



**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL
THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016**

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillor F A Purdue-Horan - Mayor
Councillor G Davidson – Deputy Mayor

Councillors R A Adair, K P Beardsall, N A Brown, B Buschman, R L Butler, H A Chewings, J N Clarke, T Combellack, L B Cooper, J E Cottee, A M Dickinson, J Donoghue, M J Edwards, A J Edyvean, J E Greenwood, R Hetherington, S J Hull, R A Inglis, Mrs C E M Jeffreys, K A Khan, N C Lawrence, E J Lungley, A MacInnes, Mrs M M Males, G R Mallender, S E Mallender, D J Mason, S C Matthews, G S Moore, A L R A Pell, A Phillips, E A Plant, S J Robinson, Mrs J A Smith, J A Stockwood, J E Thurman, R G Upton, D G Wheeler, J G A Wheeler

OFFICERS PRESENT:

D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
N Carter	Deputy Monitoring Officer
C Caven-Atack	Performance, Reputation and Constitutional Services Manager
P Horsfield	Monitoring Officer
P Linfield	Executive Manager - Finance and Corporate Services
K Marriott	Executive Manager - Transformation and Operations
D Mitchell	Executive Manager - Communities
V Nightingale	Constitutional Services Officer
A Poole	Constitutional Services Team Leader

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors M Buckle, R M Jones and M W Suthers

OPENING PRAYER

The Meeting was led in prayer by Reverend Hetherington

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2016 were received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. Address of the Outgoing Mayor

Councillor Purdue-Horan informed Members that he had felt privileged to be the 42nd Mayor of Rushcliffe, the finest Borough in England. He said that he had attended over 120 events during the year including a visit to Buckingham Palace, the Bingham BFest, the legendary 4th Ashes Test Match, the West Bridgford Horticultural Show and many regular community events. He had been impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of local volunteers and organisers. He had attended many wonderful events that were organised by the Council's Community Events team including Lark in the Park and the West Bridgford Christmas Lights Switch On, which are enjoyed by thousands of people. He also highlighted the many wonderful events for children and young people which displayed the prowess of young gymnasts, actors, musicians and singers.

He informed Members that he had been the first Mayor to appoint two Mayor's Cadets, Air Cadet Sergeant Grace McDonald and Army Cadet Christopher Chrimes.

He stated that the beginning of his year had been difficult as the Mayor's Secretary had retired, the Head of Corporate Services had left the Authority to become a Chief Executive and the Executive Manager for Finance had died suddenly. This had been particularly difficult as the Senior Management Team had only just returned from their success of being honoured at the Municipal Journal Awards as the Best Management Team in London.

Councillor Purdue-Horan thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Davidson, for attending events on his behalf during the year; his Chaplain for all his work and officers who had helped and supported him.

With regards to his charity he highlighted the work of former Mayors Eddie Fearon and Irving Korn who had hosted events and Councillor Debbie Mason for her support. He informed Members that, so far, he had raised over £4,000 for the Stroke Association.

Finally he thanked Mrs Maureen Stockwood for being a great Mayoress who had carried out her duties with grace, skill and consummate aplomb. He had been grateful for her advice and assistance and he noted that it had helped that she was a former Mayor.

4. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

Councillor Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Purdue-Horan for his successful year in office as the Mayor. He said that Councillor Purdue-Horan had performed an excellent job and had been an ambassador for the Borough. Referring to the official photo album he highlighted some of the many engagements carried out by the Mayor, including many of the carnivals and fairs, especially Goose Fair. He referred to the many entertaining speeches that the Mayor had given, especially at the Civic Dinner. Finally, he stated that Councillor Purdue-Horan had chaired the Council meetings excellently.

Councillor Clarke then presented Councillor Purdue-Horan with his Past Mayor's Badge, an album of photographs from his year, and a photographic portrait.

Councillor MacInnes supported Councillor Clarke's comments and added that the Mayor was known for his repartee and off the cuff remarks and referred to the Mayor's speech at BFest. He emphasised the role of the Mayor and how this brought recognition to many community events and volunteers. He stated that Councillor Purdue-Horan had chaired the Council meetings with fairness, neutrality and that he had been able to relieve any tensions.

Councillor S Mallender endorsed the previous remarks and thanked the retiring Mayor for his work during his term of office and in particular his entertaining speeches and his activity on social media which had increased people's knowledge of the Mayor and the many events he had attended, including the Lady Bay Open Gardens in her ward.

RESOLVED that:

A vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Purdue-Horan and Mrs Stockwood for the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties during Councillor Purdue-Horan's year of office as Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe.

5. Election of Mayor 2016/17

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2016/17 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Hull and seconded by Councillor S Mallender, and supported by Councillor Khan, that Councillor Davidson be nominated for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2016/17.

On being put to the vote Councillor Davidson was appointed as Mayor.

RESOLVED that:

Councillor George Davidson be elected Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2016/17 municipal year.

After being invested with the Chain of Office by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Davidson read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, took the Chair. The Mayor announced his chosen charity for the year, Maggie's Nottingham. He stated that the work of this charity assisted carers, family and friends of people that were suffering from cancer. He stated that this was his 21st year as a Councillor and that he had now come of age. He presented Mrs Maureen Stockwood with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of all the work she had undertaken as Mayoress during 2015/16.

6. **Election of Deputy Mayor 2016/17**

Nominations were invited for the election of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2016/17 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Buschman and seconded by Councillor Lawrence that Councillor Cooper be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the year 2016/17.

On being put to the vote Councillor Cooper was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED that:

Councillor Barry Cooper be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Councillor Cooper read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, was invested with his Chain of Office by the Mayor.

7. **Appointment of Cabinet**

Councillor Clarke informed Members that he had made a change to the membership of the Cabinet and he outlined the portfolio holders.

Councillor J N Clarke	Leader, Portfolio Holder for Strategic and Borough Wide Leadership
Councillor S J Robinson	Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Economy
Councillor R L Butler	Portfolio Holder for Sustainability
Councillor J E Cottee	Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure
Councillor D J Mason	Portfolio Holder for Safety and Well Being
Councillor R G Upton	Portfolio Holder for Environment

Councillor Clarke thanked Councillor Lawrence for all his sterling work for the environment.

8. **Appointment of Committees and Member Groups 2016/17**

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Robinson that the Membership of the following Committees, Member Groups and Working Groups with Chairmen and Vice Chairmen as set out in the Appendix be appointed for 2016/17.

Councillor Clarke stated that, following discussions, Councillor MacInnes would be the Vice Chairman of Corporate Governance Group instead of Councillor Hull as indicated in the appendix.

- Community Development Group
- Corporate Governance Group
- Partnership Delivery Group
- Performance Management Board
- Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee

- Development Control Committee
- Employment Appeals Committee
- Interviewing Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Standards Committee
- Local Development Framework Group
- Member Development Group
- Strategic Growth Board
- Strategic Asset Review of Edwalton Golf Course Member Group
- Civic Hospitality Panel

RESOLVED that:

the nominations as set out in the Appendix to the report as amended be approved.

9. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies 2016/17

Members were informed that there was one contested appointment, the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group. It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Robinson that the representatives be appointed to the Outside Bodies as set out in the Appendix to the report, excluding the contested appointment which would be put to the vote.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2016/17, excluding the contested appointments, as indicated in the appendix to the report, be approved, and
- b) for the contested appointment Councillor R G Upton be appointed as the Council's representative to the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

MAYOR