BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Offices, Farnborough on Thursday, 29th March, 2007 at 7.00 p.m.


THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. D.M. WELCH)

CR. N.M. BAINES
CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD
CR. D. CAPPLEMAN, A.H.M.I.C.A.
CR. C.W. CARD
CR. M.S. CHOU DHARY, M.A.
CR. D.E. CLIFFORD
CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.), M.Arch., M.A.
CR. N.M.J. DEWEY
CR. K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.
CR. SUE DIBBLE
CR. R.L.G. DIBBS
CR. A.M. FERRIER
CR. C.D. FRASER-FLEMING
CR. SUE GADSBY, R.M.N., R.C.N.T., P.G.C.E.A
CR. PATRICIA HODGE
CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.
CR. B. JUPP, B.A., F.C.I.P.D.
CR. R.J. KIMBER, C.C.
CR. A.J. MACKIE

a CR. HAZEL MANNING

a CR. S.J. MASTERS ON

a CR. J.P. MATTHEWS

a CR. P.J. MOYLE

a CR. S.P.J. MURPHY

a CR. K.H. MUSCHAMP

a CR. E.J. NEAL, C.C.

a CR. MRS. L.J. NEAL

a CR. G. PAPARESTI

a CR. E.J. POOLE

a CR. M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc.

a CR. P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.

a CR. P. SANDY

a CR. M.D. SMITH

a CR. D.J. THOMAS, F.B.I.I.

a CR. G.J. TUCKER, F.F.B.

a CR. J.J. WALL, B. Eng., M.I.E.T.

a CR. N.J. WATKIN

a CR. F.J. WILLIAMS, A.C.I.O.B.

a Honorary Alderman A.P. Frost

a Honorary Alderman R.J. Debenham, M.B.E.

a Honorary Alderman G.J. Woolger

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Crs. N.M.J. Dewey, B. Jupp and G. Paparesti.

The Meeting commenced with Prayers led by the Mayor’s Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Thomas.

58. 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 22nd February, 2006, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.
59. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –

(1) The Mayor reported that he and several Members of the Council had attended the funeral of former Councillor Ken Speck on 8th March, 2007. The Council’s thoughts were with Mrs. Marion Speck and the family at this sad time.

(2) The Mayor reported that, Mr. Terry Brown, the Manager of Aldershot Town Football Club, had stepped down after five years with the Club, during which time he had guided the Club to promotion to the Nationwide Conference. Mr. Brown’s wife was unwell and the Mayor extended the Council’s best wishes to both Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

(3) The Mayor reported that, on 22nd March, 2007 he had held his Civic Day and hosted the Mayors and Chairmen from local authorities in Hampshire, Isle of Wight and the Surrey borders. The guests had received a presentation on the Borough by the Chief Executive, followed by a visit to Flight Safety International on the airfield, the new Slough Estates development on the former Royal Aircraft Establishment site, a short tour of the forthcoming new developments in the Borough before ending the visit at the Prince Consort’s Library with a tour and a brief presentation on its history.

(4) The Mayor congratulated Cove School, which had recently won a county-wide Futures Group Schools Project competition. The final had been held on 8th March 2007 at the Intech Science Centre, Winchester and was the culmination of Hampshire County Council’s competition for secondary school pupils exploring issues affecting their communities now and in the future.

60. STANDING ORDER 8 – QUESTIONS –

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted in pursuance of Standing Order 8(2).

61. NOTICE OF MOTION – MINOR INJURIES UNIT –

The Council was asked to consider the following Motion, which had been submitted in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1). It was MOVED by Cr. M.J. Roberts; SECONDED by Cr. P.F. Rust:

“This Council intensifies its campaign, by whatever means necessary, to secure a Minor Injuries Unit in the new Aldershot Health Centre before or as soon after the completion of the project in early 2008 with committed revenue support.”

Cr. Roberts spoke in support of his Motion, which sought all party support for a campaign to secure a Minor Injuries Unit in the new Aldershot Centre for Health. Cr. Roberts believed that the Council had taken the decision some time ago to support a Minor Injuries Unit at the Centre. He expressed concern that the Hampshire Primary Care Trust did not appear to have the resources
available to fund such a project, despite the fact that space was available at the Centre and that there was a need for such local services.

During debate, it was MOVED as an Amendment by Cr. E.J. Poole; SECONDED by Cr. F.J. Williams - That the Motion should be amended as follows:

“In support of the approach made by our MP to the Secretaries of State for Health and Defence, this Council will use its power and influence to secure a Minor Injuries Unit in the new Aldershot Centre for Health at the earliest opportunity to meet the needs and expectations within the local community and in recognition of the potential implications for Frimley Park Hospital through the review by the Surrey Primary Care Trust of Accident and Emergency facilities.”

The Council felt that the Motion, as amended, provided greater focus for the role of the Council in seeking to secure a Minor Injuries Unit. It was recognised that there were significant funding and practical issues, but that the Council could act in a co-ordinating role. The Council also emphasised that the Minor Injuries Unit would provide enormous benefits to the local community.

After further debate, the Council unanimously supported the Motion as amended and

RESOLVED: That, in support of the approach made by our MP to the Secretaries of State for Health and Defence, this Council will use its power and influence to secure a Minor Injuries Unit in the new Aldershot Centre for Health at the earliest opportunity to meet the needs and expectations within the local community and in recognition of the potential implications for Frimley Park Hospital through the review by the Surrey Primary Care Trust of Accident and Emergency facilities.

62. MAYOR-ELECT AND DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT 2007/08

The Chairman of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, (Cr. S.J. Masterson), reported that the Committee had considered the nominations for the Mayor-Elect and the Deputy Mayor-Elect at its meeting on 26th February, 2007. In accordance with the criteria adopted by the Council at its meeting on 28th February, 2005, the Committee had agreed to recommend:-

(1) That Cr. David Millington Welch be selected as Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2007/08; and

(2) That Cr. Alan MacDonald Ferrier be selected as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the Municipal Year 2007/08.
It was MOVED by Cr. S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cr. J.J. Wall – That the Recommendations of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee be approved.

There voted FOR: 39; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was DECLARED CARRIED.

63. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET -

(1) Gambling Act, 2005 – Policy Statement –

It was MOVED by Cr. G.J. Tucker; SECONDED by Cr. P.J. Moyle – That the Council approve the revised Statement of Policy and Principles in respect of the Gambling Act, 2005.

There voted FOR: 37; AGAINST: 1 and the Recommendation was DECLARED CARRIED.

(2) Whistle Blowing Policy –

It was MOVED by Cr. K. Dibble; SECONDED by Cr. D.M. Welch -That the Council adopt the revised and updated Whistle Blowing Policy for inclusion in Part Five of the Council’s Constitution.

There voted FOR: 39; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was DECLARED CARRIED.

64. QUESTIONS FOR CABINET –

The Mayor reported that two questions had been submitted to the Cabinet in accordance with the Procedure Note for a “Cabinet Question Time”.

(1) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Health and Housing about Ministry of Defence (MOD) housing.

In response, Cr. Williams advised that the Council was currently considering its response to the recently published National Audit Office report on MOD housing. However, the redevelopment of the Aldershot Garrison would be providing new living accommodation built to modern, higher standards. In reply to a supplementary question concerning housing for ex-Nepalese army personnel, Cr. Williams referred to resettlement programmes available for the armed forces and support available from Housing Services, the Citizens’ Advice Bureau and various Ghurkha organisations in the Borough.

(2) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Environment about refuse and recycling tonnage information.
In response, Cr. Dibbs stated that the Head of Environmental Health Services would contact Cr. Roberts with tonnage information on household recycling, glass recycling and garden material. Information would also be supplied on household refuse. Cr. Dibbs also advised that, since the introduction of the alternate weekly collection trial, there had been a 30% reduction in household refuse placed in the green recycling bins. 36% recycling had been achieved in the trial area, as compared to 22% in areas outside of the trial.

In reply to a supplementary question on steps being taken to overcome recycling problems encountered in the trial area, Cr. Dibbs advised that there were two officers dealing with issues on a daily basis. Most of the issues appeared to be located within the military housing area of Aldershot. The military authorities were also aware of the issues and were also providing help and advice to families on refuse and recycling issues. A bid for more funding had been submitted to Project Integra to assist with an education programme across the Borough.

65. REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES –

(1) 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 27th February, 2007 (Para. Nos. 450 - 460) be received.

(2) LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE –

It was MOVED by Cr. S.J. Masterson; SECONDED by Cr. J.J. Wall and


(3) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE –

It was MOVED by Cr. N.M. Baines; SECONDED by Cr. E.J. Poole and

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 28th February, 2007 (Para. Nos. 466 – 476) be received.

NOTE: Cr. Sue Dibble declared a prejudicial interest in respect of various Para. Nos., for the reasons set out in the Report of the meeting and, in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct, left the meeting during the discussion thereon.
(4) **STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE –**

It was MOVED by Cr. K. Dibble; SECONDED by Cr. D.M. Welch and

**RESOLVED**: That the Report of the Meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee held on 5th March, 2007 (Para. Nos. 477 – 481) be received.

66. **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 10.06 p.m.