

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held virtually on Thursday, 14th May, 2020 at 6.30 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Cllr Sue Carter (Chairman))

Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr A.K. Chowdhury
Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr C.P. Grattan
Cllr A.J. Halstead
Cllr Prabesh KC
Cllr J.H. Marsh
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr A.R. Newell
Cllr M.J. Roberts
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr P.G. Taylor
Cllr B.A. Thomas

Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sophia Choudhary
Cllr D.E. Clifford
Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr Nadia Martin
Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr K.H. Muschamp
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr Calum Stewart
Cllr M.J. Tennant
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

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

1. **COUNCILLOR FRANK RUST - DEPUTY MAYOR OF RUSHMOOR**

The Mayor spoke of the recent, sudden and sad death of Cllr Frank Rust due to the Coronavirus. She referred to Cllr Rust as being a faithful, much respected and loved servant to the Borough. The Mayor invited Cllr Keith Dibble to speak on behalf of all Members of the Council. Cllr Dibble said that Cllr Rust had been a friend for 40 years, a neighbour for 36 and a fellow councillor for 22 years. Cllr Rust had served as Mayor of Rushmoor in 2003/04 and had been looking forward to serving again in 2020/21. His funeral had been held recently at the Aldershot Crematorium, attended by just seven people. Frank's widow and family and the Council would be organising a celebration of life memorial service when the current restrictions had been lifted, when everyone would have the opportunity to remember Frank. On behalf of Carol Rust and family, Cllr Dibble thanked all those who had sent messages of sympathy and condolence.

2. **MINUTES**

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cllr P.G. Taylor and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th February, 2020 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **NEW REGULATIONS - REMOTE MEETINGS**

The Government had recently introduced the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which enabled local authorities to hold meetings virtually by using video or telephone conferencing technology. The Regulations would apply until 6th May, 2021.

In order to facilitate meetings of the relevant bodies set out in the Council's Constitution, including the Council and Committees it was **MOVED** by Cllr S.J. Masterson; **SECONDED** by Cllr A.J. Newell – That, having regard to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the application of the appropriate provisions contained in the Constitution relating to the organisation and operation of meetings, including Standing Orders, be suspended so that they can be adapted and amended to facilitate the effective running of meetings remotely and the transaction of the business of the Council.

There voted **FOR**: 36; **AGAINST**: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

4. **CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

The Chairman of the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee (Cllr S.J. Masterson) introduced the Report of the Committee's meeting held on 23rd March, 2020 when consideration had been given to a revised and updated Constitution for the Council. Changes had been proposed to the overall structure and content of the Constitution to ensure that the provisions remained up-to-date and the Council continued to work effectively in the context of ongoing modernisation and transformation and to help ensure the delegation arrangements were sustainable for the future.

It was **MOVED** by Cllr S.J. Masterson; **SECONDED** by Cllr A.J. Newell – That approval be given to the draft revised Constitution.

There voted **FOR**: 34; **AGAINST**: 0 and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

NOTE: In accordance with Standing Order 29, the 'Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business' to stand adjourned without discussion to the Council Meeting on 25th June, 2020.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was **MOVED** by Cllr K.H. Muschamp; **SECONDED** by Cllr P.G. Taylor - That Cllr D.E. Clifford be appointed Leader of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2021.

There voted FOR: 24; AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: 12 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

6. **APPOINTMENTS 2020/21**

Subject to the nomination of Cllr M.D. Smith as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Jacqui Vosper replacing Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford on the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee and Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford replacing Cllr Jacqui Vosper on the Development Management Committee, it was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford and SECONDED by Cllr K.H. Muschamp –

(1) **Appointment of Cabinet Members –**

That it be noted that the following appointments of the Deputy Leader and the following councillors as Cabinet Portfolio Holders for the Municipal Year 2020/21 had been made by the Leader of the Council:

Cllr K.H. Muschamp – Deputy Leader and Customer Experience and Improvement
Cllr Marina Munro – Planning and Economy
Cllr A.R. Newell – Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships
Cllr M.L. Sheehan – Operational Services
Cllr P.G. Taylor – Corporate Services
Cllr M.J. Tennant – Major Projects and Property

(2) **Committees –**

That the appointments to Committees for the 2020/21 Municipal Year be approved, in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated below:

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Voting Members

Conservative: 8

Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr J.H. Marsh
Cllr C.J. Stewart
Cllr B.A. Thomas

Labour: 3

Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr C.P. Grattan
Cllr Nadia Martin

Standing Deputies

Conservative:
Cllr M.D. Smith

Labour:
Cllr Sophie Porter

NOTE: The Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning matters is to be an ex officio non-voting member of the Development Management Committee.

LICENSING, AUDIT AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Voting Members:

Conservative: 7

Labour: 3

Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr Sophia Choudhary
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green
Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Prabesh KC
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr A.J. Halstead

Cllr A.K. Chowdhury

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:
Cllr Sue Carter

Labour:
Cllr C.P. Grattan

Liberal Democrat:
Cllr T.W. Mitchell

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Voting Members:

Conservative: 8

Labour: 3

Cllr D.B. Bedford
Cllr Sue Carter
Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr Christine Guinness

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:
Cllr J.H. Marsh

Labour:
Cllr K. Dibble

POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Voting Members

Conservative: 7

Labour: 3

Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sophia Choudhary
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr Prabesh KC
Cllr C.J. Stewart
Cllr B.A. Thomas

Cllr Nadia Martin
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr M.J. Roberts

Cllr. T.W. Mitchell

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:

Cllr Veronica Graham-
Green

Labour:

Cllr A.H. Crawford

Liberal Democrat:

Cllr A.K. Chowdhury

- (3) That the appointments of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the following Committees be approved as set out below:

Development Management

Chairman	-	Cllr J.H. Marsh
Vice-Chairman	-	Cllr C.J. Stewart

Licensing, Audit and General Purposes

Chairman	-	Cllr S.J. Masterson
Vice-Chairman	-	Cllr Mara Makunura

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chairman	-	Cllr M.D. Smith
Vice-Chairmen	-	To be appointed

Policy and Project Advisory Board

Chairman	-	Cllr J.B. Canty
Vice-Chairmen	-	To be appointed

- (4) That the appointments to the Management Boards for Council Trusts for the Municipal Year 2020/21 be approved as follows:

The Aldershot Recreation Ground Trust

Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford Cllr K. Dibble Cllr M.S. Choudhary

Standing Deputy: Cllr Nadia Martin

King George's Field, Farnborough Trust

Cllr C.J. Stewart Cllr C.P. Grattan Cllr P.G. Taylor

Standing Deputies: Cllr Mara Makunura and Cllr Christine Guinness

The Alfred Henry Goode Will Trust

Cllr D.E. Clifford Cllr A.H. Crawford Cllr K.H. Muschamp

Standing Deputy: Cllr Nadia Martin

There voted FOR: 34; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.
