BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 20th February, 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. T.D. BRIDGEMAN, B.A. (Hons.))
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD)

CR. D. CAPPLEMAN, A.H.M.I.C.A.
CR. SUE CARTER
CR. A.M.J. CHAINEY
a CR. ATTIIKA CHOUDHARY, M.A., L.L.B.
CR. M.S. CHOUDHARY, M.A.
CR. SOPHIA CHOUDHARY, L.L.B.
CR. D.E. CLIFFORD, M.P.A.
CR. R.M. COOPER
CR. LIZ CORPS, N.N.D., A.T.D.
CR. A.H. CRAWFORD, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., Dip.Man. (Open), J.P.
a CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.), M.Arch., M.A.
CR. K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.
CR. SUE DIBBLE
CR. R.L.G. DIBBS
CR. JENNIFER M. EVANS, B.Sc., M.Sc.
a CR. A.M. FERRIER
CR. C.P. GRATTAAN
CR. R. HUGHES
CR. BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A.
CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.
CR. G.B. LYON, B.A. (Oxon)
CR. P.J. MOYLE
CR. K.H. MUSCHAMP
CR. B.W. PARKER
CR. M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc., F.R.S.A.
CR. P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.
CR. M. SMALL
CR. S.B. SMITH, A.I.B., C.I.I.
CR. M. STAPLEHURST
CR. L.A. TAYLOR
CR. P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.
CR. M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.
CR. B.A. THOMAS
CR. JACQUI VOSPER
CR. D.M. WELCH

Honorary Alderman C. Balchin J.P
a Honorary Alderman R.J. Debenham, M.B.E.
Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber
Honorary Alderman G.J. Woolger

Apologies for absence had been submitted on behalf of Crs. Attika Choudhary and A.M. Ferrier.

Before the meeting was opened, the Very Reverend James Martin led the meeting in Prayers.

44. MINUTES –

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5th December, 2013 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th January, 2014 (copies having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as correct records.

45. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS –

(1) The Mayor welcomed Honorary Aldermen Colin Balchin and Roger Kimber to their first full meeting of the Council following their appointment on 20th January, 2014.

(2) The Mayor advised that he had attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at Winchester Cathedral on 27th January, 2014. The Mayor mentioned that it had been a very poignant and moving service at which 25 different faith groups had been in attendance.

(3) The Mayor advised that the fundraising event Musicals, Dance and Divas 2 had been held on 7th February, 2014 and had raised £3,000 for the Frimley Park Hospital Breast Care Appeal.

(4) The Mayor’s Charity Valentine’s Ball had been held on 14th February, 2014 at Princes Hall, Aldershot and had raised over £4,000 for the Mayor’s Charities. The Mayor thanked all those who had supported the event.

(5) The Mayor advised Members that the Rushmoor Male Voice Choir (Oddfellows) would be holding a concert at Princes Hall on 7th March, 2014 in aid of the Mayor’s Charities. All were welcome to attend.

46. STANDING ORDER 8 – QUESTIONS –

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted in pursuance of Standing Order 8(3).

47. NOTICE OF MOTION – INSCRIPTION ON WAR MEMORIAL IN MUNICIPAL GARDENS, ALDERSHOT –

The Council was asked to consider the following Motion, which had been submitted by Cr. Alex Crawford in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1). It was MOVED by Cr. A.H. Crawford; SECONDED by Cr. P.F. Rust that

“Bearing in mind that there is no record of the names of Aldershot’s First World War dead on any public monument in Aldershot, this Council resolves to mark the Centenary of the First World War by arranging to have the names of Aldershot’s First World War and Second World War dead inscribed on commemorative plaques on the War Memorial in Municipal Gardens, Aldershot.”
Speaking in support of his Motion, Cr. Crawford stated that the Motion addressed the need that many people felt to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War in an appropriate way. Cr. Crawford had been made aware by an author who had been commissioned to write a book on Aldershot in the First World War that there was not a list on any of the War Memorials in Aldershot of the names of the people from Aldershot who had died in the First World War. The author had found that the Naval and Military Press had available a CD-ROM with the names of all those who had fallen in the First World War.

Cr. Crawford was aware that a plaque with the names of Aldershot’s Second World War dead was being housed temporarily on the grass at the foot of the steps of Princes Hall in Aldershot. There was a need to find a permanent home for these names, particularly in view of plans to refurbish Princes Hall. Cr. Crawford also wanted to see the restoration of the War Memorial in Municipal Gardens, Aldershot. Over the past few years the War Memorial had been vandalised and the area around it was often used by smokers and drinkers.

Given Aldershot’s history as the home of the British Army and the great pride that the people of Aldershot took in that, Cr. Crawford felt that the Motion would be a good way not only to mark the centenary of the First World War, but also to reaffirm the memorable words of the poem ‘For the Fallen’ by Lawrence Binyon: *At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*

During a debate, Cr. P.J. Moyle referred to the considerable amount of work which was being undertaken by the Friends of the Military Museum and the Council to draw up a roll of honour to commemorate people from the Borough who had fallen during the First World War. It was then MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle and SECONDED by Cr. D.M. Welch that the Motion should be amended as follows:

“Bearing in mind that there is no record of the names of Aldershot’s First World War dead on any public monument in Aldershot, this Council supports the current project by the Friends of the Military Museum to commemorate the start of the First World War by compiling a definitive list to create roll of honour books and a memorial at a suitable location in the Municipal Gardens, the details of which to be considered in consultation with Members, to include consideration of arrangements to commemorate Rushmoor’s fallen heroes from other conflicts.”

With the leave of the Council, Cr. Crawford accepted the Amendment, which then became the Substantive Motion. The Motion was then put to the meeting. There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was DECLARED CARRIED unanimously.

48. MAYOR-ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT 2014/15 –

The Deputy Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, (Cr. Barbara Hurst), reported that the Committee had considered the
nominations for the Mayor-Elect and the Deputy Mayor-Elect for 2013/14 at its meeting on 27th January, 2014. Having regard to the criteria adopted by the Council, the Committee had agreed to recommend that:

(i) Cr. Mrs. Diane Beverley Bedford be selected as Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2014/15; and

(ii) Cr. Martin John Tennant be selected as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

It was MOVED by Cr. Barbara Hurst; SECONDED by Cr. B. Jones – That the Recommendations of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee in respect of the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect be approved.

There voted FOR: 33; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was DECLARED CARRIED.

45. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES –

(1) Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax Level –

The Leader of the Council (Cr. P.J. Moyle) introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 28th January, 2014 which recommended the approval of the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax Level 2014/15. It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs - That approval be given to the recommendations in the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme budget booklet 2014/15 as follows:

(i) the strategy and approach set out in the Report of the Cabinet;
(ii) the General Fund Revenue Budget Summary;
(iii) the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget;
(iv) the additional items for inclusion in the budget;
(v) the Council Tax requirement of £5,437,459 for this Council;
(vi) the Council Tax level for Rushmoor Borough Council’s purposes of £184.07 for a Band D property in 2014/15;
(vii) the Capital Programme
(viii) the Director of Resources’ report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 2003; and
(ix) the holding of reserves, as set out in Report No. DMB1401, in particular the Stability and Resilience Reserve to provide against the risks inherent in recent Government policy changes and the prevailing economic conditions and the Service Improvement Fund to support key projects in the Corporate Programme.


(2) Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15 and Prudential Indicators for Capital Finance –

The Leader of the Council (Cr. P.J. Moyle) introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 28th January, 2014, which recommended the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy, Prudential Indicators, the adoption of CIPFA’s Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2011 Edition; the approval of the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy; and the adoption of the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement.

It was MOVED by Cr. P.G. Taylor; SECONDED by Cr. P.J. Moyle - That approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy; Prudential Indicators; Minimum Revenue Provision Policy; and the adoption of CIPFA’s Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2011 Edition and the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement.

There voted FOR: 22; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendations were DECLARED CARRIED.

(3) Council Tax Support Scheme –

The Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support (Cr. A. Jackman) introduced the Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 28th January, 2014 which recommended the uprating of allowances within the calculations for working age customers in the Council’s Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15, in line with the allowances for pensioners as declared by the Department for Communities and Local Government.
It was MOVED by Cr. A. Jackman; SECONDED by Cr. P.G. Taylor – That approval be given to the uprating of allowances within the calculations for working age customers in the Council’s Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15, in line with the allowances for pensioners as declared by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

There voted FOR: 32; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was DECLARED CARRIED.

(4) **Pay Policy Statement 2014/15** –

The Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee (Cr. M.J. Tennant) introduced the Report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27th January, 2014, which recommended the approval of the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15.

It was MOVED by Cr. M.J. Tennant; SECONDED by Cr. P.J. Moyle - That approval be given to the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15.

There voted FOR: 24; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was DECLARED CARRIED.

49. **COUNCIL TAX 2014/15** –

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs – That

(i) it be noted that at its Meeting on 17th December 2013 the Council calculated the amount of 29,540.17 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (the ‘Act’);

(ii) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Act:

- £77,117,082 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act
- £71,679,623 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- £5,437,459 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
(d) £184.07 being the amount at (ii)(c) above, all divided by the amount at (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) **Valuation Bands**

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being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (ii)(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands; and

(iii) it be noted that for the year 2014/15 Hampshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:
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(iv) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (ii)(e) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

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50. **QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET** –

The Mayor reported that six questions had been submitted for the Cabinet Members:

(1) **Cr. B.A. Thomas** asked a question of the Leader of the Council regarding road naming on the Aldershot Urban Extension (Project Wellesley) to reflect the Borough’s military heritage.

In response, **Cr. Moyle** stated that it was the developer’s (Grainger) intention to name streets to reflect the Borough’s link with the military.

(2) **Cr. R.M. Cooper** asked a question of the Leader of the Council regarding street naming after non-commissioned officers as well as officers.

In response, **Cr. Moyle** stated that roads would be named after non-commissioned officers as well as officers.
Cr. G.B. Lyon asked a question of the Leader of the Council regarding savings to residents as a result of Council Tax freezes by Rushmoor and other precepts over the past five years.

In response, Cr. Moyle stated that the savings for band D properties equated to £581.62 in total, of which Rushmoor’s element contributed £76.56. In choosing to accept the Council Tax Freeze Grant, this had resulted in a saving of around 14.5% had each preceptor chosen to inflate their share of the Council Tax in line with inflation each year.

Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Environment about insurance support, as contained in the Water Bill, in relation to flood risk.

In response, Cr. Dibbs stated that, as the Bill was going through Committee stages in Parliament, it was too early to say what the Government regulations and guidance would be.

Cr. P.I.C. Crerar asked a question of the Leader of the Council about activities planned to commemorate the start of World War I.

In response, Cr. Moyle stated that a comprehensive list of activities planned both locally and nationally would be circulated to all Members.

Cr. G.B. Lyon asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Safety and Regulation about neighbourhood policing.

In response, Cr. Muschamp stated that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams had been a key and highly successful initiative and had contributed significantly to reducing the fear of crime amongst residents as well as forging links to Ward Councillors. Cr. Muschamp was pleased that hitherto the Safer Neighbourhood Teams had been protected from any significant reductions and was heartened that the Teams would again be protected within the current police service review. The Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner had stated clearly their intention of maintaining this link to local communities as well as seeking to reduce significantly the abstraction of officers for other duties. Cr. Muschamp would be monitoring progress of the review and would ensure that Members were kept informed.

51. REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES –

Cabinet –

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 26th November, 2013 (Para. Nos. 236 - 241) be received.
(2) **Cabinet –**

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 17th December, 2013 (Para. Nos. 242 - 246) be received.

(3) **Cabinet –**

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th January, 2014 (Para. Nos. 247 - 254) be received.

(4) **Cabinet –**

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 28th January, 2014 (Para. Nos. 255 - 258) be received.

(5) **Development Control Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. B.A. Thomas and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 4th December, 2013 (Para. Nos. 259 - 268) be received.

(6) **Development Control Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. G.B. Lyon; SECONDED by Cr. B.A. Thomas and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 8th January, 2014 (Para. Nos. 269 - 214) be received.

(7) **Licensing and General Purposes Committee –**

It was MOVED by Cr. M.J. Tennant; SECONDED by Cr. Barbara Hurst and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 27th January, 2014 (Para. Nos. 280 – 284) be received.

52. **REPORTS OF POLICY AND REVIEW PANELS –**

**RESOLVED:** That the Reports of the undermentioned meetings of the Policy and Review Panels be received:
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The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.