

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Offices, Farnborough on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. JACQUI M. VOSPER)
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. SOPHIA CHOUDHARY, L.L.B.)

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| CR. BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A. | a CR. J.E. WOOLLEY, B.Sc., L.L.B., M.A. |
| a CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc. | |

Honorary Alderman C. Balchin J.P.
Honorary Alderman R.J. Debenham, M.B.E.
Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber
Honorary Alderman G.J. Woolger

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Crs. Sue Carter, Keith Dibble, A. Jackman, M.J. Tennant and J.E. Woolley.

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

36. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – ANDREW LLOYD –

The Mayor welcomed Members and guests and stated that it was her privilege and pleasure, on behalf of the Council and the people of Rushmoor, to preside at the ceremony to confer upon Mr. Andrew Lloyd the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Rushmoor, which was the highest accolade the Borough could bestow.

It was MOVED by Cr. D.E. Clifford and SECONDED by Cr. A.H. Crawford –

“That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Rushmoor be conferred upon Andrew Lloyd in recognition of his eminent, outstanding and dedicated service, which he has rendered to the Borough of Rushmoor as Chief Executive of the Council during the period from 1996 to 2017.”

In moving the Motion, Cr. Clifford referred to Mr. Lloyd’s work history and he stated that he had left an indelible impression on the Council and the Borough.

Cr. Crawford said that he was proud to second the Motion. He stated that the Council was awarding Mr. Lloyd the title of Honorary Freeman because he had always “gone the extra mile” in the contribution he had made and he had stood out “head and shoulders” above others in what he had achieved. To serve as Chief Executive in any local authority was most demanding, but to do so in the way that Mr. Lloyd had done – with the respect of staff, councillors and residents for 20 years – was exceptional. Cr. Crawford also referred to Mr. Lloyd’s leadership, which had been recognised by his peers in local government and had inspired Council staff to achieve excellence in their delivery of services, including Rushmoor becoming the top local authority in the country for speed in approving housing benefit for those unable to pay their rents without help, and being recognised by Citizens’ Advice nationally for taking the most caring approach in assisting those in hardship who would otherwise be affected adversely by welfare reform. In Cr. Crawford’s opinion, above all, Mr. Lloyd had demonstrated innovation and entrepreneurship, which was delivering results for residents of Rushmoor.

Reference was then made to Mr. Lloyd's excellent qualities as Chief Executive and his passion about serving the Borough's wider community. For example, he was President of the Cody Musical Theatre Company, whose performances he always enjoyed greatly. Mr. Lloyd was also the independent chair of the Search Committee of Farnborough Sixth Form College, which was rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Mr. Lloyd had also been vice-chairman of Farnborough College of Technology, which was also rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Mr. Lloyd had also been involved in the community through Farnborough Rotary, Enterprise First and the Community Matters Partnership. Through Mr. Lloyd's key roles chairing the implementation group of the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership and sitting on a number of its advisory panels, he had ensured that Farnborough was well placed for the future as a Growth Town, as was Aldershot as a Step-up Town.

The title of Honorary Freeman was the highest honour that the Council could grant and it was very rarely given. The only previous award had been to Arthur English, Aldershot-born TV, film and stage actor and comedian, who had brought joy and laughter to millions throughout the country. With this award of the title of Honorary Freeman, the Council could record for posterity its recognition of Mr. Lloyd as a person of distinction, who had rendered eminent service to the Borough of Rushmoor.

Several Members then spoke in strong support of the Motion, recalling examples of personal qualities, dedication and service.

The Motion was put to the Meeting. There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED unanimously**.

The Mayor then invited Mr. Lloyd to sign the Roll of Honour of Honorary Freemen of the Borough and presented Mr. Lloyd with a scroll, incorporating the wording of the Council's Resolution.

In response, Mr. Lloyd referred to the great honour bestowed on him by the Council in granting him Freedom of the Borough. He paid tribute to the elected Members of the Council who were united by a genuine commitment to serve local residents. He also said that it had been a privilege to work with the staff who had been with him over the years he had been Chief Executive and referred to the unique relationship between Members and officers at Rushmoor – something which was not seen at other authorities.

Mr. Lloyd also referred to the privilege it had been to work with Rushmoor's many partners in the Borough, including the Military and the voluntary and community sectors. He concluded by thanking the Council for giving him the honour of becoming Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.