

Gravesham Borough Council

Council

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

7.00 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Harold Craske
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr David Hurley

Councillors:	Valerie Ashenden	John Loughlin
	Gurjit Kaur Bains	Jordan Meade
	Lesley Boycott	Lyn Milner
	Conrad Broadley	Shane Mochrie-Cox
	Gurdip Ram Bungar	Leslie Pearton
	John Burden	Anthony Pritchard
	Julia Burgoyne	Alan Ridgers
	Colin Caller	Lenny Rolles
	John Caller	Brian Sangha
	Lee Croxton	Peter Scollard
	Brian Francis	Derek Shelbrooke
	Sandra Garside	Makhan Singh
	Greta Goatley	Lauren Sullivan
	Rob Halpin	Narinder Singh Thandi
	Gary Harding	Robin Theobald
	Leslie Hills	Steve Thompson
	Samir Jassal	David Turner
	John Knight	Jenny Wallace
	William Lambert	Michael Wenban
	Sara Langdale	

David Hughes	Chief Executive
Stuart Bobby	Director (Corporate Services)
Nick Brown	Director (Environment & Operations)
Kevin Burbidge	Director (Housing & Regeneration)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Sarah Kilkie	Assistant Director (Communities)
Jan Guylar	Head of Legal Services, Medway Council
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager
Lauren Wallace	Committee Services Officer
Chris Wakeford	Committee Services Officer
Ben Clarke	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant
Simon Walsh	Digital Communications and Elections Manager
Ashley Wilcox	Communications Manager

84. Prayer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr Harold Craske asked the outgoing Chaplain, Father James Southward to say a prayer for the meeting.

85. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Karen Hurdle, Bronwen McGarrity and Peter Rayner.

86. Gravesham Community Awards

Before the start of formal proceedings, the Chief Executive stated that the Council had instituted award schemes to recognise and honour individual and collective contributions to community life.

Awards were presented by the Mayor to the under-mentioned persons/organisations:-

- Gravesend junior parkrun (Matt and Becky Baxter)
- Rob Flood (on behalf of Wendy Daws)
- Chris Hart
- Sanctuary Homeless Shelter (Steve and Lorna Nolan)
- Lesley Gould
- Sandra Price
- Annette Garland

Chief Executive and Leaders Special Award – Contribution to the Community:-

- Reverend Canon Chris Stone
- Trevor Fenton on behalf of Georgia-Mae Fenton
- Cheavon Clarke

87. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

88. Election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Councillor David Turner and seconded by Councillor John Knight that:-

Cllr David Hurley be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2018/2019.

Tribute was paid to Cllr David Hurley for the steadfast service and support he had given to the Council in the years since first being elected and in his work with local residents. On being put to the vote it was:-

Resolved unanimously that Cllr David Hurley be duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2018/19. Cllr David Hurley made the Declaration of Acceptance of office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor, in giving his acceptance speech stated that his charities for 2018/19 would be The House of Mercy, Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services and Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

89. Vote of thanks to Outgoing Mayor

It was moved by Cllr David Hurley and seconded by Cllr David Turner that **the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Cllr Harold Craske for the manner in which he carried out the office of Mayor for the past municipal year.**

Cllr Craske suitably replied and in doing so offered thanks to those who had assisted him during his year in office and highlighted a number of events he had attended during his mayoral year.

90. Presentation of Past Mayor's Badges

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Cllr Harold Craske with a Past Mayor's Badge.

91. Presentation of Past Mayoress's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Mrs Veronica Craske with a Past Mayoress's Badge.

92. Appointment of Civic Chaplain

The Worshipful the Mayor stated that the Civic Chaplain would be Father Innocent Abonyi who was unable to attend the meeting. Father Innocent Abonyi would be invested with the Chaplain's Cross at the next meeting of Full Council.

93. Election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Cllr John Knight and seconded by Cllr David Turner that:-

Cllr Lesley Boycott be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2018/19.

Tribute was paid to Cllr Lesley Boycott for the steadfast service and support she had given to the Council in the years since first being elected and in her work with local residents. On being put to the vote it was:-

Resolved unanimously that Cllr Lesley Boycott be duly elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2018/19. Cllr Lesley Boycott then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

94. Deputy Mayor's Escort

The Deputy Mayor stated that her Deputy Mayor's Escort would be Cllr William Lambert and invested him with the Deputy Mayor's Escort's Chain.

95. Presentation of Bouquets

Bouquets were presented to the Deputy Mayor and outgoing Mayoress.

96. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 17 April 2018

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17 April 2018 were signed by the Mayor.

97. Confirmation of the arrangements in respect of the Cabinet

The Council noted the arrangements put in place for the Cabinet and the names of the Members that would comprise the Cabinet:-

- Leader – Cllr David Turner
- Deputy Leader/Public Protection & HR - Cllr John Knight
- Performance/Administration Portfolio – Cllr Derek Shelbrooke
- Community Development Portfolio – Cllr Gurjit Bains
- Tourism & Youth Portfolio – Cllr Harold Craske
- Sport, Leisure & Arts Portfolio – Cllr Sandra Garside
- Planning & Regeneration Portfolio – Cllr Julia Burgoyne
- Business Development Portfolio – Cllr Samir Jassal
- Environmental Services Portfolio – Cllr Alan Ridgers
- Housing Portfolio – Cllr Anthony Pritchard

The following items (Minute 98 to 102) were moved by Cllr David Turner, seconded by Cllr John Knight and agreed en-bloc unanimously.

98. Representation of Political Groups on Committees

1. Having reviewed the representation of the political groups on Council Committees and Boards, that the allocation of seats thereon to the political groups be determined as follows:-

Regulatory Board	9 Members
Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats
Licensing Committee	15 Members
Conservative Group	8 seats
Labour Group	7 seats
Finance and Audit Committee	9 Members
Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats
Overview Scrutiny Committee	9 Members
Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee	10 Members
Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	5 seats

Appointments Board	12 Members
Conservative Group	7 seats
Labour Group	5 seats

Standards Committee	9 Members
Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats

2. That each political group may appoint substitute Members for all of the above Committees and Boards, except the Standards Committee and the Appointments Board, in accordance with Procedural Rule 7.

99. Appointments of Members to Committees and Boards

1. That the Committees and Boards of the Council be appointed as set out below so as to give effect to the wishes of the political groups as notified to the Assistant Director (Communities) and that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs be as shown:-

Regulatory Board (Planning)

Conservative Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Michael Wenban (Chair)
Robin Theobald (Vice-Chair)
John Knight
Bronwen McGarrity
Derek Shelbrooke

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Lee Croxton
Brian Sangha
Lauren Sullivan

Licensing Committee

Conservative Group (8 seats)

Cllrs: Jordan Meade (Chair)
Karen Hurdle (Vice-Chair)
Greta Goatley
Gary Harding
Sara Langdale
Gurjit Bains
Leslie Pearton
Michael Wenban

Labour Group (7 seats)

Cllrs: Gurdip Bungar
Brian Francis
John Loughlin
Lyn Milner
John Caller
Steve Thompson
Jenny Wallace

Finance and Audit Committee

Conservative Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Karen Hurdle (Chair)
Robin Theobald (Vice-Chair)
Lesley Boycott
Leslie Hills
William Lambert

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Shane Mochrie-Cox
Peter Rayner
Lenny Rolles

Overview Scrutiny CommitteeConservative Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Conrad Broadley (Vice-Chair)
 Leslie Hills
 William Lambert
 Sara Langdale
 Michael Wenban

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden (Chair)
 Jenny Wallace
 Lee Croxton
 Makhan Singh

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny CommitteeConservative Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Sara Langdale (Chair)
 Conrad Broadley (Vice-Chair)
 Gary Harding
 Karen Hurdle
 Greta Goatley

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Gurdip Bungar
 Brian Francis
 Robert Halpin
 Steve Thompson
 John Caller

Appointments Board (no substitutes)Conservative Group (7 seats)

Cllrs: David Turner (Chair)
 John Knight (Vice-Chair)
 Julia Burgoyne
 Karen Hurdle
 Sara Langdale
 Anthony Pritchard
 Robin Theobald

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
 Lee Croxton
 Lyn Milner
 Lauren Sullivan
 John Caller

Standards Committee (no substitutes)Conservative Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Robin Theobald (Chair)
 Michael Wenban (Vice-Chair)
 Lesley Boycott
 Leslie Hills
 Anthony Pritchard

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: Valerie Ashenden
 John Caller
 Makhan Singh
 Narinderjit Thandi

Joint Arrangements with other Local Authorities**Joint Transportation Board (no substitutes)**Conservative Group (3 seats)

Cllrs: Lesley Boycott (Vice-Chair)
 Leslie Hills
 Robin Theobald

Labour Group (2 seats)

Cllrs: Rob Halpin
 Peter Scollard

South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint CommitteeConservative Group (1 seat)Labour Group (0 seats)

Cllr: Julia Burgoyne

Substitute: David Turner

Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley Health & Wellbeing BoardConservative Group (1 seat)Labour Group (0 seats)

Cllr: David Turner

Substitute: Jordan Meade

100. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies

That the following appointments be made to outside bodies:-

Action with Communities in Rural Kent

John Burden, Julia Burgoyne

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services

Bronwen McGarrity

Charity of Knight's Almshouses (4 year term)

Peter Rayner

Choices (formerly North Kent Women's Aid)

Bronwen McGarrity

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Gary Harding

CCTV – Lay Panel of Visitors

Lesley Boycott, John Knight, Lyn Milner.

Substitutes: David Hurley, Jenny Wallace, Michael Wenban

Cyclopark

John Knight (appointed on 06.03.2018, to be reaffirmed at AC to keep aligned)

Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership

John Knight, David Turner (substitute) (appointed on 06.03.2018, to be reaffirmed at AC to keep aligned)

Dartford and Gravesham District Partnership Group

John Burden

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Stakeholder Council

Gurjit Bains, Lyn Milner (appointed on 10.10.2017, to be reaffirmed at AC to keep aligned)

DGSM Your Choice

William Lambert

Ebbsfleet UDC Board Planning Committee (3 year term)

Robin Theobald

Substitute: Julia Burgoyne

Elizabeth Huggins Cottages Charity (4 year term)

Colin Meredith

Gravesend & District Mencap Society

Lee Croxton, David Hurley

Gravesend Regatta Committee

Harold Craske, Jordan Meade, Shane Mochrie-Cox

Gravesham Access Group

Gary Harding (appointed on 05.12.2017, to be reaffirmed at AC to keep aligned)

Gravesham Arts Council and Executive Committee

Robert Halpin, Sara Langdale, Harold Craske

Gravesham Community Leisure Limited

Sandra Garside, Sara Langdale

Gravesham Rights of Way Committee

Lee Croxton, Alan Ridgers, Robin Theobald

Groundwork South

Samir Jassal

Kent County Playing Fields Association

Sandra Garside

Kent Crime Panel

John Knight

Kent Crime & Safety Partnership

John Knight

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Robin Theobald

Local Government Association

David Turner

Local Government Information Unit

David Turner

Meopham Community Sports and Leisure Association Management Committee

John Caller, Derek Shelbrooke

North Kent Crime Prevention Panel

John Knight

North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board

Harold Craske, Leslie Hills, Robin Theobald

North Kent Relate

Karen Hurdle

North West Kent Volunteer Centre

Alan Ridgers

Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy (SAMMS)

Harold Craske

Substitute: Robin Theobald

South East Employers

John Knight

Substitute: David Turner

The Grand Community Interest Company

John Burden, Sandra Garside (Sandra Garside appointed on 10.10.2017, to be reaffirmed at AC to keep aligned)

Town Twinning Association

Julia Burgoyne, Lyn Milner

101. Scheme of Delegation

The scheme of delegation relating to the Council's functions other than Cabinet functions contained within Annexes 1.2, 1.3, 1.13, 1.14 and 1.15 of the Constitution were re-affirmed.

102. Timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year

That the timetable of meetings for the 2018/19 municipal year be adopted.

103. Questions

No questions had been received.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.33pm