

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 16 MAY 2016 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillor P.J. Hudson, Town Mayor

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Q. Chaudhry and N. Varley

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

1. **RETIRING MAYOR'S PRESENTATION**

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Hudson, presented a cheque for £5,000 to Dreamflight; £500 to Chesham Sick Poor Fund and £500 to Space Support Chesham in respect of his Mayoral charity fund raising activities for 2015/16.

2. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor P.J. Hudson, 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 P.W. Yerrell

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

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Noel Lawrence Brown be and is hereby elected Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

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

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

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

3. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor M. W. Shaw
Seconded by Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean

and

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Hudson 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. **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 P.J. Hudson
Seconded by Councillor F.S. Wilson

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.

6. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 11th April and 25th April 2016, 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 11th April -16th May 2016 inclusive.

8. **PAST MAYORS' BADGES**

The Mayor, Councillor Brown, stated that he was delighted to present Past Mayors' badges to the following previous Town Mayors in attendance.

Current Councillors - A.K. Bacon; M.Z. Bhatti; M. Fayyaz; P.J. Hudson; D.J. Lacey; M.W. Shaw and P.W. Yerrell.

Former Councillors - Mr. G. Dixon; Mrs J. Franks (collected by her husband in her absence); Mrs J. Fulford; Mrs C. Littley; Mr B. Meldrum; Mr T. Reed and Mrs M. Walker.

The Deputy Mayor also presented Councillor Brown with his Past Mayors' badge.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2016/2017**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2016/17, 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)

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

POLICY AND RESOURCES (12)

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

RECREATION AND ARTS (11)

N.L. Brown, Miss E.A. Culverhouse, Q. Chaudhry, M. Fayyaz, A.W. Franks, P.J. Hudson, D.J. Lacey, Mrs J.E. MacBean, M.W. Shaw, Mrs D. M. Varley, S.P. Willmoth.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES 2016/2017**

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:

Allotments Group	Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean
Central Chiltern Group (HS2 lead)	Councillor A. W. Franks
Chesham in Bloom	Councillor E.A Culverhouse, 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 R.C. McCulloch
Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum	Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean (Deputy- Councillor B. R. Whitfield)

Chesham Museum (Town Partner)	Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean
Chesham over 50's Positive Action Group (COPAG)	Councillor N. L. Brown
Chesham Society (Town Partner)	Councillor Miss E.A Culverhouse
Chesham Theatre Group (Town Partner)	Councillor Miss E.A Culverhouse
Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee (2 Representatives)	Councillor N. L. Brown, 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	Councillor F.S. Wilson
Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Miss E.A Culverhouse
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited	Councillor P. J. Hudson
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly (2 Representatives)	Councillor N. L. Brown, Town Mayor- (ex-officio) Councillor Q. Chaudhry
Christmas in Chesham (Town Partner)	Councillor P. J. Hudson
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 (3 Representatives)	Councillor Miss E.A Culverhouse Councillor P. J. Hudson Councillor S.P. Willmoth
Impress the Chess	Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean
Ranfurly Charitable Services	Councillor M. Z Bhatti
Transition Town Chesham	Councillor M. Fayyaz
Walkers are Welcome (Chesham)	Councillor Mrs D. M. Varley
Finance Working Group (5 Representatives)	Councillor A.K. Bacon Councillor D. MacBean Councillor R.C. McCulloch Councillor B. R. Whitfield Councillor F.S. Wilson
Parking Review Working Party (5 Representatives)	Councillor A.K. Bacon Councillor N. L. Brown Councillor P. J. Hudson Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean Councillor B. R. Whitfield
Local Plan Working Party (5 Representatives)	Councillor N. L. Brown Councillor Q. Chaudhry Councillor M. Fayyaz Councillor Mrs J.E. MacBean Councillor R.C. McCulloch

11. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES
2016/2017**

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 N. L. Brown
(Town Mayor)

RACHEL JOHNSON'S
ELEEMOSYNARY

Mr D. Cross

WEEDONS CHARITY

Mrs M. Molesworth

12. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

TOWN MAYOR

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