

# BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

**MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices,  
Farnborough on Thursday, 28th July, 2016 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. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD               | CR. B. JONES, M.Sc., A.R.C.S.,        |
| CR. D.M.T. BELL                     | M.N.E.I.M.M.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.T.,     |
| CR. T.D. BRIDGEMAN, B.A. (Hons.)    | M.B.C.S., C.I.T.P.                    |
| CR. SUE CARTER                      | CR. G.B. LYON, B.A. (Oxon)            |
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| CR. R. COOPER                       | a CR. P.J. MOYLE                      |
| CR. LIZ CORPS, N.N.D., A.T.D.       | CR. MARINA MUNRO                      |
| a CR. A.H. CRAWFORD, J.P., B.Sc.,   | a CR. K.H. MUSCHAMP                   |
| A.R.C.S., Dip.Man. (Open).          | CR. A.R. NEWELL                       |
| CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.),    | CR. J.J. PREECE                       |
| M.Arch., M.A.                       | CR. M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc., F.R.S.A.     |
| CR. K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.   | CR. P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.   |
| CR. SUE DIBBLE                      | CR. M.L. SHEEHAN                      |
| CR. R.L.G. DIBBS                    | CR. M.D. SMITH                        |
| a CR. JENNIFER M. EVANS, B.Sc.,     | CR. M. STAPLEHURST                    |
| M.Sc.                               | a CR. L.A. TAYLOR                     |
| a CR. D.S. GLADSTONE                | CR. P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.             |
| CR. C.P. GRATAN                     | CR. M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.               |
| CR. BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A.    | CR. B.A. THOMAS                       |
| CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.               | CR. J.E. WOOLLEY, B.Sc., L.L.B., M.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. M.S. Choudhary, A.H. Crawford, Jennifer Evans, D.S. Gladstone, P.J. Moyle, K.H. Muschamp and P.G. Taylor

Before the meeting was opened the meeting was led in prayers by Mr. David Betts, a member of the Garrison Chaplaincy Team.

## 9. MINUTES –

It was MOVED by Cr. D.E. Clifford; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp  
and

**RESOLVED:** That, the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24th May, 2016 (copy having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

**10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- (1) The Mayor reported that she had attended the annual Farnborough Donkey Derby on 30th May, which had been organised by local Rotarians, at King George V playing fields. The event had been very well supported and had raised a considerable amount of money for local charities.
- (2) The Mayor reported that she had attended the Kids Out fun day held at the Army Rugby Club ground in Aldershot on 8th June for disabled and disadvantaged children of Rushmoor and surrounding areas.
- (3) The Mayor reported that, on 20th June, Rushmoor's Armed Forces Day flag had been raised in Princes Gardens, Aldershot. The Mayor had been joined at the event by the Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, Lt. Gen. Sir Mark Mans, civic guests, members of the public and representatives of the Royal British Legion, Military, Police and Fire and Rescue Service. The flag was flown until the end of Armed Forces Day on 25th June.
- (4) The Mayor reported that she had been pleased to be able to pay her respects and attend the vigil in Municipal Gardens, Aldershot to mark 100 years since the start of the Battle of the Somme. The event had been organised by the Aldershot Branch of the Royal British Legion and had taken place from 8.00 pm on 30th June to 8.00 am the following morning – 1st July, the day the Battle had started 100 years previously. The commemoration had culminated in a poignant and moving service of remembrance in Municipal Gardens at 7.30 am which had been led by the Mayor's Chaplain and had been well attended, considering the early time of the service. The Mayor thanked all Members who had joined her in paying respects to all those who had lost their lives.
- (5) The Mayor reflected that it had been a sad year for losing people known to the Council. On 4th July, the Mayor had attended the funeral of former Mayor and Councillor, Maurice Banner.
- (6) The Mayor thanked all staff who had been involved in ensuring that the 2016 Farnborough International Air Show had been a success and that the Borough's environment had looked clean and welcoming. The Mayor said that she was proud that the Borough had the facilities to hold such a prestigious event.
- (7) The Mayor advised Members of forthcoming events in aid of her charities:
  - 28th August – sponsored cycle ride organised by Naya Yuva and Rushmoor Cycle Forum

- 16th September – Mayor’s Charity Golf Tournament at Southwood Golf Course

## 11. RUSHMOOR COMMUNITY AWARD 2016 –

The Rushmoor Community Award recognised local people who had in some way made a significant contribution to the community. The Mayor reported that, in 2016, the Council had agreed to present the Award to two people: Mr. Kevin Matthew and Mr. Lewis Trinder in recognition of their significant and admirable fundraising and volunteering activities over many years.

The Mayor advised Members that Mr. Matthew was a local businessman and had spent the past 30 years supporting a variety of local charities, individuals and causes. To date, Mr. Matthew had raised over £250,000 for Aldershot and Farnborough charities. He had taken part in hundreds of fundraising events from sky dives to 100 miles’ cycle rides. Mr. Matthew had also been a main sponsor of Picnic to Music in the Park in aid of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and was a sponsor of Aldershot Town Football Club. Mr. Matthew was a funding partner within the Community Matters Partnership Project, which helped to raise money for local young people’s projects. He offered employment and apprenticeship opportunities to challenging young people, who were often excluded from school. A number of these still worked for him or had gone on to build their own successful businesses.

Mr. Matthew had also funded and provided a new heating system at the Parity for Disability and The Source buildings. In addition, he had recently renovated and provided all the materials to help make an ex-soldier’s house wheelchair friendly.

Mr. Matthew visited schools to give talks and also encouraged his 150 employees to get involved in volunteering through offering them paid volunteering time away from work. Mr. Matthew supported charity fundraising events and also offered his business skills, expertise and time to local charities needing help.

The Mayor said that Mr. Matthew was a very worthy winner of the Rushmoor Community Award and called him forward to accept the Award and a certificate.

Mr. Matthew thanked the Council for the unexpected Award. He explained that he liked to work with children in deprived areas, children for whom life’s circumstances had not given them the best start in life. In his experience, these children had a lot to give when given the right support, trust, responsibility and encouragement. He felt that this sort of work, including apprenticeships with disadvantaged young people was vital. The Community Matters Partnership Project was doing work in this area helping to improve aspiration in young people.

The Mayor then announced that the second recipient of the Rushmoor Community Award 2016 was Mr. Lewis Trinder. The Mayor advised Members that Mr. Trinder was the President and former Chairman of the Aldershot and Farnborough RNLI Branch, Chairman of the Aldershot Branch of the Royal British Legion, Vice-President of the Sea Cadet Corps Training Ship, Diadem, at Frimley. He had been a Commanding Officer and was a current supporter of the Sea Cadet Corps Training Ship Swiftsure at Farnham and was a member of the Aldershot Normandy Veterans' Association and Royal Naval Association.

Mr. Lewis was over 90 years old and had been serving the local community for over 50 years in his various capacities, prior to which he had served in the Royal Navy. The Mayor understood that on the nomination form for Mr. Trinder to receive the Award it had been stated that he was an active, inspirational and enthusiastic organiser and fundraiser for the various charities with which he was involved. Mr. Trinder could frequently be seen raising money for the RNLI, naval charities and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at their collections in Aldershot and Farnborough. Mr. Trinder had done this for decades and always did so whatever the weather and always with good humour.

The Mayor reported that such had been Mr. Trinder's contribution to the RNLI, that the Institute's Trustee Board had awarded him the Gold Badge in recognition of his devoted service to the Aldershot and Farnborough Branch. His work as RNLI Branch President provided valuable guidance and support to the local Branch Committee. Mr. Trinder was Chairman of the Aldershot Branch of the Royal British Legion and played a key role in its on-going success. He was also a keen and active member of the Aldershot Branch of the Normandy Veterans' Association.

Mr. Trinder had volunteered for the Royal Navy on his 18th birthday in 1942. He had taken part in the Normandy landings in 1944 and had used his naval experience to excellent effect over many years through his leadership roles with the Sea Cadet Corps at both Farnham and Frimley.

Mr. Trinder had also been a regular blood donor over the years and was very particularly proud of the award he had received for donating over 50 pints of blood.

The Mayor remarked that Mr. Trinder's contribution to the community over many decades had made a real difference to people and had provided a fine example to others. He was a very worthy winner of the Rushmoor Community Award and the Mayor called him forward to accept the Award and a framed certificate.

Mr. Trinder said he felt very honoured to have been given the Award and acknowledged the support of his family, friends, shipmates and particularly his wife.

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

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

13. **RETURNING OFFICER’S REPORT –**

The Returning Officer’s report was submitted to Members (as set out in the appendix to these Minutes) on the result of the local election on 2nd June, 2016 for the Aldershot Park Ward.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

14. **NOTICE OF MOTION – THE CONNAUGHT SCHOOL –**

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

“With respect to the current consultation about the future of The Connaught School, Aldershot, this Council will prepare an evidence-based response taking into account the following factors:

- progress and achievement in the past seven years
- value added, that is the improvement in performance of pupils on intake compared with when they arrive
- demand for places this year and the future
- increasing demand on school finances
- difficulties in recruitment of teachers in North East Hampshire.”

Speaking in support of his Motion, Cr. Preece stated that, with no warning, the Headteacher and staff of the Connaught School had discovered that on 1st July, 2016 County Councillor Peter Edgar (Executive Member for Education) had issued a public consultation on the future of the School. He understood that the Headteacher had been “disappointed and shocked” about the consultation and that the local community was also shocked and angry about what might happen to their school. Cr. Preece spoke of some of the emotive and unsupported phrases used in the consultation report and questioned where County Councillor had got his information from, particularly when the OFSTED parent feedback showed that 95% of parents would recommend the School. Cr. Preece also referred to the increase in number of allocated places for September at the School and also the rise in numbers over the previous four years.

Cr. Preece was disappointed that the consultation report dismissed out of hand the option that the Connaught School as such should be allowed to exist. In paragraph 5.1 of the consultation report it stated that the School “no longer considered a viable option because the community could and should be better served by its local secondary school.”

Cr. Preece urged the Council to support the Motion and referred to the factors set out in the Motion which should be taken into account when compiling the Council's response to the consultation report. Cr. Preece said that the Council owed it to the local community, to the children, the parents and staff to do what it could to help bring about the best outcome for all at the Connaught School.

In seconding the Motion, Cr. Newell referred to the improvements that had been made at the School over the previous seven years. He felt it important that the Council should unite in sending an objective and evidence based response to the consultation report.

During discussion, Members referred to the belief that the School had been badly let down by Hampshire County Council and in particular to the fact that the consultation had been issued just prior to the school holidays when no one would be available at the School to respond to the consultation. Reference was also made to a cross-border catchment issue where pupils were opting to send their children to schools in Surrey. There was also the issue that teachers were leaving the area to go to schools in Surrey where they would be paid more.

Members were also of the opinion that responses to the consultation should be based on facts and evidence, rather than on perception and rumour. It was also felt important that the Council should unite in its response.

The Motion was then put to the meeting. There voted FOR: 31; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED**.

**NOTES:**

- (1) Cr. D.E. Clifford declared a prejudicial interest in this item in respect of his company supplying goods to the Connaught School and, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon; and
- (2) Cr. M.L. Sheehan declared an interest in this item as a parent of children at the School and also due to the fact that he lived in the vicinity of the school and remained in the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

15. **APPOINTMENTS –**

**RESOLVED:** That the appointment of Cr. J.E. Woolley to the vacant Conservative Group seat on the Licensing and General Purposes Committee for the remainder of the 2016/17 Municipal Year be confirmed.

16. **REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME –**

The Independent Remuneration Panel had completed its four yearly review of Rushmoor's Members' Allowances Scheme and had found that it was largely fit for purpose. The existing arrangements were found to be broadly fair

and generally consistent with other authorities. The proposed changes reflected the views expressed to the Independent Remuneration Panel by Members, benchmarking data and local structures and working arrangements and were considered equitable by the Remuneration Panel.

It was **MOVED** by Cr. A. Jackman and **SECONDED** by Cr. M.L. Sheehan that the Recommendations of the Fifth Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel be approved for adoption.

There voted **FOR: 28; AGAINST: 0** that the Recommendations were **DECLARED CARRIED**.

**17. QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET –**

The Mayor advised Members that no questions had been submitted for the Cabinet.

**18. REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES –**

**(1) Cabinet –**

It was **MOVED** by Cr. Sue Carter; **SECONDED** by Cr. A. Jackman and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 26th April, 2016 (Para. Nos. 1 - 8) be received.

**(2) Cabinet –**

It was **MOVED** by Cr. D.E. Clifford; **SECONDED** by Cr. Barbara Hurst and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 31st May, 2016 (Para. Nos. 9 – 22) be received.

**(3) Cabinet –**

It was **MOVED** by Cr. D.E. Clifford; **SECONDED** by Cr. M.J. Tennant and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 28th June, 2016 (Para. Nos. 23 – 29) 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 April, 2016 (Para. Nos. 30 – 38) be received.

(5) **Development Management Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. J.H. Marsh and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 25th May, 2016 (Para. Nos. 39 – 45) be received.

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

It was MOVED by Cr. A. Jackman; SECONDED by Cr. M.L. Sheehan and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 26th May, 2016 (Para. Nos. 46 – 52) be received.

(7) **Development Management Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. B.A. Thomas; SECONDED by Cr. J.H. Marsh and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Management Committee held on 22nd June, 2016 (Para. Nos. 53 – 60) be received.

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

It was MOVED by Cr. A. Jackman; SECONDED by Cr. M.L. Sheehan and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 27th June, 2016 (Para. Nos. 61 – 66) be received.

19. **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>
Community	7th April, 2016	67 – 70
Borough Services	11th April, 2016	71 - 74
Leisure and Youth	6th June, 2016	75 – 82



Environment	7th June, 2016	83 – 89
Community	9th June, 2016	90 – 96
Borough Services	13th June, 2016	97 - 104

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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