

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Offices,
Farnborough on Thursday, 10th December 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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| CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD | a CR. R. HUGHES |
| CR. D.M.T. BELL | CR. BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A. |
| 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, B.A., 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

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Crs. T.D. Bridgeman and R. Hughes.

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

27. **MINUTES –**

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

RESOLVED: That, the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 8th October, 2015 (copies having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

28. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- (1) The Mayor advised that, on 4th November, 2015, he had attended a presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of the 2015 Queen's Award for Enterprise to Ultrasonic Sciences Limited of Aldershot. The Mayor expressed his pride that a local company was being recognised in this way.
- (2) The Mayor reported that he and the Deputy Mayor had attended Remembrance Day services around the Borough on 8th November, 2015 and he was pleased to see several Members had also attended to show their respect.
- (3) The Mayor thanked Members for supported the Christmas Afternoon Tea and Christmas Cracker fundraising events and was pleased to announce that £760 had been raised for the Mayor's charities.
- (4) The Mayor advised that he would be holding a Charity Jazz Ball on Friday, 4th March, 2016 at Princes Hall in Aldershot. All Members were invited to attend.
- (5) The Mayor thanked all Members and officers who had decided to donate money to the Mayor's charities in place of sending Christmas cards that year.

29. STANDING ORDER 8 – QUESTIONS –

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

30. NOTICE OF MOTION – TERRORISM –

The Council was asked to consider the following Motion, which had been submitted by Cr. J.J. Preece in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1). It was MOVED by Cr. J.J. Preece; SECONDED by Cr. A.H. Crawford - That

“This Council condemns the evil terrorist acts in Paris, which were acts of war intended to spread hatred and division between religious and ethnic groups across the Western World.

As a civic body, whose members are from different backgrounds and different faiths, this Council stands in solidarity with all ethnic and faith groups in our area.

This Council is determined that the terrorists will not succeed in causing division in Rushmoor.

This Council therefore calls on the Government to fund the emergency services (Police, Ambulance, and Fire and Rescue) to the full extent needed to safeguard our community."

Speaking in support of his Motion, Cr. Preece referred to the horrendous and shocking news on 13th November, 2015 when 130 people had been murdered in Paris in a spate of terrorist attacks. This had been followed by another attack in the USA when fourteen people had been murdered in California and then days later there had been an attack at Leytonstone Tube Station in East London. Cr. Preece recalled the horror of the 7/7 bombings in London and how reassuring it had been to see the increase in security on the railways and at stations as a result.

Cr. Preece spoke of his concern that the recent incidents had happened against a background of cuts, which had included the Police until a recent u-turn. Cr. Preece was of the opinion that the UK should be increasing security measures. However, he gave the example that the number of sniffer dogs had been cut at UK airports. He felt that security was the immediate part of the answer to providing a defence against terrorists, although he also recognised the need to understand who these terrorists were, what they were trying to achieve and ultimately how to deprive them of the hatred they needed to operate. Their objective was to divide and destroy communities. In his opinion, Cr. Preece felt that, beneath the current terrorist attacks in the name of Islam, the terrorists wanted to whip up Islamophobia, isolate Muslims from mainstream society and divide Muslim against Muslim, and hence many of the victims had been Muslims.

Cr. Preece also referred to the important work of interfaith groups whose purpose was to talk and share, to discuss issues of common interest and to build bridges. He also felt that civic groups like the Council needed to do everything possible to prevent the poisonous hatred that was the terrorist's oxygen. Cr. Preece urged Members to support the Motion to show solidarity with all residents and faith groups in the Borough to prevent hatred.

During debate on the Motion, Cr. P.J. Moyle said that, whereas he could support the sentiments of the Motion, it omitted to make reference to the amount of work currently being done behind the scenes to seek solutions to terrorist activity and the additional funding which had recently been announced in Parliament to maintain resources for the Armed Forces, Security Services and the Police. Cr. Moyle stated that the Council would continue to work with partners to do all that was possible to ensure the security of the Borough and beyond. For this reason, it was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle and SECONDED by Cr. J.H. Marsh that the Motion be amended as follows:

"This Council condemns the evil acts in Paris intended to spread hatred and division between religious and ethnic groups across the World. The Council stands in solidarity with the local community, which has suffered, endured and overcome the direct effects of terrorism in the past, to promote cohesion and stability.

We welcome not only the decision to stand with France and extend military operations across the Iraqi border into Syria but also the Government's announcement in the Autumn Statement to maintain resources for key services and particularly our Armed Forces, Security Services and the Police. This Council will continue to work with its partners to ensure that the Borough remains safe and secure for all who live, work and visit."

With the leave of the Council, Cr. Preece accepted the Amendment. The Council then proceeded to debate the Substantive Motion.

During the debate, reference was made to the need for an emergency planning exercise in the Borough simulating a terrorist incident so that any weaknesses could be identified and addressed. In particular, reference was made to potential targets in the area (i.e. Farnborough Airport and Aldershot being the home of the British Army). The point was made that there also needed to be a re-assessment of what levels of emergency services were required nationally and locally to respond to the imminent terrorist threat that the Islamic State presented to the UK. Reference was also made to the number of extra Police officers soon to be recruited in Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

The Substantive Motion was then put to the Meeting. On a Recorded Vote there voted FOR: Crs. Mrs. D.B. Bedford, D.M.T. Bell, Sue Carter, M.S. Choudhary, D.E. Clifford, R. Cooper, Liz Corps, A.H. Crawford, P.I.C. Crerar, K. Dibble, Sue Dibble, R.L.G. Dibbs, Jennifer M. Evans, A.M. Ferrier, D.S. Gladstone, C.P Grattan, Barbara J. Hurst, A. Jackman, B. Jones, G.B. Lyon, J.H. Marsh, S.J. Masterson, P.J. Moyle, K.H. Muschamp, A.R. Newell, J.J. Preece, M.J. Roberts, P.F. Rust, M.D. Smith, M. Staplehurst, L.A. Taylor, B.A. Thomas and D.M. Welch (35); AGAINST: 0; ABSTAINED: the Mayor (Cr. M.J. Tennant) and the Deputy Mayor (Cr. Jacqui Vosper) (2) and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

31. **RECOMMENDATION OF THE CABINET –**

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 – 2018/19 –

The Leader of the Council (Cr. P.J. Moyle) introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 17th November, 2015 which recommended the adoption of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 to 2018/19. It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp - That the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 to 2018/19 be approved for adoption.

There voted: FOR: 30; AGAINST: 4 and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

32. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET –**

The Mayor reported that two questions had been submitted for Cabinet Members.

- (1) Cr. J.J. Preece asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Environment about the High Street car park in Aldershot.

In response, Cr. Dibbs stated that the top floors of the car park had been closed partly due to unsociable behaviour but mainly because no cars were being parked on the top floors. There was sufficient space for parking demand on the lower floors. The upper floors could be opened if there was demand for additional space. There had been no loss of revenue due to the closure but savings had been made on cleaning and lighting. Cr. Dibbs also stated that this had been an operational decision and therefore no Cabinet input had been required. Cr. Dibbs understood that the matter had been discussed at a Task and Finish Group.

- (2) Cr. A.H. Crawford asked a three-part question of the Cabinet Member for Environment about various issues concerning aircraft approaches, non-compliant approaches and runway visibility at Farnborough Airport.

In response, Cr. Dibbs stated that the Council was not responsible for safety matters at Farnborough Airport and suggested that Cr. Crawford should write to either the Civil Aviation Authority or to Mr. Roger Walker, Director of Airport Operations at TAG Farnborough Airport or send his questions to the next meeting of the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee.

33. **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 20th October, 2015 (Para. Nos. 171 - 178) 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 17th November, 2015 (Para. Nos. 179 – 188) be received.

- (3) **Licensing and General Purposes Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cr. R. Cooper and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 28th September, 2015 (Para. Nos. 189 - 190) be received.

(4) **Development Management Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 14th October, 2015 (Para. Nos. 190a – 197) be received.

(5) **Development Management Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 11th November, 2015 (Para. Nos. 198 – 204) be received.

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

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

POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL	DATE OF MEETING	PARA. NOS. RECEIVED
Leisure and Youth	9th November, 2015	205 - 207
Environment	10th November, 2015	208 – 210
Corporate Services	12th November, 2015	211 – 216
Borough Services	16th November, 2015	217 – 219
Community	19th November, 2015	220 - 223

The Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.
