

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2022 AT 8.30 PM

Present: Councillor E.A. Culverhouse, Town Mayor

Councillor P. Aslam	Councillor J.C. Fulford
Councillor W.L. Augustus	Councillor P. Harding
Councillor A.K. Bacon	Councillor F. Holly
Councillor J.L. Baum	Councillor C.A. Hood
Councillor S.J. Booth	Councillor J.E. MacBean
Councillor Q. Chaudhry	Councillor R.S. Matthews
Councillor M. Ditta	Councillor N. Southworth
Councillor M. Fayyaz	Councillor G.D. Williams
Councillor U. Hayyat	

An apology for absence was received from Councillor F.S. Wilson.

Officers: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk
Mr T. Marmo – Chief Executive Officer

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Culverhouse, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for nominations for Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

Moved by	Councillor Q. Chaudhry
Seconded by	Councillor F. Holly

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

RESOLVED

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

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

Councillor Culverhouse proceeded to invest Councillor Ditta with the Town Mayor's Chain of Office.

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

2. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor S. J. Booth
Seconded by Councillor J.L. Baum

and

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Culverhouse 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 the several different individuals who acted as her Escort during this busy period.

3. **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 C.A. Hood
Seconded by Councillor F. Holly

that Councillor W. L. Augustus be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

It was

Moved by Councillor M. Fayyaz
Seconded by Councillor J.C. Fulford

that Councillor P. Aslam be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

Following a ballot undertaken by Members of the Council, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Wilford Leopold Augustus be and is hereby appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Augustus thanked Members for his election and promised to support the Mayor in his upcoming year.

4. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th May 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

5. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

The Mayor advised no engagements had taken place since the last Council meeting.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2022/2023**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2022/23, 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 COMMITTEE (9 Members)

W.L. Augustus, A.K. Bacon, J. L. Baum, Q. Chaudhry, M. Fayyaz, U. Hayyat, F. Holly, C.A. Hood, N. Southworth.

STAFFING COMMITTEE (9)

P. Aslam, S.J. Booth, E.A. Culverhouse, M. Fayyaz, J.C. Fulford, C.A. Hood, J.E. MacBean, R.S. Matthews, F. S. Wilson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (9)

W.L. Augustus, A.K. Bacon, J.L. Baum, S.J. Booth, F. Holly, P. Harding, U. Hayyat, J.E. MacBean, F.S. Wilson.

COMMUNITY, ASSETS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (10)

P. Aslam, W.L. Augustus, S.J. Booth, E.A. Culverhouse, M. Ditta, J.C. Fulford, P. Harding, J.E. MacBean, R.S. Matthews, N. Southworth.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES 2022/2023**

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

RESOLVED

that the following representatives be appointed to serve for the ensuing

local government year:

Allotments Group	Councillor Simon Booth
Central Chiltern Group (HS2 lead)	Councillor Jane MacBean /Mr Tony Franks
Chesham in Bloom	Councillor Francis Holly
Chalk Streams Project	Mr Ken Austin
Chiltern Chamber	Councillor Simon Booth
Chesham & District Community Association	Councillor Joseph Baum
Chesham & District Transport Users' Group	Councillor Nick Southworth
Chesham Renaissance Community Interest Company	Councillor Jane MacBean
Chesham Environmental Group	Councillor Wilford Augustus
Fairtrade Chesham	Councillor Wilford Augustus
Chesham Museum	Councillor Jane MacBean
Chesham Society	Councillor Francis Holly
The Phoenix Players (formally Chesham Theatre Company)	Councillor Emily Culverhouse
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor Majid Ditta
Chesham Youth Council	Councillor Emily Culverhouse
Citizens Advice Bucks	Councillor Gareth Williams
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited	Councillor Rachael Matthews
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly	Councillor Majid Ditta (Town Mayor) Councillor Wilford Augustus
Christmas in Chesham (Town Partner)	Councillor Majid Ditta (Town Mayor)
Chesham over 50's Positive Action Group (COPAG)	Councillor Fred Wilson
Community Resilience Response Group (2 representatives)	Councillor Jane MacBean Councillor Wilford Augustus

Elgiva Friends Group	Councillor Jane MacBean
Friends of Chesham Cemetery	Councillor Qaser Chaudhary
Impress the Chess	Councillor Jane MacBean
Sustainable Chesham	Councillor Rachael Matthews
The Theatre Shed	Councillor Chasey Hood
Walkers Are Welcome (Chesham)	Councillor Joseph Baum
Waterside Community Association	Councillor Francis Holly

8. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2022/2023**

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

It was

RESOLVED

that Members suggest suitable community nominations to fulfil the vacancies on the circulated list to the Town Clerk for future consideration.

9. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

TOWN MAYOR