

# Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Main Hall, Epsom Playhouse on 18 May 2021

#### PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Peter O'Donovan); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Clive Woodbridge); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, John Beckett, Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn, Monica Coleman, Alex Coley, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Rob Geleit, Luke Giles, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Colin Keane, Eber Kington, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Barry Nash, Phil Neale, David Reeve, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins, Clive Smitheram, Alan Sursham, Chris Webb and Peter Webb

Absent: Councillors Christine Cleveland, Robert Foote and David Gulland

The Meeting was preceded by prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain

#### 1 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Eber Kington, seconded by Councillor Guy Robbins and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Peter O'Donovan be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

#### 2 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Humphrey Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Eber Kington and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Clive Woodbridge be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors regarding items on the agenda.

#### 4 VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Clive Woodbridge that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Humphrey Reynolds. Accordingly, it was resolved:

That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Humphrey Reynolds during his term of office as Mayor.

#### 5 OUTGOING MAYOR'S BADGE AND OUTGOING MAYORESS' BADGE

The Chief Executive, on behalf of Members of the Council, presented a Badge of Office to Councillor Humphrey Reynolds as the Outgoing Mayor in recognition of his services to the Office of Mayor and the Council's Badge to Mrs Gillian Reynolds in recognition of her services as Mayoress.

The Chief Executive, on behalf of Members of the Council, also presented a Badge of Office to Councillor John Beckett as the Former Outgoing Mayor in recognition of his services to the Office of Mayor and the Council's Badge to Mrs Alison Beckett in recognition of her services as Mayoress.

The gifts were acknowledged in turn by Councillor John Beckett and Councillor Humphrey Reynolds who spoke of their privilege and pleasure to have been Mayor of the Borough, thanking all who had helped them during their terms of office.

(The retiring Mayor, Councillor Humphrey Reynolds, thereupon vacated the Chair and the newly elected Mayor, Councillor Peter O'Donovan, took the Chair)

#### 6 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Peter O'Donovan and Councillor Clive Woodbridge made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.

The Mayor spoke in acknowledgement of his election, announcing that he had selected the three following local organisations to help as his chosen charities:

- Epsom RDA
- Look Good Feel Better
- My Time for Young Carers

#### 7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 April 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### 8 EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report seeking approval of the Constitution.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

(1) That the Council approved the Constitution.

#### 9 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2021-22

The Council considered a report seeking approval of the allocation of seats on Committees and Advisory Panels; the appointments to Committees and Advisory Panels and the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Following consideration, it was resolved with a majority vote that the Council:

- (1) Note the allocation of seats based on political balance and proportionality;
- (2) Allocate seats on the Committees and Advisory Panels in accordance with the wishes of the political groups set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;
- (3) Appoint Chairman/Chairs and Vice Chairman/Chairs in light of the nominations received as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.

Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee (10): Steve Bridger (Chair), Nigel Collin (Vice Chair), Arthur Abdulin, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, David Gulland, Previn Jagutpal, Phil Neale, Alan Sursham, Chris Webb.

**Community and Wellbeing Committee (10):** Alex Coley (Chair), Luke Giles (Vice Chair), Christine Cleveland, Bernice Froud, Debbie Monksfield, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, Guy Robbins, Clive Smitheram, Peter Webb.

Environment & Safe Communities Committee (10): Neil Dallen (Chair), John Beckett (Vice Chair), Steve Bridger, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Christine Howells, Lucie McIntyre, Julie Morris, Barry Nash, Humphrey Reynolds.

**Planning Committee (13):** Monica Coleman **(Chair)**, Steven McCormick **(Vice Chair)**, Kate Chinn, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, David Gulland, Previn Jagutpal, Jan Mason, Lucie McIntyre, Phil Neale, Humphrey Reynolds, Clive Smitheram, Clive Woodbridge.

**Strategy and Resources Committee (10):** Colin Keane **(Chair)**, Hannah Dalton **(Vice Chair)**, Kate Chinn, Bernice Froud, Robert Foote, David Gulland, Eber Kington, Lucie McIntyre, Clive Smitheram, Clive Woodbridge.

Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (10): David Reeve (Chair), Steven McCormick (Vice Chair), Steve Bridger, Monica Coleman, Neil Dallen, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, Clive Woodbridge.

**Licensing Sub Committee Pool:** Steve Bridger, Neil Dallen, Robert Foote, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Steven McCormick, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, David Reeve, Clive Woodbridge.

**Shareholder Sub-Committee (5):** Colin Keane **(Chair)**, Kate Chinn, Christine Cleveland, Hannah Dalton, Neil Dallen.

**Standards Committee (9)**: Liz Frost **(Chair)**, Alex Coley **(Vice Chair)**, Hannah Dalton, Kate Chinn, Robert Foote, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Eber Kington, David Reeve.

**Financial Policy Panel (8):** Colin Keane **(Chair)**, John Beckett, Alex Coley, Kate Chinn, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Jan Mason, Clive Woodbridge.

**Health Liaison Panel (7):** Barry Nash **(Chair)**, Christine Cleveland, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, Deborah Monksfield, Chris Webb, Peter Webb.

**Human Resources Panel (6):** Peter Webb (Chair), Christine Cleveland, Bernice Froud, Robert Foote, Christine Howells, Guy Robbins.

Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (3): Kate Chinn, Chris Frost, David Reeve.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel (1): David Reeve.

# 10 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

The Council received a report seeking appointments to representation on external bodies.

Following consideration, it was resolved with a majority vote:

### That the Council:

- (1) Appointed representatives to the external bodies and inter authority partnerships set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;
- (2) Appointed the Member Champions set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;
- (3) Recommended the nominations of Borough Councillors as substitutes to the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below;
- (4) Noted the Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.

Outside bodies							
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)				
Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell) – General Committee	C & W	2	Councillor Christine Cleveland Councillor Guy Robbins				
Central Surrey Community Action (formerly Voluntary Action Mid-Surrey)	C &W	1	Councillor Barry Nash				
Committee of Management of Local Citizens Advice Bureau	C & W	2	Councillor Liz Frost Councillor Nigel Collin				
Epsom and Ewell Town Twinning Association Management Committee	S&R	2	Councillor Nigel Collin Councillor Barry Nash				
Epsom Common Association	C & W	1	Councillor Steve Bridger				
Ewell Parochial Trusts	C & W	2	Councillor Humphrey Reynolds  Councillor Clive Woodbridge				
Friends of Epsom and Ewell Parks	C & W	1	Councillor Peter Webb				
Local Government Association	S&R	1	Councillor Clive Woodbridge				

Joint Committees / Arrangements							
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)				
Coast to Capital Joint Committee	S&R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton				
Epsom & Ewell Local Committee  NOTE: Returning Members will have 28 days to confirm that their register of pecuniary	S&R	5	Councillor Nigel Collin Councillor Neil Dallen Councillor Debbie Monksfield				

Joint Committees / Arrangements							
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)				
interests previously submitted to County			Councillor Phil Neale				
Council remains current.  Newly appointed members will have 28 days to complete a registration form (to be provided following		+ 5	Councillor Humphrey Reynolds				
appointment).		subs	Councillor Arthur Abdulin				
			Councillor Steve Bridger				
			Councillor Kate Chinn				
			Councillor Chris Frost				
			Councillor Peter Webb				
Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership	E & SC	1	Chair of Environment and Safe Communities Committee				
Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators	C & W	6	Councillor Liz Frost				
Already appointed to a Term of Office			Councillor Bernice Froud				
(4 years, 2019 – 2023)			Councillor Jan Mason				
			Councillor Steven McCormick				
			Councillor Lucie McIntyre				
			Councillor Clive Woodbridge				
Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee	C & W	1 (+ Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators)	Councillor Bernice Froud				

Joint Committees / Arrangements								
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)					
Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board	C & W	2	Councillor Neil Dallen Councillor Steven McCormick					
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL)	E&SC	1 + Sub	Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee  Vice Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee					
South East England Councils (SEEC)	S&R	1 +Sub	Councillor Hannah Dalton  Councillor Colin Keane					
Surrey Environment Partnership (formerly Surrey Waste Partnership)	E & SC	1	Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee					
Surrey Climate Change Partnership	E & SC	1	Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee					
Surrey Leaders Group	S&R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton					

Member Champions						
	Role	Champion (s)				
Armed Forces	To raise awareness of the profile and needs of the Armed Forces community (serving personnel, both regular and reserve, their families and veterans), within the Council and the Borough with particular reference to the Council's obligations undertaken through the Armed Forces Covenant and the Community Covenant.	Councillor McCormick	Steven			
Cycling	To increase awareness of the benefits of cycling and promote cycling in the interests residents, visitors and business users in the Borough.	Councillor McCormick	Steven			
Heritage		Councillor Collin	Nigel			

Mental	To increase awareness of mental health in the					Councillor	Luke	
Health	borough wellbeing.		to	promote	good	mental	Giles	
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Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees						
Body on which Represented	Responsible Committee	No of Reps	Proposed Representative (s)			
Capital Member Group	S&R	5	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee			
Investment Property Group	S&R	2	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee			
CIL Panel	S&R	3	Appointed by Strategy & Resources Committee			
		+ 3 subs				
Car Park Working Group	E & SC	6 (4 year term, 2019- 2023)	Appointed by the Environment & Safe Communities Committee			
Electoral Review Task and Finish Group	S&R	8	Appointed by the Strategy & Resources Committee			
Standards Committee Working Group	Standards	5	Appointed by the Standards Committee			

# 11 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021-2022

The Council received a report requesting it to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year.

Following consideration, it was resolved with a majority vote:

(1) That the Council approved the programme of ordinary meetings for the year.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.50 pm

COUNCILLOR PETER O'DONOVAN MAYOR