

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Council Offices,
Farnborough on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CLLR S.J. MASTERSON)
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CLLR SUE CARTER)

CLLR MRS. D.B. BEDFORD	CLLR BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A.
CLLR D.M.T. BELL	CLLR B. JONES, M.Sc., A.R.C.S.,
CLLR T.D. BRIDGEMAN, B.A. (Hons.)	M.N.E.I.M.M.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.T.,
CLLR J.B. CANTY	M.B.C.S., C.I.T.P.
CLLR M.S. CHOUDHARY, M.A.	CLLR A.K. CHOWDHURY
CLLR SOPHIA CHOUDHARY, L.L.B.	CLLR G.B. LYON, B.A. (Oxon)
CLLR D.E. CLIFFORD, M.P.A., M.C.M.I.	CLLR MARA MAKUNURA
CLLR R. COOPER	CLLR J.H. MARSH, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.
CLLR LIZ CORPS, N.N.D., A.T.D.	CLLR NADIA MARTIN
CLLR A.H. CRAWFORD, J.P., B.Sc.,	CLLR MARINA MUNRO
A.R.C.S., Dip.Man. (Open).	CLLR K.H. MUSCHAMP
CLLR P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.),	CLLR A.R. NEWELL
M.Arch., M.A.	CLLR M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc., F.R.S.A.
CLLR K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.	CLLR P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.
CLLR SUE DIBBLE	CLLR M.L. SHEEHAN
CLLR R.L.G. DIBBS	CLLR M.D. SMITH
CLLR JENNIFER M. EVANS, B.Sc.,	CLLR P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.
M.Sc.	CLLR M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.
CLLR VERONICA GRAHAM-GREEN	CLLR B.A. THOMAS
CLLR C.P. GRATTAN	CLLR JACQUI VOSPER
CLLR A.J. HALSTEAD	CLLR J.E. WOOLLEY, B.Sc., L.L.B., M.A.

Honorary Alderman C. Balchin J.P.
Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs K.H. Muschamp and M.J. Roberts.

THE MAYOR (CLLR SOPHIA CHOUDHARY L.L.B.) IN THE CHAIR

The Meeting commenced with Prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Steve Stewart.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all those present.

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH -

Nominations were invited for the election of the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18. It was MOVED by Cllr J.H. Marsh; SECONDED by Cllr B. Jones - That Cllr Stephen John Masterson be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor **STEPHEN JOHN MASTERSON** be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

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 S.J. MASTERSON) IN THE CHAIR

The Mayor expressed his pleasure at the privilege and honour of being elected Mayor of Rushmoor. He thanked his proposer and seconder and the Council for supporting his nomination. He then proceeded to signify the appointment of the Reverend Steve Stewart as the Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor stated that he could not have achieved the honour of being elected Mayor without the support of his family. The Mayor stated that the charities he would be supporting during the year would be the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA), Parity for Disability and Step by Step.

The Mayor concluded by thanking the Council once again for the honour conferred upon him and promised to do his very best in his new role as First Citizen of the Borough.

2. VOTE OF THANKS -

It was MOVED by Cllr G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cllr D.E. Clifford and

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Cllr Sophia Choudhary and Miss. Attika Choudhary as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough during the Municipal Year 2017/18.

The Mayor then presented an illuminated scroll to Cllr Choudhary, together with a Past Mayor's Badge. The Mayor also presented a Past Mayoress' Badge to Miss. Choudhary.

In response, Cllr Choudhary thanked Cllrs Lyon and Clifford for their kind words and the Council for having elected her Mayor of the Borough. Cllr Choudhary spoke of her enjoyable Mayoral Year and said it had been an honour to be the 44th Mayor of the Borough. She paid tribute to the wonderful support she had received from her Mayoress, Miss. Attika Choudhary.

Cllr Choudhary spoke of the many engagements she had attended during the year, including visits to schools, voluntary groups, Military events and sports clubs and associations. She thanked all the members of her Charity Fundraising Committee who had assisted in raising funds for the nominated charities for her Mayoral Year: the Alzheimer Café Farnborough, Creating Futures and Parkside (Aldershot and District Learning Disability) and that in excess of £15,000 had been raised.

Cllr Choudhary concluded by wishing the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor well in the year ahead of them.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR –

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough. It was **MOVED** by Cllr M.J. Tennant; **SECONDED** by Cllr K. Dibble – That Cllr Sue Carter be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor **SUE CARTER** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Sue Carter and invested her with the Deputy Mayor's Badge. Cllr Carter then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for the confidence placed in her and she pledged her support to the Mayor in the coming year.

4. MINUTES –

It was **MOVED** by Cllr Barbara Hurst; **SECONDED** by Cllr P.G. Taylor and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19th April, 2018 (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, 3rd May, 2018.

The Mayor congratulated all Members who had been re-elected and extended a warm welcome to the new Councillors: Cllrs Veronica Graham-Green, Ashley Halstead, Abul Koher Chowdhury, Mara Makunura and Nadia Martin.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS –

The Mayor advised the Council that he proposed to hold a number of events during his Mayoral Year. These would include a Charity Golf Day on 14th September, 2018, two afternoon tea events and a Charity Ball on 8th March, 2019.

7. REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE – STANDING ORDERS FOR THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS –

The Mayor advised Members that, at the previous Council Meeting, updates to the Constitution had been considered and approved. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 29(1), the proposed amendment to the Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business had stood adjourned without discussion until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council. As the meeting was the Annual Meeting, it was necessary to agree the suspension of Standing Orders, in accordance with Standing Order 30, to make these changes.

It was MOVED by Cllr J.E. Woolley; SECONDED by Cllr Jacqui Vosper – That approval be given to the suspension of Standing Orders for the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 30 and that the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders for the Regulation of Business be approved.

There voted FOR: 23; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

8. 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 2019.

There voted FOR: 23; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

8. APPOINTMENTS 2018/19 –

It was MOVED by Cllr D.E. Clifford and SECONDED by Cllr G.B. Lyon –

Appointment of Cabinet Members –

That it be noted that the following appointments of Cabinet Members and the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2018/19 had been made by the Leader of the Council:

Cllr K.H. Muschamp – Deputy Leader
Cllr Barbara Hurst – Planning and Economy Portfolio
Cllr G.B. Lyon – Corporate and Democratic Services Portfolio
Cllr M.L. Sheehan – Operational Services Portfolio
Cllr P.G. Taylor – Customer Experience and Improvement Portfolio
Cllr M.J. Tennant – Major Projects and Property Portfolio

Committees –

That, subject to a change to the appointment to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee of Cllr M.S. Choudhary in place of Cllr Sophia Choudhary, the appointments to Committees for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be approved, in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated below:

(a) COMMITTEES –

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Voting Members

Conservative: 7

Labour: 3

Independent: 1

Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford

Cllr Sue Dibble

Cllr D.M.T. Bell

Cllr R.M. Cooper

Cllr Jennifer Evans

Cllr P.I.C. Crerar

Cllr C.P. Grattan

Cllr Mara Makunura

Cllr J.H. Marsh

Cllr A.R. Newell

Cllr B.A. Thomas

Standing Deputies

Conservative:

Labour:

Cllr Veronica Graham-Green Cr. P.F. Rust

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

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Voting Members

Conservative: 7

Labour: 3

Liberal Democrat: 1

Cllr Sue Carter
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr Liz Corps
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr Jacqui Vosper
Cllr J.E. Woolley

Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr A.J. Halstead
Cllr B. Jones

Cllr A.K. Chowdhury

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY –

Voting Members

Conservative: 7

Labour: 4

Cllr D.B. Bedford
Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green
Cllr M.D. Smith
Cllr B.A. Thomas

Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr B. Jones
Cllr Nadia Martin

POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Voting Members

Conservative: 8

Labour: 3

Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr Sophia Choudhary
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr R.L.G. Dibbs
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr Marina Munro
Cllr A.R. Newell
Cllr J.E. Woolley

Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr M.J. Roberts
Cllr P.F. Rust

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

Development Management

Chairman - Cllr B.A. Thomas
Vice-Chairman - Cllr J.H. Marsh

Licensing and General Purposes

Chairman - Cllr J.E. Woolley
Vice-Chairman - Cllr Jacqui Vosper

- (4) That the appointments of the Chairmen of the following Committees be approved as set out below:

Overview and Scrutiny

Chairman - Cllr M.D. Smith

Policy and Project Advisory Board

Chairman - Cllr A.R. Newell

- (5) That the appointments to the Management Boards for Council Trusts for the Municipal Year 2018/19 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 A.R. Newell

Standing Deputy: Cllr T.D. Bridgeman

King George's Field, Farnborough Trust

Cllr R.L.G. Dibbs Cllr B. Jones Cllr P.G. Taylor

Standing Deputies: Cllr Mara Makunura and Cllr A.J. Halstead

The Alfred Henry Goode Will Trust

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

Standing Deputy: Cllr B. Jones

There voted FOR: 31; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

The Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.
