

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL held at the Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell on 16 May 2022

PRESENT -

The Mayor (Councillor Clive Woodbridge); The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Rob Geleit); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Steve Bridger, Christine Cleveland, Monica Coleman, Alex Colev. Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, Hannah Dalton, Chris Frost, Liz Frost, Bernice Froud, David Gulland. Christine Howells. Graham Jones. Colin Keane. Steven McCormick, Debbie Monksfield, Eber Kington, Julie Morris, Bernie Muir, Phil Neale, Peter O'Donovan, David Reeve, Barry Nash, Humphrey Reynolds, Guy Robbins and Peter Webb

<u>Absent:</u> Councillors John Beckett, Kate Chinn, Luke Giles, Previn Jagutpal, Jan Mason, Lucie McIntyre, Alan Sursham and Chris Webb

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

1 COUNCILLOR CLIVE SMITHERAM

It was with great sadness that the Mayor announced the death of Councillor Clive Smitheram. The Mayor extended the Council's thoughts and best wishes to Councillor Smitheram's family at this extremely sad time.

Councillors Hannah Dalton, Julie Morris, Alex Coley on behalf of Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, David Reeve, Barry Nash, Liz Frost, Debbie Monksfield, Nigel Collin and Bernie Muir paid tribute to Councillor Smitheram as a colleague, Ward Councillor and friend.

As a mark of respect, the Council stood in a minute's silence.

2 TO ELECT THE MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Neil Dallen, seconded by Councillor Julie Morris and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Clive Woodbridge be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

3 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Hannah Dalton, seconded by Councillor Debbie Monksfield and resolved by the Council:

That Councillor Rob Geleit be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

4 VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Eber Kington that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Peter O'Donovan. Accordingly, it was resolved:

That the Council place on record its high appreciation of the excellent and devoted service rendered by Councillor Peter O'Donovan during his term of office as Mayor.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6 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 Peter O'Donovan in recognition of his services to the Office of Mayor and the Council's Badge to Mrs Sarah O'Donovan in recognition of her services as Mayoress. The gifts were acknowledged by Councillor O'Donovan who spoke of his privilege and pleasure to have been Mayor of the Borough, thanking all who had helped him during his term of office.

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

7 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Clive Woodbridge and Councillor Rob Geleit 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 following organisations to help as his chosen charities:

- Epsom & Ewell Foodbank
- Shine Cancer Support
- Epsom Sports Club
- Cardiac Risk in the Young
- Racing Welfare
- Bliss
- JDRF Diabetes Research

8 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 April 2022 were agreed as a true record and the Mayor was authorised to sign them.

9 EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report seeking approval of the Constitution.

Following consideration, it was resolved by majority vote in favour:

(1) That the Council approved the Constitution.

10 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2022-23

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 Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

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

- (1) Noted the allocation of seats based on political balance and proportionality;
- (2) Allocated 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) Appointed Chairman/Chairs and Vice Chairman/Chairs in light of the nominations received as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and detailed below.
- (4) Appointed all members of Council as substitutes for their group members on committees, where the group member is unable to attend a meeting.

Audit and Scrutiny Committee (10): Steve Bridger (Chair), Nigel Collin (Vice Chair), Rob Geleit, David Gulland, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Phil Neale, David Reeve, Alan Sursham, Chris Webb.

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

Environment & Safe Communities Committee (10): John Beckett (Chair), Arthur Abdulin (Vice Chair), Steve Bridger, Chris Frost, Rob Geleit, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Julie Morris, Monica Coleman, Humphrey Reynolds.

Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee (5): To be appointed by the Environment and Safe Communities Committee.

Licensing and Planning Policy Committee (10): Steven McCormick (Chair), Peter O'Donovan (Vice Chair), Steve Bridger, Neil Dallen, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Julie Morris, Barry Nash, Phil Neale, Peter Webb.

Licensing Sub Committee Pool: Steven McCormick, Peter O'Donovan, Steve Bridger, Neil Dallen, Liz Frost, Rob Geleit, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, Peter Webb.

Planning Committee (13): Humphrey Reynolds **(Chair)**, Phil Neale **(Vice Chair)**, Kate Chinn, Alex Coley, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen, David Gulland, Previn Jagutpal, Jan Mason, Steven McCormick, Lucie McIntyre, Peter O'Donovan, 1 Residents' Association Group Councillor to be confirmed.

Strategy and Resources Committee (10): Neil Dallen (Chair), Hannah Dalton (Vice Chair), Kate Chinn, Monica Coleman, Liz Frost, David Gulland, Graham Jones, Colin Keane, Eber Kington, 1 Residents' Association Group Councillor to be confirmed.

Shareholder Sub-Committee (5): To be appointed by the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Standards and Constitution Committee (9): Liz Frost **(Chair)**, Hannah Dalton **(Vice Chair)**, Kate Chinn, Monica Coleman, Luke Giles, Christine Howells, Previn Jagutpal, Eber Kington, David Reeve.

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

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

Human Resources Panel (6): Peter Webb **(Chair)**, Steve Bridger, Bernice Froud, Debbie Monksfield, Phil Neale, Guy Robbins.

Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee (3): Kate Chinn, Colin Keane, David Reeve.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel (1): Hannah Dalton

11 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 in favour:

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	Appointed Representative (s)
Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell) – General Committee	C & W	2	Councillor Guy Robbins Councillor Peter Webb
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 Barry Nash
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 Christine Cleveland Councillor Humphrey Reynolds
Friends of Epsom and Ewell Parks	C & W	1	Councillor Peter Webb

Outside bodies				
	on which esented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Appointed Representative (s)
Local Association	Government	S&R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton

Joint Committees / Arrangements				
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Appointed Representative (s)	
Coast to Capital Joint Committee	S&R	1	Chair of RA Group	
Epsom & Ewell Local Committee NOTE: Returning Members will have 28 days to confirm that their register of pecuniary interests previously submitted to County Council remains current. Newly appointed members will have 28 days to complete a registration form (to be provided following appointment).	S&R	5 + 5 subs	Councillor Neil Dallen Councillor Graham Jones Councillor Debbie Monksfield Councillor Phil Neale Councillor Humphrey Reynolds Councillor Arthur Abdulin Councillor Steve Bridger Councillor Kate Chinn Councillor Hannah Dalton Councillor Chris Frost	
Epsom and Ewell Community Safety Partnership	E & SC	1	Chair of Environment and Safe Communities Committee	
Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators Already appointed to a Term of Office (4 years, 2019 – 2023)	C & W	6	Councillor Liz Frost Councillor Bernice Froud Councillor Jan Mason Councillor Steven McCormick Councillor Lucie McIntyre	

Joint Committees / Arrangements				
Body on which Represented	Responsible Policy Committee	No of Reps	Appointed Representative (s)	
			Councillor Clive Woodbridge	
Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee	C & W	1 (+ Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators)	Councillor Bernice Froud	
Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board	C & W	2	Councillor Neil Dallen	
Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL)	E & S C	1 + Sub	Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee Vice Chair of Environment & Safe Communities Committee	
South East England Councils (SEEC)	S&R	1	Councillor Hannah Dalton	
Oddrions (OLLO)		+Sub	Councillor Neil Dallen	
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			
Champion			
Armed Forces	Councillor Graham Jones		
Alternative Transport	Councillor Steven McCormick		
Heritage	Councillor Nigel Collin		
Mental Health	Councillor Luke Giles		

Officer/Member Working Groups appointed by Committees				
Body on which Represented	Responsible Committee	No of Reps	Appointed 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	
Environment and Sustainability Working Group		7	Appointed by the Environment & Safe Communities Committee	
Constitution Working Group	Standards and Constitution	7	Appointed by the Chairs of Standards & Constitution Committee and Strategy & Resources Committee. Membership composition agreed by Strategy and Resources Committee on 29 March 2022.	
Local Plan Member Working Group	L & PP	Agreed by Chair of Licensing and Planning Policy Committee	Appointed by the Chair of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed by Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 15 July 2021.	

12 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-23

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 in favour:

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

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.27 pm

COUNCILLOR CLIVE WOODBRIDGE MAYOR