhury in respect of highways responsibilities. It was MOVED by Cllr A.K. Chowdhury; SECONDED by Cllr T.W. Mitchell - That

"This Council recognises that the standard of highways in this Borough is crucially important to local people.

The current response and priority given to Rushmoor has been problematical since agency agreements with Hampshire CC have been amended over the years.

We believe that it's essential for the good of our residents that we take back some control of our own highways' issues.

We call on those responsible in Hampshire and Rushmoor to enter into negotiations to allow this Council to take back more control of highways in Rushmoor, with Hampshire delegating the necessary resources through a revised agency arrangement.”

In introducing the Motion, Cllr Chowdhury said that there was a weakness in the agency agreement with Hampshire County Council in addressing highways issues in the Borough. In three quarters of the case work dealt with by Cllr Chowdhury the issues were the responsibility of the County Council and Rushmoor Council were unable to take any action as only the County Council could make the decision. Cllr Chowdhury proposed that Rushmoor Council should take back better control of highways management.

An amendment to the Motion was MOVED by Cllr K. Dibble; SECONDED by Cllr D.E. Clifford that the matter should be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues in more detail in respect of cost and resource implications in bringing highway management under the control of Rushmoor Council.

There voted FOR: 32; AGAINST: 0 and the amended Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

(2) **Heathrow Southern Railway**

A Motion had been submitted by Cllr J.B. Canty in respect of the Council endorsing the Heathrow Southern Railway’s proposal as its preferred option for a Southern Rail Link from Heathrow Airport to Farnborough. Since the Notice of Motion had been published on the agenda, Cllr Canty had agreed that the proposal should be considered further by the Policy and Project Advisory Board. Therefore, he had withdrawn the Motion from the meeting agenda.

39. **RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JOHN WOOLLEY AND APPOINTMENTS**

It was NOTED that Cllr John Woolley had resigned as a Member of Fernhill Ward with effect from 3rd December 2019. As a result of the resignation, there was a vacancy to be filled on the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee.

It was MOVED by Cllr S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cllr D.E. Clifford - that Cllr M.S. Choudhary be appointed as a Member of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year.

There voted FOR: 24; AGAINST: 0 and the appointment was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

40. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET**

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted for the Cabinet.

41. **REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES**

(1) Cabinet

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cllr M.L. Sheehan and

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 15th October and 12th November, 2019 be received.

(2) Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee

It was MOVED by Cllr S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cllr J.B. Cauty and

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the meetings of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee held on 23rd September and 16th October, 2019 be received.

(3) Development Management Committee

It was MOVED by Cllr B.A. Thomas; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 20th November, 2019 be received.

42. **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD**

RESOLVED: That the Reports of the undermentioned meetings of the Policy and Project Advisory Board and Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received:

Meeting	Date
Policy and Project Advisory Board	25th September 2019
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	24th October 2019
Policy and Project Advisory Board	20th November 2019

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.
