

Council

Thursday, 16 May 2019

7.00 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr David Hurley
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Lesley Boycott

Councillors:	Derek Ashenden	Jordan Meade
	Ejaz Aslam	Lyn Milner
	Gurjit Kaur Bains	Shane Mochrie-Cox
	Gurdip Ram Bungar	Emma Morley
	John Burden	Elizabeth Mulheran
	Colin Caller	Leslie Pearton
	John Caller	Anthony Pritchard
	Harold Craske	Tony Rana
	Lee Croxton	Tony Rice
	Dakota Dibben	Alan Ridgers
	Aaron Elliott	Christina Rolles
	Emma Elliott	Lenny Rolles
	Brian Francis	Brian Sangha
	Sarah Gow	Peter Scollard
	Gary Harding	Gurbax Singh
	Baljit Hayre	Lauren Sullivan
	Leslie Hills	Narinder Singh Thandi
	Leslie Hoskins	Steve Thompson
	Nirmal Khabra	Denise Tiran
	Bob Lane	Jenny Wallace
	Diane Marsh	Frank Wardle
	Ruth Martin	

David Hughes	Chief Executive
Stuart Bobby	Director (Corporate Services)
Nick Brown	Director (Environment & Operations)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Simon Walsh	Service Manager (Communities)
Jan Guylar	Head of Legal Services, Medway Council
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Manager
Chris Wakeford	Committee Services Officer
Lauren Wallis	Committee Services Officer
Ben Clarke	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant
Sarah Knight	Senior Media Officer

1. Prayer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr David Hurley asked the outgoing Chaplain, Father Innocent Abonyi to say a prayer for the meeting.

2. Gravesham Community Awards

Before the start of formal proceedings, the Chief Executive stated that the Council had instituted an award scheme to recognise and honour individual and collective contributions to community life. Awards were presented by the Mayor to the under-mentioned persons/organisations:-

Lisa Whittaker
Milton Munchies
John Cross
Waterside Parents Centre
Makhan Singh Cheema
GYG Committee

3. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Conrad Broadley.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

5. Election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Councillor John Burden and seconded by Councillor Lee Croxton that:-

Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2019/2020.

Tribute was paid to Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar for his service to the Council, to previous Mayors and the community. Cllr Bungar had previously served as Deputy Mayor in 2014/15.

It was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar be duly elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2019/20.

Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar 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 2019/20 would be Ellenor Hospice, House of Mercy and Sanctuary.

6. Vote of thanks to Outgoing Mayor

It was moved by Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Cllr David Hurley for the manner in which he carried out the office of Mayor for the past municipal year.

Cllr Hurley 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.

7. Presentation of the Past Mayor's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Cllr David Hurley with a Past Mayor's Badge.

8. Mayoress

The Mayor stated that the Mayoress would be Mrs Nanjo Kaur Bungar and invested her with the Mayoress's Chain.

9. Appointment of the Civic Chaplain

The Worshipful the Mayor stated that the Civic Chaplain would be Reverend Jacqueline Littlewood and invested her with the Civic Cross.

10. Election of the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Cllr John Burden and seconded by Cllr Lee Croxton that:-

Cllr John Caller be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2019/20.

Tribute was paid to Cllr John Caller for his service to the Council, to previous Mayors and the community. Cllr Caller had previously served as Deputy Mayor in 2013/14 and Mayor in 2014/15.

It was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr John Caller be duly elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2019/20.

Cllr John Caller made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. Deputy Mayoress

The Deputy Mayor stated that the Deputy Mayoress will be Mrs Susan Caller and invested her with the Deputy Mayoress's Chain.

12. Presentation of Bouquets

Bouquets were presented to the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress and outgoing Deputy Mayor.

13. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 16 April 2019

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 16 April 2019 were signed by the Mayor.

14. To elect a Leader

It was moved by Cllr Lee Croxton and seconded by Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox that:-

Cllr John Burden be elected as Leader of the Executive for the term of four years in accordance with Section 44A of the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared to be carried.

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

Cllr John Burden (Leader)
 Cllr Lee Croxton (Deputy Leader)
 Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox
 Cllr Brian Sangha
 Cllr Jenny Wallace
 Cllr Narinder Singh Thandi
 Cllr Lenny Rolles

The following items (Minute 15 to 19) were moved by Cllr John Burden, seconded by Cllr Lee Croxton and agreed en-bloc unanimously.

15. Representation on 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
Labour Group	4 seats	
Conservative Group	4 seats	
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat	
Licensing Committee		15 Members
Labour Group	8 seats	
Conservative Group	6 seats	
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat	
Finance and Audit Committee		9 Members
Labour Group	5 seats	
Conservative Group	4 seats	
Overview Scrutiny Committee		9 Members
Labour Group	5 seats	
Conservative Group	4 seats	
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		13 Members
Labour Group	7 seats	
Conservative Group	5 seats	
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat	
Appointments Board		13 Members
Labour Group	7 seats	
Conservative Group	5 seats	
Gravesham Independent Group	1 seat	

Standards Committee		9 Members
Labour Group	5 seats	
Conservative Group	4 seats	
Appeals Sub-Committee		3 Members
Labour Group	2 seats	
Conservative Group	1 seat	
Appointments Panel		3 Members
Labour Group	2 seats	
Conservative Group	1 seat	
Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee		3 Members
Labour Group	2 seats	
Conservative Group	1 seat	
Licensing Panel		3 Members
Labour Group	2 seats	
Conservative Group	1 seat	

- 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.

16. Appointment of Members to Committee and Boards

- 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 Service Manager (Communities) and that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs be as shown.

Regulatory Board – 9 Seats

Labour Group (4 seats)

Lauren Sullivan (Chair)
John Burden
Brian Sangha
Brian Francis

Conservative Group (4 seats)

Bob Lane
Conrad Broadley
Jordan Meade
Gary Harding

Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Harold Craske (Vice Chair)

Licensing Committee – 15 Seats

Labour Group (8 seats)

Steve Thompson (Chair)
Jenny Wallace (Vice Chair)
John Caller
Nirmal Khabra
Brian Francis
Tony Rana
Lyn Milner
Emma Morley

Conservative Group (6 seats)

Derek Ashenden
Frank Wardle
Diane Marsh
Emma Elliott
Denise Tiran
Leslie Hoskins

Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)

Leslie Pearton

Finance and Audit Committee – 9 Seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)</u>
Gurbax Singh (Chair) Colin Caller (Vice Chair) Nirmal Khabra Sarah Gow Ruth Martin	Dakota Dibben Tony Rice Ejaz Aslam Derek Ashenden	

Overview Scrutiny Committee – 9 Seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)</u>
Steve Thompson (Vice Chair) Ruth Martin Christina Rolles Elizabeth Mulheran Peter Scollard	Jordan Meade (Chair) Conrad Broadley Alan Ridgers Leslie Hills	

Crime and Disorder Committee – 13 Seats

<u>Labour Group (7 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Steve Thompson (Chair) Baljit Hayre (Vice Chair) Brian Francis John Caller Lauren Sullivan Emma Morley Nirmal Khabra	Gary Harding Aaron Elliott Frank Wardle Ejaz Aslam Gurjit Bains	Leslie Pearton

Appointments Board – 13 Seats

<u>Labour Group (7 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
John Burden (Chair) Lee Croxton (Vice Chair) Jenny Wallace John Caller Lauren Sullivan Lyn Milner Lenny Rolles	Jordan Meade Ejaz Aslam Tony Rice Diane Marsh Tony Pritchard	Harold Craske

Standards Committee (no substitutes) – 9 Seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seats)</u>
John Caller (Chair)	Emma Elliott	
Lyn Milner (Vice Chair)	Leslie Hills	
Narinderjit Thandi	Gary Harding	
Ruth Martin	Diane Marsh	
Gurbax Singh		

Appeals Sub-Committee – 3 seats

<u>Labour Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (1 seat)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
Colin Caller (Chair)	Gary Harding	
Lyn Milner (Vice Chair)		

Appointments Panel – 3 seats

<u>Labour Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (1 seat)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
John Burden (Chair)	Jordan Meade	
Lee Croxton (Vice Chair)		

Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee – 3 seats

<u>Labour Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (1 seat)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
John Burden (Chair)	Jordan Meade	
Lauren Sullivan (Vice Chair)		

Licensing Panel – 3 seats

The panel's membership is drawn from available Licensing Committee members and will consist of one member from each political group.

Joint Arrangements with other Local Authorities**Joint Transportation Board (no substitutes) – 5 seats**

<u>Labour Group (3 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (2 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (0 seat)</u>
Colin Caller (Chair)	Bob Lane	
Peter Scollard	Leslie Hills	
Brian Francis		

Cabinet Committees**Community & Leisure Cabinet Committee – 10 seats**

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Shane Mochrie-Cox (Chair)	Gurjit Bains	Harold Craske
Tony Rana (Vice Chair)	Jordan Meade	
Christina Rolles	Ejaz Aslam	
Peter Scollard	Aaron Elliott	
Baljit Hayre		

Operational Services Cabinet Committee – 10 seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Lee Croxton (Chair)	Alan Ridgers	Leslie Pearton
Gurbax Singh (Vice Chair)	Conrad Broadley	
John Caller	Frank Wardle	
Steve Thompson	Emma Elliott	
Ruth Martin		

Housing Services Cabinet Committee – 10 seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Jenny Wallace (Chair)	Leslie Hoskins	Leslie Pearton
Christina Rolles (Vice Chair)	Diane Marsh	
Lyn Milner	Dakota Dibben	
Colin Caller	Frank Wardle	
Peter Scollard		

Performance and Administration Cabinet Committee – 10 seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Narinderjit Thandi (Chair)	Leslie Hills	Harold Craske
Brian Francis (Vice Chair)	Gary Harding	
Gurbax Singh	Gurjit Bains	
Peter Scollard	Dakota Dibben	
Sarah Gow		

Strategic Environment Cabinet Committee – 10 seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Brian Sangha (Chair)	Bob Lane	Harold Craske
Lauren Sullivan (Vice Chair)	Conrad Broadley	
Brian Francis	Gary Harding	
Baljit Hayre	Derek Ashenden	
Emma Morley		

Commercial Cabinet Committee – 10 seats

<u>Labour Group (5 seats)</u>	<u>Conservative Group (4 seats)</u>	<u>Gravesham Independent Group (1 seat)</u>
Lenny Rolles (Chair)	Tony Rice	Leslie Pearton
Sarah Gow (Vice Chair)	Denise Tiran	
Gurbax Singh	Conrad Broadley	
Tony Rana	Tony Pritchard	
John Caller		

17. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies

That appointments to outside bodies be made in accordance with the following list:-

Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Cllrs John Burden and Bob Lane

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services

Cllr Lyn Milner

Charity of Knight's Almshouses (4 year term)

Cllrs Colin Caller and Jenny Wallace

Choices (formerly North Kent Women's Aid)

Cllr Sarah Gow

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Cllr Lauren Sullivan

CCTV – Lay Panel of Visitors

Cllrs Lyn Milner, John Knight and Frank Wardle

Substitutes: Cllrs Jenny Wallace, Michael Wenban and Ejaz Aslam

Cyclopark

Cllr John Caller

Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

Substitute: Cllr John Burden

Dartford and Gravesham District Partnership Group

Cllr John Burden

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Stakeholder Council

Cllrs Lyn Milner and Leslie Hills

DGSM Your Choice

Cllr Lenny Rolles

Ebbsfleet UDC Board

Cllr John Burden

Ebbsfleet UDC Board Planning Committee (3 year term)

Cllr Lauren Sullivan

Substitute: Cllr Harold Craske

Elizabeth Huggins Cottages Charity (4 year term)

Cllr John Burden

Gravesend & District Mencap Society

Cllrs Lee Croxton and Gurjit Bains

Gravesend Regatta Committee

Cllrs Lenny Rolles, Shane Mochrie-Cox and Harold Craske

Gravesham Access Group

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

Gravesham Arts Council and Executive Committee

Cllrs Rob Halpin, Jenny Wallace and Gary Harding

Gravesham Community Leisure Limited

Cllrs Shane Mochrie-Cox and Peter Scollard

Gravesham Rights of Way Committee

Cllrs Colin Caller, Lee Croxton and Tony Rice

Henry Pinnocks Charity (4 year term)

Cllrs Colin Caller and Tony Pritchard

Kent County Playing Fields Association

Cllr Brian Sangha

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Cllr Lee Croxton

Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

Local Government Association

Cllr John Burden

Local Government Information Unit

Cllr John Burden

Meopham Community Sports and Leisure Association Management Committee

Cllrs John Caller and Ejaz Aslam

North Kent Crime Prevention Panel

Cllr Tony Rana

North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board

Cllrs Jenny Wallace, Harold Craske and Lee Croxton

North Kent Relate

Cllr Christina Rolles

North West Kent Volunteer Centre

Cllr Peter Scollard

Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy (SAMMS)

Cllr Lauren Sullivan

Substitute: Cllr Harold Craske

South East Employers

Cllr John Burden

Substitute: Cllr Lee Croxton

The Grand Community Interest Company

Cllrs John Burden and Shane Mochrie-Cox

Town Twinning Association

Cllrs Lyn Milner and Alan Ridgers

18. 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.

19. Timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year

That the timetable of meetings for the 2019/20 municipal year be adopted.

20. Questions

No questions had been received.

21. Admittance of Honorary Freemen

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 26 February 2019, it was unanimously agreed that in recognition of their eminent service to the Borough of Gravesham, the persons shown in Minutes 40 (1), (2), (3) and (4) be admitted an Honorary Freemen of the Borough pursuant to Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

22. John Burden

The Worshipful the Mayor and the Chief Executive signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting John Burden as an Honorary Freeman.

John Burden made the following declaration:-

“I, John Burden do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will, at all times, use my best endeavours to preserve the peace of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second and that I will continue to do all in my power to serve the best interests of the people of Gravesham.”

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented John Burden with a Scroll and a Freeman’s Badge to mark the occasion.

23. Colin William Caller

The Worshipful the Mayor and the Chief Executive signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting Colin William Caller as an Honorary Freeman.

Colin William Caller made the following declaration:-

“I, Colin William Caller do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will, at all times, use my best endeavours to preserve the peace of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second and that I will continue to do all in my power to serve the best interests of the people of Gravesham.”

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented Colin William Caller with a Scroll and a Freeman’s Badge to mark the occasion.

24. Robin Neville Theobald

The Worshipful the Mayor and the Chief Executive signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting Robin Neville Theobald as an Honorary Freeman.

Robin Neville Theobald made the following declaration:-

“I, Robin Neville Theobald do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will, at all times, use my best endeavours to preserve the peace of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second and that I will continue to do all in my power to serve the best interests of the people of Gravesham.”

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented Robin Neville Theobald with a Scroll and a Freeman’s Badge to mark the occasion.

25. Michael Wenban J.P.

The Worshipful the Mayor and the Chief Executive signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting Michael Wenban as an Honorary Freeman.

Michael Wenban made the following declaration:-

“I, Michael Wenban do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will, at all times, use my best endeavours to preserve the peace of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second and that I will continue to do all in my power to serve the best interests of the people of Gravesham.”

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented Michael Wenban with a Scroll and a Freeman’s Badge to mark the occasion.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.24 pm