

Gravesham Borough Council

Annual Council

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

7.00 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Michael Wenban
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Greta Goatley

Councillors:	Valerie Ashenden	John Knight
	Gurjit Kaur Bains	William Lambert
	Lesley Boycott	Sara Langdale
	Gurdip Ram Bungar	John Loughlin
	John Burden	Bronwen McGarrity
	Julia Burgoyne	Jordan Meade
	Colin Caller	Lyn Milner
	John Caller	Leslie Pearton
	Harold Craske	Anthony Pritchard
	Jane Cribbon	Peter Rayner
	Lee Croxton	Alan Ridgers
	John Cubitt	Lenny Rolles
	Brian Francis	Brian Sangha
	Sandra Garside	Peter Scollard
	Rob Halpin	Derek Shelbrooke
	Leslie Hills	Makhan Singh
	Les Howes	Lauren Sullivan
	Susan Howes	Narinder Singh Thandi
	Karen Hurdle	Robin Theobald
	David Hurley	Steve Thompson
	Samir Jassal	David Turner

David Hughes	Chief Executive
Nick Brown	Director (Environment & Operations)
Kevin Burbidge	Director (Housing & Regeneration)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Sarah Kilkie	Assistant Director (Communities)
Mike Hayley	Assistant Director (Governance & Law)
Sue Hill	Committee & Elections Manager
Carlie Simmonds	Committee Services Officer
Chris Wakeford	Committee Services Officer

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Gravesham Community and Civic 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:-

Outstanding Individual:	Hilary Smith
Community business:	Performance Carz
Young Person of the Year: (2 awards given)	Acacia Newton and Rhys Roberts
Best Group:	Northfleet Carnival Organising Committee
Sports Achiever of the Year:	Kayla Fry
Safer/Better Community:	India Vraitch and Gravesham Langar Seva

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

Scott Dunleavy of Cinemaworx and the Gravesend Carers Support Group.

3. Prayer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Michael Wenban asked the outgoing Chaplain to say a prayer for the meeting.

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 Cubitt and seconded by Councillor David Turner that –

Cllr Greta Goatley be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2016/2017.

Tribute was paid to Cllr Greta Goatley 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 Greta Goatley, be duly elected Mayor of the borough for the municipal year 2016/17. Cllr Greta Goatley made the Declaration of Acceptance of office required by Section 93 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor, in giving her acceptance speech stated that her charities for 2016/17 would be the Ellenor Hospice Children & Young Adults and the Alzheimer and Dementia Support

Services. At the conclusion of her term of office, the amount rased would be shared equally amongst them.

6. Vote of thanks to Outgoing Mayor

It was moved by Cllr Greta Goatley and seconded by Cllr John Cubitt that

the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Cllr Michael Wenban for the manner in which he carried out the office of Mayor for the past municipal year.

Cllr Wenban 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 Past Mayor's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Cllr Michael Wenban with a Past Mayor's Badge.

8. Presentation of Past Mayoress's Badge

Fiona Strike was presented with a Past Mayoress's Badge.

9. Mayoress

The Mayor stated that her Mayoress for the forthcoming year 2016/17 would be her daughter Victoria Bance.

10. Appointment of Civic Chaplain

The worshipful the Mayor stated that the Civic Chaplain would be the Reverend Canon Chris Stone.

11. Election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Cllr John Cubitt and seconded by Cllr David Turner that –

Cllr Harold Craske be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2016/17.

On being put to the vote it was **resolved** that Cllr Harold Craske be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2016/17. Cllr Harold Craske then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. Deputy Mayoress

The Deputy Mayor stated that his Deputy Mayoress would be his wife Veronica Craske.

13. Presentation of Bouquets

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

14. Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 19 April 2016 of Council

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 April 2016 were signed by the Mayor.

15. The Cabinet

Council noted the arrangements put in place for the Cabinet and the names of the members that would comprise the Cabinet.

16. Representation of Political Groups on Committees

It was moved by Cllr John Cubitt and seconded by Cllr David Turner that –

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 10 Members

Conservative Group 5 seats
Labour Group 5 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 6 seats
Labour Group 6 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.

17. Appointment of Members to Committees and Boards

It was moved by Cllr John Cubitt and seconded by Cllr David Turner

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**Conservative Group (5 seats)**

Cllrs: Robin Theobald (Chair)
William Lambert (Vice-Chair)
John Cubitt
David Turner
Michael Wenban

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Jane Cribbon
Lee Croxton
Lauren Sullivan

Licensing Committee**Conservative Group (8 seats)**

Cllrs: Harold Craske (Chair)
Lesley Boycott (Vice-Chair)
Gurjit Bains
Karen Hurdle
Sara Langdale
Jordan Meade
Leslie Pearton
Michael Wenban

Labour Group (7 seats)

Cllrs: Valerie Ashenden
Gurdip Bungar
Brian Francis
John Loughlin
Lyn Milner
Peter Scollard
Steve Thompson

Finance and Audit Committee**Conservative Group (5 seats)**

Cllrs: Derek Shelbrooke (Chair)
Karen Hurdle (Vice-Chair)
Lesley Boycott
John Knight
William Lambert

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Colin Caller
Peter Rayner
Lenny Rolles
Brian Sangha

Overview Scrutiny Committee**Conservative Group (5 seats)**

Cllrs: David Hurley (Vice-Chair)
William Lambert
Sara Langdale
Derek Shelbrooke
Michael Wenban

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden (Chair)
Lee Croxton
Les Howes
Makhan Singh

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee**Conservative Group (5 seats)**

Cllrs: John Knight (Chair)
Sara Langdale (Vice-Chair)
Karen Hurdle
David Hurley
Samir Jassal

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: Gurdip Bungar
Robert Halpin
Les Howes
Lyn Milner
Lauren Sullivan

Appointments Board (no substitutes)**Conservative Group (6 seats)**

Cllrs: John Cubitt (Chair)
David Turner (Vice-Chair)
Julia Burgoyne
Leslie Hills
Sara Langdale
Anthony Pritchard

Labour Group (6 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Lee Croxton
Jane Cribbon
Susan Howes
Makhan Singh
Lauren Sullivan

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

Cllrs: Michael Wenban (Chair)
Lesley Boycott (Vice-Chair)
John Cubitt
Leslie Hills
David Turner

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: Valerie Ashenden
John Caller
Makhan Singh
Narinder Singh Thandi

2. That the wishes of the political groups in respect of appointments to bodies formed as part of Joint Arrangements with other Local Authorities be as set out below:-

Joint Transportation Board (no substitutes)**Conservative Group (3 seats)**

Cllrs: Lesley Boycott (Vice-Chair)
Sara Langdale
Robin Theobald

Labour Group (2 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Lee Croxton

Gravesham Area Board (no substitutes)**Conservative Group (3 seats)**

Cllrs: John Cubitt (Chair)
Samir Jassal
Michael Wenban

Labour Group (2 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Brian Sangha

South Thames Gateway Building Control Joint Committee**Conservative Group (1 seat)**

Cllr: John Cubitt
Substitute: Robin Theobald

Labour Group (0 seats)**Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley Health & Wellbeing Board****Conservative Group (1 seat)**

Cllr: David Turner
Substitute: John Cubitt

Labour Group (0 seats)**18. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies**

It was moved by Cllr John Cubitt and seconded by Cllr David Turner that the following appointments be made to outside bodies –

Action with Communities in Rural Kent

John Burden, Julia Burgoyne

Alpha Foundation

John Burden, David Turner

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services

Bronwen McGarrity

Charity of Knight's Almshouses (4 year Term)

Ronald Bowman

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Lesley Boycott

CCTV – Lay Panel of Visitors

Lesley Boycott, John Knight, Lyn Milner.

Substitutes: Valerie Ashenden, David Hurley, Michael Wenban

Cyclopark

Sara Langdale

Dartford and Gravesham Council for Voluntary Service Management Committee

Alan Ridgers

Dartford and Gravesham District Partnership Group

John Burden

DGSM Your Choice

William Lambert

Gravesend & District Mencap Society

Lee Croxton, David Hurley

Gravesend Regatta Committee

John Caller, Jordan Meade, Mrs Helen Skellorn

Gravesham Access Group

Bronwen McGarrity

Gravesham Arts Council and Executive Committee

Robert Halpin, Sara Langdale, Jordan Meade

Gravesham Community Leisure Limited

Sara Langdale, Alan Ridgers

Gravesham Rights of Way Committee

Lee Croxton, Alan Ridgers, Robin Theobald

Groundwork South

Samir Jassal

Kent County Playing Fields Association

Alan Ridgers

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Robin Theobald

Local Government Association

John Cubitt

Local Government Information Unit

John Cubitt

Meopham Community Sports and Leisure Association Management Committee

John Caller, Derek Shelbrooke

North Kent Crime Prevention Panel

John Knight

North Kent Relate

Karen Hurdle

North Kent Women's Aid

Gurjit Bains

North West Kent Volunteer Centre

Alan Ridgers

South East Employers

David Turner

Substitute: John Cubitt

The Grand Community Interest Company

John Burden, David Turner

Town Twinning Association

Julia Burgoyne, Lyn Milner

19. 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.

20. Timetable of meetings

It was moved by Cllr John Cubitt and seconded by Cllr David Turner that –

The timetable of meetings for the 2016/17 municipal year be adopted.

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

21. Questions

No questions had been received.

22. Admittance of Honorary Freemen

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2015, it was unanimously agreed that in recognition of their eminent service to the Borough of Gravesham, the persons shown in Minutes 45 (1) and (2) be admitted an Honorary Freemen of the Borough pursuant to Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

23. William Graham Dyke

The Worshipful the Mayor signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting William Graham Dyke as an Honorary Freeman.

William Graham Dyke then made the following declaration:

“I, William Graham Dyke 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.”

William Graham Dyke signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen witnessed by the Chief Executive.

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented William Graham Dyke with a Scroll and a Freeman's Badge to mark the occasion.

The Honorary Freeman returned thanks to the Council for the honour accorded him.

24. James John Loughlin

The Worshipful the Mayor signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting James John Loughlin as an Honorary Freeman.

James John Loughlin then made the following declaration:

"I, James John Loughlin 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."

James John Loughlin signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen witnessed by the Chief Executive.

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

The Honorary Freeman returned thanks to the Council for the honour accorded him

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.30pm