

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Farnborough on Tuesday, 24th May, 2022 at 7.00 pm.

The Worshipful The Mayor (Mr B.A. Thomas) (In the Chair)
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr J.H. Marsh)

Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sue Carter
Cllr D.E. Clifford
Cllr Jules Crossley
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr Peace Essien Igodifo
Cllr Prabesh KC
Cllr Nadia Martin
Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr A.R. Newell
Cllr M.J. Roberts
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr Calum Stewart
Cllr M.J. Tennant
Cllr S. Trussler

Cllr Jessica Auton
Cllr Jib Belbase
Cllr C.W. Card
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr C.P. Grattan
Cllr Michael Hope
Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr S.J. Masterson
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr Sophie Porter
Cllr M.L. Sheehan
Cllr Sarah Spall
Cllr P.G. Taylor
Cllr Nem Thapa
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Honorary Alderman Sue Dibble
Honorary Alderman A. Gardiner
Honorary Alderman R.J Kimber
Honorary Alderman D.M. Welch

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr A. Adeola and Cllr A.H. Gani.

Before the meeting was opened, the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Malcolm Cummins, led the meeting in prayers.

1. **ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH**

Nominations were invited for the election of the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23. It was **MOVED** by Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford; **SECONDED** by Cllr K. Dibble - That Cllr John Henry Marsh be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

RESOLVED: That Councillor **JOHN HENRY MARSH** be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

The Mayor then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and took the Chair.

THE MAYOR (CLLR J.H. MARSH) IN THE CHAIR

The Mayor expressed his pride at the honour of being elected Mayor and first citizen of the Borough of Rushmoor. He thanked his proposer and seconder for their kind words and the Council for supporting his nomination. The Mayor signified the appointment of the Major Ted Benneyworth, as the Mayor's Chaplain. Major Benneyworth was from Salvation Army and the Mayor was looking forward to working together with him.

The Mayor announced that he would be supporting Parity for Disability and Phyllis Tuckwell as his charities for the year ahead.

2. VOTE OF THANKS

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cllr P.I.C. Crerar and

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Councillor Bruce Alfred Thomas as Mayor of the Borough and Mrs Tracey Thomas as Mayoress during the Municipal Year 2021/22.

The Mayor congratulated Mr Thomas and presented him with a framed, illuminated scroll, together with a Past Mayor's Badge and a Past Mayoress's Badge and bouquet to Mrs Thomas.

Other Councillors paid tribute to Mr Thomas' successful Mayoral Year.

In response, Mr Thomas thanked the proposer and seconder for their kind words. He referred to the amazing year that he and Mrs Thomas had experienced as Mayor and Mayoress and said that it had been an absolute honour for them both. Mr Thomas referred to some particular highlights of the Mayoral Year and was pleased to report that over £10,000 had been raised for his charities (Phyllis Tuckwell and The Vine Centre).

Mr Thomas thanked his Chaplain, Reverend Malcolm Cummins, who had been a great support to him and presented him with a gift in appreciation of his year as Mayor's Chaplain.

Mr Thomas thanked his wife, who had been his rock with her support and strength during his Mayoral Year.

3. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough. It was MOVED by Cllr Christine Guinness; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford – That Cllr C.P. Grattan be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

RESOLVED: That Councillor **CLIVE PATRICK GRATTAN** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

Cllr Grattan then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Deputy Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder for their kind words and the Council for the confidence placed in him. He pledged his support to the Mayor in the coming year.

4. **MINUTES**

It was MOVED by Cllr M.L. Sheehan; SECONDED by Cllr P.G. Taylor and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 28th April 2021 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

5. **RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Returning Officer, Mr. P. Shackley, submitted his report on the results of the Borough Council Elections held on Thursday, 5th May 2022 (appended to these minutes).

The Mayor congratulated all Members who had been re-elected and extended a warm welcome to the new councillors: Cllrs Ade Adeola, Craig Card, Jules Crossley, Peace Essien-Igodifo, Akmal Gani, Stuart Trussler and the Deputy Mayor (Cllr Clive Grattan).

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor advised that he would be holding a Banquet on Friday, 10th March 2023 at Princes Hall and two Afternoon Tea events during his Mayoral Year. He also announced that he would be inviting the Borough's Ukrainian refugees and their sponsors to a formal welcome at the Council Offices in the near future.

The Mayor reminded Members and guests that a range of events would be taking place across the Borough the following week to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The two civic events were a Beacon Lighting Ceremony followed by firework display at the Wellington Statue in Aldershot on 2nd June and a Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints on 5th June.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was MOVED by Cllr M.L. Sheehan; SECONDED by Cllr M.J. Tennant - That Cllr D.E. Clifford be appointed Leader of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

There voted FOR: 25; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

8. APPOINTMENTS 2022/23

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford and SECONDED by Cllr M.J. Tennant –

Appointment of Cabinet Portfolio Holders –

That it be noted that the following appointments of Cabinet Portfolio Holders and the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23 had been made by the Leader of the Council:

Cllr M.L. Sheehan – Deputy Leader and Operational Services
Cllr M.J. Tennant – Deputy Leader and Major Projects and Property
Cllr J.B. Canty – Customer Experience, Digital and Transformation
Cllr Sue Carter – Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships
Cllr A.R. Newell – Planning and Economy
Cllr P.G. Taylor – Corporate Services

Committees –

That the appointments to Committees for the 2022/23 Municipal Year be approved, in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated below:

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Voting Members

Conservative: 8	Labour: 2	Liberal Democrat: 1
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford	Cllr Clive Grattan	Cllr T.W. Mitchell
Cllr Jib Belbase	Cllr Sophie Porter	
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar		
Cllr Peace Essien-Igodofa		
Cllr Michael Hope		
Cllr L. Jeffers		
Cllr S.J. Masterson		
Cllr C.J. Stewart		

Standing Deputies

Conservative:	Labour:	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A.H. Gani	Cllr Nadia Martin	Cllr Craig Card

NOTE: The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy to be an ex officio non-voting member of the Development Management Committee.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Conservative: 8

Labour: 3

Cllr A. Adeola
Cllr Jessica Auton
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr P.J. Cullum
Cllr A.H. Gani
Cllr Nem Thapa
Cllr S. Trussler
Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Christine Guinness
Cllr Sarah Spall

Standing Deputies

Conservative:

Cllr Mara Makunura

Labour:

Cllr C.P. Grattan

NOTE: The Independent Member (Audit) of the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee – Mr Tom Davies – is to be a non-voting Member of the Committee.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –

Voting Members

Conservative: 8

Labour: 3

Cllr A. Adeola
Cllr Mrs D.B. Bedford
Cllr L. Jeffers
Cllr Prabesh KC
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr S. Trussler

Cllr Gaynor Austin
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Sophie Porter

Standing Deputies

Conservative:

Cllr Jib Belbase

Labour:

Cllr Nadia Martin

POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Voting Members

Conservative: 8

Labour: 2

Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr Jessica Auton

Cllr Jules Crossley

Cllr C.W. Card

Cllr Jib Belbase

Cllr M.J. Roberts

Cllr M.S. Choudhary

Cllr P.I.C. Crerar

Cllr Peace Essien-Igodifo

Cllr Michael Hope

Cllr Marina Munro

Cllr Jacqui Vosper

Standing Deputies

Conservative:

Cllr P.J. Cullum

Labour:

Cllr Christine Guinness

Liberal Democrat:

Cllr T.W. Mitchell

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

Development Management

Chairman

-

Cllr C.J. Stewart

Vice-Chairman

-

Cllr L. Jeffers

Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards

Chairman

-

Cllr P.J. Cullum

Vice-Chairman

-

Cllr Jessica Auton

- (4) That the appointment of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Project Advisory Board be approved as set out below:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Cllr M.D. Smith

Policy and Project Advisory Board

Cllr Marina Munro

- (5) That the appointments to the Management Boards for Council Trusts for the Municipal Year 2022/23 be approved as follows, and that each Management Board be authorised to make decisions on behalf of the Council by majority vote:

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 Christine Guinness Cllr P.G. Taylor

Standing Deputy: Cllr Mara Makunura

The Alfred Henry Goode Will Trust

Cllr D.E. Clifford Cllr Nadia Martin Cllr Sophie Porter

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

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 24TH MAY 2022

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
5TH MAY 2022

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

ALDERSHOT PARK

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5083	1413	27.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
ARMITAGE	David Anthony	562
CROSSLEY	Jules	840

Candidate Elected
JULES CROSSLEY

CHERRYWOOD

No. of Electors	No. of Ballots Completed	Percentage
5144	1743	34%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
GRATTAN	Clive Patrick	1008
PUN	Suman	730

Candidate Elected
CLIVE PATRICK GRATTAN

COVE AND SOUTHWOOD

No. of Electors
5375

No. of Ballots Completed
1672

Percentage
31%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
JABBI	Madi	417
MITCHELL	Emily Rebecca	374
TENNANT	<i>Martin John</i>	869

Candidate Elected
MARTIN JOHN TENNANT

EMPRESS

No. of Electors
4582

No. of Ballots Completed
1603

Percentage
35%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CARD	Leola Jane	337
SMITH	<i>Mike</i>	739
WILLIAMS	Gareth Idris	514

Candidate Elected
MIKE SMITH

FERNHILL

No. of Electors
5232

No. of Ballots Completed
1404

Percentage
27%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
GANI	Akmal Hussain	705
GARDNER	Janet	391
SWEET	Nat	293

Candidates Elected
AKMAL HUSSAIN GANI

N.B. Candidates shown in italics are councillors who stood for re-election

KNELLWOOD

No. of Electors
5607

No. of Ballots Completed
2170

Percentage
38.7%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
<i>MAKUNURA</i>	<i>Mara Martha</i>	1077
SOUTHON	Colin Frederick	469
WHYMAN	Jill	602

Candidate Elected
MARA MARTHA MAKUNURA

MANOR PARK

No. of Electors
5542

No. of Ballots Completed
1900

Percentage
34.3%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
<i>ESSIEN IGODIFO</i>	Peace	867
RENARD	Brandon Zero Hindell	763
TROTTER	Mark	241

Candidate Elected
PEACE ESSIEN IGODIFO

NORTH TOWN

No. of Electors
4981

No. of Ballots Completed
1488

Percentage
29.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
<i>PERKINS</i>	Andrew James	449
<i>SPALL</i>	<i>Sarah Joanne</i>	1037

Candidate Elected
SARAH JOANNE SPALL

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ROWHILL

No. of Electors
5015

No. of Ballots Completed
1759

Percentage
35.07%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname
HILLIAR
KOOHESTANI
TRUSSLER

Other Names
Alan Richard
Halleh
Stuart

Total No. of Votes
374
663
707

Candidate Elected
STUART TRUSSLER

ST JOHN'S

No. of Electors
4966

No. of Ballots Completed
1580

Percentage
31.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname
VOSPER
WARNER

Other Names
Jacqui
Julia Louise

Total No. of Votes
839
724

Candidate Elected
JACQUI VOSPER

ST MARK'S

No. of Electors
5208

No. of Ballots Completed
1760

Percentage
33.8%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname
CARD
JONES
KOHER CHOWDHURY

Other Names
Craig William
Barry
Abul

Total No. of Votes
778
260
710

Candidate Elected
CRAIG WILLIAM CARD

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WELLINGTON

No. of Electors
4277

No. of Ballots Completed
1081

Percentage
25.27%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname
HARTLEY
MARTIN

Other Names
Mary Ann
Nadia Noelle

Total No. of Votes
470
608

Candidate Elected
NADIA NOELLE MARTIN

WEST HEATH

No. of Electors
4821

No. of Ballots Completed
1522

Percentage
31.6%

RESULT OF POLL

Surname
ADEOLA
O'DOWD-BOOTH
THOMAS

Other Names
Ade
Olive Jane
Rebekkah

Total No. of Votes
790
291
428

Candidates Elected
ADE ADEOLA

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