

Gravesham Borough Council

Council

Tuesday, 9 May 2017

7.00 pm

Present:

The Worshipful the Mayor, Cllr Greta Goatley
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Harold Craske

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

David Hughes	Chief Executive
Stuart Bobby	Director (Corporate Services)
Nick Brown	Director (Environment & Operations)
Kevin Burbidge	Director (Housing & Regeneration)
Melanie Norris	Director (Communities)
Perry Holmes	Chief Legal Officer
Sarah Kilkie	Assistant Director (Communities)
Chris Wakeford	Committee Services Officer (Scrutiny)
Ben Clarke	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant

1. Prayer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr Greta Goatley asked the outgoing Chaplain, Reverend Chris Stone 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 award schemes to recognise and honour individual and collective contributions to community life.

Awards were presented by the Mayor to the under-mentioned persons who have “gone the extra mile” within the community for the benefit of others:-

Andrew Martin

Courtney Trimming

Chris Norris and Linda Norris

Derek Lewis

Mary Walker

Kelly Hall

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gurdip Ram Bungar and Cllr John Cubitt and.

The Mayor took the opportunity to welcome two new Councillors:

Cllr Conrad Broadley

Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

5. Election of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Councillor David Turner and seconded by Councillor Leslie Hills that:-

Cllr Harold Craske be elected Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2017/2018.

Tribute was paid to Cllr Harold Craske for the steadfast service and support he had given to the Council in the years since first being elected and in his work with Higham residents.

On being put to the vote it was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr Harold Craske, be duly elected Mayor of the borough for the municipal year 2017/18. Cllr Harold Craske made the Declaration of Acceptance of office required by Section 93 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor, in giving his acceptance speech stated that his charities for 2017/18 would be the House of Mercy, The Salvation Army, Ellenor Hospice and Beams. At the conclusion of his term of office, the amount raised would be shared equally amongst them.

6. Vote of thanks to the Outgoing Mayor

It was moved by Cllr Harold Craske and seconded by Cllr David Turner that:-

the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Cllr Greta Goatley for the manner in which she carried out the office of Mayor for the past municipal year.

Cllr Greta Goatley suitably replied and in doing so offered thanks to those who had assisted her during her year in office and highlighted a number of events she had attended during her mayoral year.

7. Presentation of Past Mayor's Badge

The Worshipful the Mayor presented Cllr Greta Goatley with a Past Mayor's Badge.

8. Presentation of Past Mayoress's Badge

Victoria Bance was presented with a Past Mayoress's Badge.

9. Mayoress

The Mayor stated that his Mayoress for the forthcoming year 2017/18 would be his wife Veronica Craske and invested her with the Mayoress's Chain.

10. Appointment of Civic Chaplain

The worshipful the Mayor stated that the Civic Chaplain would be the Father James Southward and invested him with the Chaplain's cross.

11. Election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year

It was moved by Cllr Leslie Hills and seconded by Cllr Jordan Meade that:-

Cllr David Hurley be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2017/18.

On being put to the vote it was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr David Hurley be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal year 2017/18. Cllr David Hurley then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. Presentation of Bouquets

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

13. Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 18 April 2017 of Council

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 April 2017 were signed by the Mayor.

14. Confirmation of the arrangements in respect of the Cabinet

Council noted the arrangements put in place for the Cabinet and the names of the members that would comprise the Cabinet as detailed below:

Cllr David Turner (Leader)
 Cllr Leslie Hills (Deputy Leader)
 Cllr Gurjit Bains
 Cllr Julia Burgoyne
 Cllr Sandra Garside
 Cllr Samir Jassal
 Cllr John Knight
 Cllr Jordan Meade
 Cllr Anthony Pritchard
 Cllr Alan Ridgers

15. Representation of Political Groups on Committees

It was moved by Cllr David Turner and seconded by Cllr Leslie Hills 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
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Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats

Licensing Committee	15 Members
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Conservative Group	8 seats
Labour Group	7 seats

Finance and Audit Committee	9 Members
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Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats

Overview Scrutiny Committee	9 Members
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Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	4 seats

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee	10 Members
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Conservative Group	5 seats
Labour Group	5 seats

Appointments Board	12 Members
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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.

16. Appointment of Members to Committees and Boards

It was moved by Cllr David Turner and seconded by Cllr Leslie Hills:

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: Mick Wenban (Chair)
William Lambert (Vice-Chair)
John Knight
Bronwen McGarrity
Robin Theobald

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Lee Croxton
Brian Sangha
Lauren Sullivan

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

Cllrs: Lesley Boycott (Chair)
Karen Hurdle (Vice-Chair)
Gurjit Bains
Greta Goatley
Sara Langdale
Jordan Meade
Lelsie Pearton
Mick Wenban

Labour Group (7 seats)

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

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

Cllrs: Derek Shelbrooke (Chair)
 Karen Hurdle (Vice-Chair)
 Lesley Boycott
 William Lambert
 Robin Theobald

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
 Colin Caller
 Peter Rayner
 Lenny Rolles

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

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

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden (Chair)
 John Caller
 Lee Croxton
 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
 Brian Francis
 Robert Halpin
 Lyn Milner
 Shane Mochrie-Cox

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

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

Labour Group (5 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
 Colin Caller
 Makhan Singh
 Lauren Sullivan
 Jenny Wallace

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

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

Labour Group (4 seats)

Cllrs: Val 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 (Chair)
Alan Ridgers
Robin Theobald

Labour Group (2 seats)

Cllrs: Colin Caller
Peter Scollard

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

Cllrs: David Turner (Chair)
Samir Jassal
Mick Wenban

Labour Group (2 seats)

Cllrs: John Burden
Brian Sangha

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

Cllr: Julia Burgoyne
Substitute: David Turner

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

Cllr: David Turner
Substitute: Jordan Meade

Labour Group (0 seats)

17. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies

It was moved by Cllr David Turner and seconded by Cllr Leslie Hills 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, Makhan Singh

Choices (formerly North Kent Womens Aid)

Bronwen McGarrity

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Lesley Boycott

CCTV – Lay Panel of Visitors

Lesley Boycott, John Knight, Lyn Milner.

Substitutes: Jenny Wallace, David Hurley, Michael Wenban

Cyclopark

Alan Ridgers

Dartford and Gravesham Council for Voluntary Service Management Committee

Alan Ridgers

Dartford and Gravesham Community Safety Partnership

David Turner, John Knight (substitute)

Dartford and Gravesham District Partnership Group

John Burden

DGSM Your Choice

William Lambert

Gravesend & District Mencap Society

Lee Croxton, David Hurley

Gravesend Regatta Committee

Shane Mochrie Cox, Jordan Meade, Harold Craske

Gravesham Access Group

Bronwen McGarrity

Gravesham Arts Council and Executive Committee

Robert Halpin, Sara Langdale, Jordan Meade

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 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

South East Employers

John Knight

Substitute: David Turner

The Grand Community Interest Company

John Burden, Jordan Meade

Town Twinning Association

Julia Burgoyne, Lyn Milner

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

It was moved by Cllr David Turner and seconded by Cllr Leslie Hills that –

The timetable of meetings for the 2017/18 municipal year be adopted.

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

20. Questions

No questions had been received.

21. Admittance of Honorary Freeman

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 21 February 2017, it was unanimously agreed that in recognition of their eminent service to the Borough of Gravesham, the persons shown in Minutes 61 (1) and (2) be admitted an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

22. Makhan Singh

The Worshipful the Mayor signed the Roll of Honorary Freeman admitting Makhan Singh as an Honorary Freeman.

Makhan Singh then made the following declaration:

“I, Makhan Singh 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.”

Makhan Singh signed the Roll of Honorary Freeman witnessed by the Chief Executive.

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented Makhan Singh 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.

23. David Harold Winston Turner

The Worshipful the Mayor signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen admitting David Harold Winston Turner as an Honorary Freeman.

David Harold Winston Turner then made the following declaration:

“I, David Harold Winston Turner 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.”

David Harold Winston Turner signed the Roll of Honorary Freemen witnessed by the Chief Executive.

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented David Harold Winston Turner 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. 8.15 pm