

# BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

**MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices,  
Farnborough on Thursday, 25th June, 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.)  
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. JACQUI VOSPER)

CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD	CR. R. HUGHES
CR. D.M.T. BELL	CR. BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A.
CR. T.D. BRIDGEMAN, B.A. (Hons.)	CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.
CR. SUE CARTER	CR. B. JONES, M.Sc., A.R.C.S.,
CR. M.S. CHOUDHARY, M.A.	M.N.E.I.M.M.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.T.,
CR. SOPHIA CHOUDHARY, L.L.B.	M.B.C.S., C.I.T.P.
CR. D.E. CLIFFORD, M.P.A., M.C.M.I.	CR. G.B. LYON, B.A. (Oxon)
CR. R. COOPER	CR. J.H. MARSH, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.
CR. LIZ CORPS, N.N.D., A.T.D.	CR. S.J. MASTERSON
CR. A.H. CRAWFORD, J.P., B.Sc.,	CR. P.J. MOYLE
A.R.C.S., Dip.Man. (Open).	CR. K.H. MUSCHAMP
CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.),	CR. A.R. NEWELL
M.Arch., M.A.	CR. J.J. PREECE
CR. K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.	CR. M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc., F.R.S.A.
CR. SUE DIBBLE	CR. P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.
CR. R.L.G. DIBBS	CR. M.D. SMITH
CR. JENNIFER M. EVANS, B.Sc.,	CR. M. STAPLEHURST
M.Sc.	CR. L.A. TAYLOR
CR. A.M. FERRIER	CR. P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.
CR. D.S. GLADSTONE	CR. B.A. THOMAS
CR. C.P. GRATTAN	CR. D.M. WELCH

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

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

## 9. MINUTES –

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp  
and

**RESOLVED:** That, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26th May, 2015 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record:

## 10. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- (1) The Mayor welcomed Cr. Adrian Newell to his first meeting of the full Council following his election in May.
- (2) The Mayor reported that the previous Friday night had been the Big Sleep Out at Aldershot Town Football Club in support of Step by Step. Significant funds had been raised by the many people who had supported this event in aid of the very worthy charity.
- (3) The Mayor reported that, every June, Rotary organisations throughout Britain and Ireland, together with the charity Kids Out, took over 25,000 disadvantaged children on a great big day out. 10th June, 2015 had been the local Kids Out fun day at the Army Rugby Club in Aldershot. Many Rotary volunteers from Rushmoor and the surrounding areas had made the day a great success for over 500 children. The Mayor stated that it had been a privilege to be there and also a humbling experience to see so many caring people bringing fun and happiness into the lives of disabled and disadvantaged children of Rushmoor and the surrounding areas.
- (4) The Mayor reported that, on 27th June, he had had the pleasure of opening the European Powerlifting Championships in Aldershot. The Mayor was delighted for the Borough that it was hosting such important international events.
- (5) The Mayor reported that, on 22nd June, the Armed Forces Day flag had been raised in Princes Gardens, Aldershot. The Mayor had been joined by civic guests, members of the public and military representatives. It was noted that the flag would fly until the end of Armed Forces Day on 27th June, 2015.
- (6) The Mayor reported that a golf tournament would take place on Friday, 18th September, 2015 at Southwood Golf Course in aid of the Mayor's Charities. Information on how to take part would be issued in the near future.

## 11. **RUSHMOOR COMMUNITY AWARD 2015 –**

The Mayor reminded the Council that the Rushmoor Community Award recognised local people who had in some way made a significant contribution to the Borough's community. The Council had agreed to present the Award to Mrs. Joy Cross in 2015.

Mrs. Cross has been volunteering for many years as a supporter of the Community Matters Partnership and was an active member of the Cove Brook Greenway Group. Mrs. Cross was also well known for her fundraising activities for charity. She had organised many events, raising thousands of pounds for local charities, including the Gaming Zone, Frimley Park Hospital's Breast Care Appeal and for Parity for Disability. One of the many successful events had included a 'Ground Force' style event to transform a garden at Wavell School in Farnborough. Mrs. Cross had also collected over 2,000 bras to raise funds for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance charity since 2011.

Mrs. Cross had been nominated for the Award by Christine Eustace, Director of Community Engagement at The Sixth Form College, Farnborough who had said that Joy would always go out of her way to support a cause that touched her. This might be the plight of a young person who needed to get back on the road to success or the state of the Cove Brook which, when cleared, was a wonderful resource for all to use. Christine Eustace had also said that Mrs. Cross was a prime example of a person who never sat back and waited for somebody else to pick up the gauntlet – she truly cared and considered the community she lived and worked in.

The Mayor then called Mrs. Cross forward to receive the Rushmoor Community Award for 2015.

**12. STANDING ORDER 8 – QUESTIONS –**

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

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION – RIGHT TO BUY –**

The Council was asked to consider the following Motion, which had been submitted by Cr. M.J. Roberts in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1). It was MOVED by Cr. M.J. Roberts; SECONDED by Cr. P.F. Rust

“This Council supports the view of the LGA, CBI, Mayor of London, the ex-Civil Service Chief, RSLs and many concerned organisations that the proposal by Government to extend Right to Buy to Housing Associations is not only flawed but counter-productive in responding to affordable and social housing needs. It therefore seeks to convey urgently these views to Government and its local MP.”

Speaking in support of his Motion, Cr. Roberts referred to the Government's proposals highlighted in the recent Queen's Speech, whereby it was proposed that housing association homes could be sold under Right to Buy and properties built to replace sold housing stock on a one-for-one basis. Cr. Roberts stated that two million social housing properties had already been sold under the existing Right to Buy scheme and felt that extending the scheme to housing associations could have serious implications with legal ramifications. Cr. Roberts was also of the opinion that there could be a gap in funding in respect of the scheme. For these reasons, Cr. Roberts called on Members to support the Motion.

During the debate on the Motion, the view was expressed that there was already a lack of social housing and that much depended on the availability of Government funding and housing associations' ability to replace the housing stock sold under Right to Buy.

Other Members were of the opinion that there was much speculation on the Government's proposed policy, but as yet no Bill had been published. It was felt that it was premature to expect the Council to support the Motion. It was recognised that this was an important issue and should be examined in the light of a clear proposal and accurate information in order to understand the implications. The comment was made that, when the Bill had been published, it could be examined through the Member structure and with the Council's partners to ensure that the Council's response reflected the best interests of residents and the Borough as a whole. For these reasons, Members were urged to reject the Motion.

The Motion was put to the Meeting. There voted FOR: 11; AGAINST: 24 and the Motion was **DECLARED LOST**.

14. **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CABINET - RUSHMOOR GOOD HOMES CHARTER –**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery (Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs) introduced the Report of the Cabinet, which recommended the approval of the Rushmoor Good Homes Charter for Mixed Tenure Dwellings.

It was **MOVED** by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs; **SECONDED** by Cr. D.E. Clifford - That approval be given to the Rushmoor Good Homes Charter for Mixed Tenure Dwellings, as set out in the Appendix to the Report.

There voted: FOR: 34; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

15. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET –**

The Mayor reported that three questions had been submitted for Cabinet Members:

- (1) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support about hospital labour from outside of the European Union.

In response, Cr. Jackman stated that this was a matter over which the Council had no direct control. For this reason, Cr. Jackman had not had any direct discussion with the Chief Executive of Frimley Health Care. However, the issue might be something that the Community Panel could raise in its regular discussions with Sir Andrew Morris, Chief Executive of Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, when the information became clearer.

- (2) Cr. A.H. Crawford asked a question of the Leader of the Council about the legal basis for the appointment of community communicators who relayed views expressed by people in their communities to the Council and delivered positive messages about the Council, including attending public consultation events.

In response, Cr. Moyle stated that the appointment and use of community communicators did not require legal permission.

- (3) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Leader of the Council about discussions the Council had had with Hampshire County Council regarding cuts in funding.

In response, Cr. Moyle referred to the community based consultation exercise being carried out by Hampshire County Council on high level options contained in its spending review. Rushmoor had encouraged local residents to respond to the consultation.

Cr. Moyle also stated that the Council had enjoyed a close working relationship with the County Council for many years and the County had assured the Council that it would consult directly on their more detailed proposals as they emerged. Once the Council had clarity on the proposals it would be responding.

## 16. **REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES –**

- (1) **Cabinet –**

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 28th April, 2015 (Para. Nos. 1 - 5) be received.

- (2) **Cabinet –**

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 2nd June, 2015 (Para. Nos. 6 – 20) be received.

(3) **Development Management Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. B.A. Thomas and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 29th April, 2015 (Para. Nos. 21 – 28) be received.

(4) **Development Management Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. B.A. Thomas and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 27th May, 2015 (Para. Nos. 29 – 35) be received.

(5) **Licensing and General Purposes Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. A.M. Ferrier; SECONDED by Cr. S.J. Masterson and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 28th May, 2015 (Para. Nos. 36 - 41) be received.

17. **REPORTS OF POLICY AND REVIEW PANELS –**

**RESOLVED:** That the Reports of the undermentioned meetings of the Policy and Review Panels be received:

<b>POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL</b>	<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>PARA. NOS. RECEIVED</b>
Corporate Services	4th June, 2015	42 – 47
Leisure and Youth	8th June, 2015	48 – 53

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.