

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20 MAY 2019 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean, Town Mayor

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.L. Baum, Miss E.A. Culverhouse, P.J. Hudson and N. Varley.

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

1. **COMMUNITY AWARD**

The Mayor and the Chairman of the Chiltern Chamber, Mr Andy Garnett, presented Ms Kathryn Graves, the Council's Policy and Projects Officer, with a much merited award for her services to the local community.

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

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Mrs MacBean, advised that she had raised some £12,500 during her Mayoral year, the proceeds of which was to be donated to her Mayoral charity for 2018/19, namely the Impress the Chess group.

3. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean, Town Mayor, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for nominations for Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

Moved by	Councillor M.W. Shaw
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs D. M. Varley

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

RESOLVED

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

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

Councillor Mrs MacBean proceeded to invest Councillor Chaudhry with the Town Mayor's Chain of Office.

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

4. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor Mrs D. M. Varley
Seconded by Councillor N.T. Southworth

and

RESOLVED

that a vote of thanks be **RECORDED** to Councillor Mrs MacBean for her services to the town during the past year.

Councillor Mrs MacBean thanked her Council colleagues for their expressions of appreciation and her Deputy and the staff for their support throughout her year of office. She also paid tribute to her husband (as her Escort) and her family who had assisted her during this busy period.

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 Mrs J.E. MacBean
Seconded by Councillor A.W. Franks

that Councillor R.C. McCulloch be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

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

Councillor McCulloch 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 Meetings of the Council held on 15th April 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

7. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor N.L. Brown and seconded by Councillor N.T. Southworth and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15th April 2019, be received and approved.

It was moved by Councillor N.L. Brown and seconded by Councillor N.T. Southworth and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13th May 2019, be received and approved.

8. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor D. MacBean and seconded by Councillor N. L. Brown and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th April 2019, be received, approved and adopted.

9. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

Members had before them, and noted, the Immediate Past Town Mayor's engagements from 16th April -20th May 2019 inclusive.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2019/2020**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2019/20, 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, P.J. Hudson, 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, P.J. Hudson, 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.

RECREATION AND ARTS (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.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO REVIEW ANNUAL APPRAISALS OF TOWN CLERK AND SECTION HEADS 2019/20**

It was

RESOLVED

that Councillors Miss Culverhouse and Mrs MacBean be agreed to undertake the annual appraisal of the Town Clerk for 2019/20 with the review of said appraisal and a review of Section Heads’ appraisals to be undertaken by another Member who would be confirmed at a later date.

12. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES 2019/2020**

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

REPRESENTATIVE

Allotments Group

Councillor Mrs J MacBean

Central Chiltern Group (HS2 lead)

Councillor A Franks

Chesham in Bloom

Councillor R McCulloch,
Deputy Mayor (ex officio)

Chalk Streams Project

Mr. K Austin

Chiltern Chamber

Councillor F Wilson

Chesham & District Community Association

Councillor R McCulloch

Chesham & District Transport Users' Group	Councillor N Southworth
Chesham Renaissance Community Interest Company	Councillor Mrs J MacBean (Deputy – Councillor F Wilson)
Chesham Environmental Group	Councillor Mrs J MacBean
Chesham4Fairtrade Committee	Councillor R McCulloch
Chesham Museum (Town Partner)	Councillor Mrs D Varley
Chesham Society	Councillor J Baum
Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum	Councillor J Baum
Chesham Theatre Company (Town Partner)	Councillor Miss E Culverhouse
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor N Brown
Chesham Youth Council	Councillor J Baum
Citizens Advice Chiltern	Councillor Miss E Culverhouse
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited	Councillor P Hudson
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly	Councillor Mrs J. MacBean – Town Mayor (ex officio) Councillor Q Chaudhry
Christmas in Chesham (Town Partner)	Councillor P Hudson
Chesham over 50's Positive Action Group (COPAG)	Councillor N Brown
Community Resilience Response Group	Councillor M Shaw Councillor P Hudson
Elgiva Board of Management (Councillor& Board Members)	Councillor Mrs J MacBean <i>Cllr P Yerrell, 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 Miss E Culverhouse

Walkers Are Welcome (Chesham)	Councillor J Baum
Parking Review Working Party	Councillor N Brown Councillor Mrs J MacBean Councillor R McCulloch Councillor Miss E Culverhouse Councillor A Bacon
Local Plan Working Party	Councillor A Bacon Councillor N Brown Councillor Mrs J MacBean Councillor R McCulloch Councillor J Baum Councillor N Southworth Councillor Mrs D Varley (plus representatives of CRCIC)
Staffing and Strategy Working Party	Councillor A Bacon Councillor Mrs J MacBean Councillor F Wilson Councillor Miss Culverhouse
Gym and Swim Working Group	Councillor A. Bacon Councillor A. Franks Councillor P Hudson 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 of Management)

13. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2019/2020**

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 Q Chaudhry
(Town Mayor)

RACHEL JOHNSON'S
ELEEMOSYNARY

Councillor P.J. Hudson

WEEDONS CHARITY

Mrs D. J. Brackley

DUKE OF BDFORD'S TRUST

Mrs J. Fulford

14. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.