

CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2020 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillor Q. Chaudhry, Town Mayor

Councillor A.K. Bacon	Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean
Councillors J.L. Baum	Councillor R.C. McCulloch
Councillor M.Z. Bhatti M.B.E	Councillor M.W. Shaw
Councillor N.L. Brown	Councillor N.T. Southworth
Councillor Miss E.A. Culverhouse	Councillor Mrs D.M. Varley
Councillor M. Fayyaz	Councillor N. Varley
Councillor A.W. Franks	Councillor S.P. Willmoth
Councillor P.J. Hudson	Councillor F.S. Wilson
Councillor D. MacBean	Councillor P.W. Yerrell

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

1. **RETIRING MAYOR'S MAYORAL CHARITY FUND**

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Chaudhry, advised that his final fundraising efforts for the Alzheimer's Society had been affected by the Covid-19 virus outbreak so he would provide further details at a future Council meeting.

2. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor Q. Chaudhry, Town Mayor, welcomed everyone to the meeting held remotely in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and called for nominations for Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

Moved by	Councillor N.L. Brown
Seconded by	Councillor F.S. Wilson

that Councillor Roderick Charles McCulloch be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Roderick McCulloch be and is hereby elected Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor McCulloch replied to the Council's resolution and presented the Escort's badge to his wife, Mrs Suzanne McCulloch. He advised that his Mayoral Charity for the coming year would be MIND.

3. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor M.W. Shaw
Seconded by Councillor N.Varley

and

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Chaudhry 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 (as his Escort) and his family who had assisted him during this busy period.

4. **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 N. T. Southworth
Seconded by Councillor J.L.Baum

that Councillor Miss E.A. Culverhouse be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Emily Anna Culverhouse be and is hereby appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Miss Culverhouse thanked the Council for its endorsement and pledged her support to the Town Mayor during her term of office.

5. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 27th April 2020, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

6. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor D. MacBean and seconded by Councillor M.W. Shaw and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 11th May 2020, be received and approved.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2020/21**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2020/21, 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:

PLANNING (9)

A.K. Bacon, J.L. Baum, N.L. Brown, Q. Chaudhry, A.W. Franks, Mrs J.E. MacBean, R.C. McCulloch, N.T. Southworth, Mrs D. M. Varley.

STAFFING (9)

M.Z. Bhatti, N.L. Brown, Q. Chaudhry, Miss E.A. Culverhouse, M. Fayyaz, A. W. Franks, Mrs J.E. MacBean, F. S. Wilson, P.W. Yerrell.

FINANCE (9)

A.K. Bacon, J.L. Baum, N.L. Brown, Q. Chaudhry, P.J. Hudson, D. MacBean, M.W. Shaw, F.S. Wilson, P.W. Yerrell.

COMMUNITY, ASSETS AND ENVIRONMENT (10)

M.Z. Bhatti, Q. Chaudhry, Miss E.A. Culverhouse, M. Fayyaz, A.W. Franks, P.J. Hudson, Mrs J.E. MacBean, R.C. McCulloch, N.T. Southworth, Mrs D. M. Varley.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO REVIEW ANNUAL APPRAISALS OF TOWN CLERK AND SECTION HEADS 2020/21**

It was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Miss Culverhouse be appointed to undertake the annual appraisal review of the Town Clerk and Section Heads for 2020/21.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES 2020/21**

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:

ORGANISATION

Allotments Group

Central Chiltern Group (HS2 lead)

Chesham in Bloom

Chalk Streams Project

Chiltern Chamber

Chesham & District Community Association

Chesham & District Transport Users' Group

Chesham Renaissance Community Interest Company

Chesham Environmental Group

Chesham4Fairtrade Committee

Chesham Museum (Town Partner)

Chesham Society

Chesham Theatre Company (Town Partner)

Chesham Youth Centre

Chesham Youth Council

Citizens Advice Chiltern

Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited

Christmas Day Party for the Elderly

Christmas in Chesham (Town Partner)

Chesham over 50's Positive Action Group (COPAG)

REPRESENTATIVE

Councillor J. Baum

Councillor A. Franks

Councillor Q. Chaudhry

Mr. K. Austin

Councillor Mrs J. MacBean

Councillor F. Wilson

Councillor R. McCulloch
Councillor N. Southworth

Councillor Mrs J. MacBean
(Deputy – Councillor F. Wilson)

Councillor N. Southworth

Councillor R. McCulloch

Councillor Mrs D. Varley

Councillor N. Southworth

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Councillor N. Brown

Councillor J. Baum

Councillor Miss E. Culverhouse

Councillor Q. Chaudhry

Councillor R. McCulloch – Town
Mayor (ex officio)
Councillor Miss E. Culverhouse

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Councillor N. Brown

Community Resilience Response Group	Councillor M. Shaw Councillor Mrs J. MacBean
Elgiva Board of Management (Councillor& Board Members)	Councillor Mrs J MacBean <i>Cllr P Yerrell, Mr P. Aslam, Mrs. P. Cherrill, Mr D. Cooper, Mr M. Carling, Mrs. F. Kear, Mr. L. Bright, Mrs. Y. Plester, Mr A. Ogden</i>
Friends of Chesham Cemetery	Councillor R. McCulloch
Impress the Chess	Councillor Mrs J. MacBean
Sustainable Chesham	Councillor M. Fayyaz
The Theatre Shed (Town Partner)	Councillor N. Southworth
Walkers Are Welcome (Chesham)	Councillor J. Baum
Neighbourhood Plan Working Party	Councillor A. Bacon Councillor N. Brown Councillor Mrs J. MacBean Councillor R. McCulloch Councillor J. Baum Councillor N. Southworth
Staffing and Strategy Working Party	Councillor A. Bacon Councillor Mrs J. MacBean Councillor F. Wilson Councillor Miss E. Culverhouse
Gym and Swim Working Group	Councillor A. Bacon Councillor A. Franks Councillor J. Baum Councillor Mrs J. MacBean
Lowndes Park Working Party	Councillor M. Fayyaz Councillor A. Franks Councillor Mrs J. MacBean Councillor N. Southworth
Elgiva Extension Working Party	Councillor Miss E. Culverhouse Councillor Mrs J. MacBean Councillor Q. Chaudhry Councillor P. Yerrell (plus the Chairman of Elgiva Board)

10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2020/21**

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

It was

RESOLVED

that the following appointments be made:

KEN DENHAM TRUST

Councillor R.C. McCulloch
(Town Mayor)

RACHEL JOHNSON'S
ELEEMOSYNARY

Councillors M. Fayyaz & Mrs J.E. MacBean

WEEDONS CHARITY

Councillor J.L. Baum

11. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020/21**

Members considered the proposed Calendar of Meetings for the administrative year 2020/21.

A brief discussion ensued on the importance of the Planning Committee members to have adequate training on the topic and need for every Councillor to make comments on planning applications regardless of whether they were on the Committee or not.

It was

RESOLVED

that the proposed schedule of meetings for 2020/21 be agreed and adopted.

12. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

TOWN MAYOR