

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillor M. Fayyaz, Town Mayor

Councillor A.K. Bacon
Councillor M.Z. Bhatti M.B.E
Councillor N.L. Brown
Councillor Q. Chaudhry
Miss E.A. Culverhouse
Councillor A. W. Franks
Councillor P.J. Hudson
Councillor D.J. Lacey

Councillor D. MacBean
Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean
Councillor R.C. McCulloch
Councillor M.W. Shaw
Councillor Mrs D. M. Varley
Councillor S. P. Willmoth
Councillor F.S. Wilson
Councillor P.W. Yerrell.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Varley and B.R. Whitfield.

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk Councillor

1. **RETIRING MAYOR'S PRESENTATION**

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Fayyaz, presented a cheque for £4,965 to the Hospice of St Francis (Berkhamsted) in respect of his Mayoral charity fund raising activities for 2014/15. He also advised that another £500 had been raised for Chesham Museum.

2. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor M. Fayyaz, Town Mayor, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for nominations for Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

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| Moved by | Councillor M.W. Shaw |
| Seconded by | Councillor N.L. Brown |

that Councillor P.J. Hudson be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Peter James Hudson be and is hereby elected Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Hudson then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to which the Clerk of the Council thereupon subscribed.

Councillor Fayyaz proceeded to invest Councillor Hudson with the Town Mayor's Chain of Office.

Councillor Hudson replied to the Council's resolution and presented the Escort's badge to his wife, Mrs Emma Hudson.

3. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor A K Bacon
Seconded by Councillor N L Brown

and

RESOLVED

that a vote of thanks be **RECORDED** to Councillor Fayyaz for his services to the town during the past year.

Councillor Fayyaz thanked his Council colleagues for their expressions of appreciation and his Deputy and the staff for their support throughout his year of office. He also paid tribute to his wife for her support during this busy period.

4. **DEFERMENT OF SIGNING DECLARATION OF OFFICE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, c.70, Part V, s.83 4 (c), it was

RESOLVED

that the signing of the Acceptance of Office declaration by Councillor N. Varley be deferred until the 29th May 2015.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

Moved by Councillor M.W. Shaw
Seconded by Councillor R. C. McCulloch

that Councillor N.L. Brown be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Noel Laurence Brown be and is hereby appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Brown thanked the Council for its endorsement and pledged his support to the Town Mayor during his term of office.

6. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th April 2015, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

7. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

Members had before them, and noted, the Immediate Past Town Mayor's engagements from 28th April - 18th May 2015 inclusive.

Councillor Fayyaz reported he attended two other functions not recorded namely:

- 16th May 2015 – Launch of swimming summer season and ‘Love Waterside’ event at Chesham Moor Gym and Swim Centre.
- 16th May 2015 – Opening of Chesham Muslim Funeral Services.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2015/2016**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2015/16, copy having been issued, was considered.

It was

RESOLVED

that the appointment of Standing Committees and membership thereof for the ensuing local government year be as follows:

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (19)

A.K. Bacon, M.Z. Bhatti, N.L. Brown, Q. Chaudhry, Miss E.A. Culverhouse, M. Fayyaz, A. W. Franks, P.J. Hudson, D.J. Lacey, D. MacBean, Mrs J.E. MacBean, R.C. McCulloch, M.W. Shaw, Mrs D. M. Varley, N. Varley, B.R. Whitfield, S.P. Willmoth, F.S. Wilson, P.W. Yerrell.

EXECUTIVE (9)

P.J. Hudson, N.L. Brown, A.K. Bacon, M.Z. Bhatti, D.J. Lacey, Mrs J.E. MacBean, R.C. McCulloch, M.W. Shaw, F. S. Wilson.

POLICY AND RESOURCES (12)

P.J. Hudson, N.L. Brown, A.K. Bacon, M.Z. Bhatti, Q. Chaudhry, A.W. Franks, D. MacBean, R.C. McCulloch, B.R. Whitfield, S.P. Willmoth, F.S. Wilson, P.W. Yerrell.

RECREATION AND ARTS (11)

P.J. Hudson, N.L. Brown, Q. Chaudhry, M. Fayyaz, A.W. Franks, D.J. Lacey, Mrs J.E. MacBean,

M.W. Shaw, Mrs D. M. Varley, B.R. Whitfield, S.P. Willmoth.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES 2015/2016**

The Council considered the making of appointments on Outside Bodies and Working Parties. It was

RESOLVED

that the following representatives be appointed to serve for the ensuing local government year:

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| Allotments Group | Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean |
| Central Chiltern Group (HS2) | Councillor T. Franks |
| Chesham in Bloom | Councillor N.L. Brown, Deputy Mayor - (ex officio) |
| Chalk Streams Project | Mr. K. Austin |
| Chesham Action Partnership (2 representatives) | Councillor N.L. Brown Councillor F. S. Wilson |
| Chesham Action Volunteers | Councillor P.J. Hudson |
| Chesham & District Community Association | Councillor R.C. McCulloch |
| Chesham & District Transport Users' Group (2 representatives) | Councillor R.C. McCulloch Councillor D. MacBean |
| Chesham Environmental Group | Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean |
| Chesham4Fairtrade Committee | Councillor Miss E.A. Culverhouse |
| Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum | Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean (Deputy – Councillor B.R. Whitfield) |
| Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee (2 representatives) | Councillor P.J. Hudson, Town Mayor - (ex-officio) Councillor B.R. Whitfield |
| Chesham Youth Centre | Councillor Q. Chaudhry |
| Chesham Youth Council (as and when reconvened) | Councillor Mrs D. M. Varley |
| Chiltern Chamber (2 representatives) | Councillor N.L. Brown Councillor F.S. Wilson |
| Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau | Councillor Miss E.A. Culverhouse |

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| Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited | Councillor P. J. Hudson | |
| Christmas Day Party for the Elderly (representatives) | Councillor P.J. Hudson, Town Mayor - (ex officio) Q. Chaudhry | (2) |
| Chesham over 50's Positive Action Group (COPAG) | Councillor N.L. Brown | |
| Community Resilience Response Group (2 representatives) | Councillor S.P. Willmoth Councillor N. Varley | |
| Elgiva Board of Management (Councillor and Board Members) | Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean Mr A. Ogden, Mrs P.R. Cherrill Mrs Y. Plester, Mr H. Elson, Mrs F. Kear, Mr L .Bright, Mrs M. Harker, Mr T. Pilling, Mr M. Barnes, Mr M. Carling | |
| Friends of Chesham Cemetery | Councillor R.C. McCulloch | |
| Friends of Moor Gym and Swim (representatives) | Councillor Miss E.A. Culverhouse Councillor P.J. Hudson Councillor S.P. Willmoth | (3) |
| Impress the Chess | Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean | |
| Ranfurly Charitable Services | Councillor M.Z. Bhatti | |
| Parish Tree Warden | Mr P. Stephenson | |
| Transition Town Chesham | Councillor M. Fayyaz | |
| Walkers Are Welcome (Chesham) | Councillor Mrs D.M. Varley | |
| Finance Working Group (6 representatives) | Councillor A.K. Bacon Councillor D. MacBean Councillor R.C. McCulloch Councillor F.S. Wilson Councillor B.R. Whitfield | |
| Parking Review Working Party (5 representatives) | Councillor A.K. Bacon Councillor N.L. Brown Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean Councillor M.W. Shaw Councillor B.R. Whitfield | |
| Neighbourhood Plan/DDPD Working Party (5 representatives) | Councillor N.L. Brown Councillor Q. Chaudhry Councillor M. Fayyaz Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean Councillor R.C. McCulloch | |

10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2015/2016**

The Council considered the making of appointments to fill vacancies on Charitable Bodies. It was

RESOLVED

that the following appointments be made:

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| DUKE OF BEDFORD'S TRUST | Mrs J. Fulford |
| KEN DENHAM TRUST | Councillor P.J. Hudson (Town Mayor) |
| RACHEL JOHNSON'S ELEEMOSYNARY | Councillor P.J. Hudson |
| WEEDONS CHARITY | Mrs J. Fulford & Mrs D.J. Brackley |

11. **GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

It was

RESOLVED

that the General Power of Competence be retained by Chesham Town Council

12. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

TOWN MAYOR

