

# BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

**MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices,  
Farnborough on Thursday, 27th July, 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. J.H. MARSH C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.)  
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. D.M. WELCH)

CR. N.M. BAINES		CR. HAZEL MANNING
CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD		CR. S.J. MASTERSON
CR. D. CAPPLEMAN, A.H.M.I.C.A.		CR. J.P. MATTHEWS
CR. C.W. CARD		CR. P.J. MOYLE
CR. M.S. CHOUDHARY, M.A.		CR. S.P.J. MURPHY
CR. D.E. CLIFFORD		CR. K.H. MUSCHAMP
CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.), M.Arch., M.A.	a	CR. E.J. NEAL, C.C.
CR. N.M.J. DEWEY		CR. MRS. L.J. NEAL
CR. K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.		CR. G. PAPARESTI
CR. SUE DIBBLE		CR. E.J. POOLE
CR. R.L.G. DIBBS		CR. M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc.
CR. A.M. FERRIER		CR. P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.
CR. C.D. FRASER-FLEMING		CR. P. SANDY
CR. SUE GADSBY, R.M.N., R.C.N.T., P.G.C.E.A		CR. M.D. SMITH
CR. PATRICIA HODGE	a	CR. P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.
CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.		CR. M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.
CR. B. JUPP, B.A., F.C.I.P.D.		CR. D.J. THOMAS, F.B.I.I.
CR. R.J. KIMBER, C.C.	a	CR. G.J. TUCKER, F.F.B.
CR. A.J. MACKIE		CR. J.J. WALL, B. Eng., M.I.E.T.
		CR. N.J. WATKIN
		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. Mrs. L.J. Neal, D.J. Thomas and Cr. N.J. Watkin.

The Meeting commenced with Prayers led by the Reverend Ian Scott-Thompson and the Council stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mrs. Karen Biggs, an officer of the Council who had passed away suddenly on 7th July 2006, aged 45.

## 21. 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 June, 2006, be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

**22. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- (1) The Mayor extended a welcome to Cr. Hazel Manning and congratulated her on her election as a Member for Grange Ward following the by-election held on 25th July, 2006.
- (2) The Mayor congratulated those involved in the organisation of three high profile events for the Borough: Victoria Day on 1st July, the Army Show on 15th and 16th July and Farnborough International Air Show from 17th to 23rd July.
- (3) The Mayor advised Members that the annual visit to Rowhill Nature Reserve would take place on Thursday, 3rd August at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

**23. STANDING ORDER 8 – QUESTIONS –**

The Mayor reported that he had accepted an urgent question submitted by Cr. M.J. Roberts under Standing Order 8 (2) in respect of the reorganisation of accident and emergency departments in the Surrey area.

In response, the Leader of the Council (Cr. P.J. Moyle) stated that he was aware of the issue but that no firm proposals had yet been received regarding the possible closure of accident and emergency departments in the area. Representations would be made to the Surrey Primary Care Trust to reiterate the importance of the Frimley Park Hospital accident and emergency department to the residents of the Borough and a request would be made that the Council should be kept informed of any developments in this matter.

**24. NOTICE OF MOTION – EXHIBITION CENTRE –**

The Council was asked to consider the following Motion, which had been submitted by Cr. C.D. Fraser-Fleming in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 9 (1). It was **MOVED** by Cr. C.D. Fraser-Fleming; **SECONDED** by Cr. N.M.J. Dewey that:

“To demonstrate Rushmoor Borough Council’s long term commitment to the continuation of the Farnborough International Airshow, and its desire to ensure a sustainable approach to the construction of the exhibition halls, this Council, in partnership with the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC), commences work on designing and building a permanent exhibition centre on the site of the existing temporary exhibition area.”

Cr. C.D. Fraser-Fleming spoke in support of his Motion, the purpose of which was to demonstrate the Council’s desire to make the exhibition area a major resource for the Borough, of benefit to the aerospace industry and other major companies located in the Borough.

In debating the Motion, it was **MOVED** by Cr. P.J. Moyle; **SECONDED** by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs that the Motion be amended to read as follows:

“To demonstrate its long term commitment to the continuation of the Farnborough International Airshow, and in keeping with the policies contained within the Rushmoor Local Plan, this Council will work with Farnborough International Limited to encourage and support the development of a sustainable and viable exhibition facility on the site.”

With the leave of the Council, Crs. C.D. Fraser-Fleming and N.M.J. Dewey agreed to this amendment.

During debate, Members spoke of their support for the amended Motion and the need for such an asset for the Borough. Members also spoke of the need to build up the area’s infrastructure to support such a resource for the Borough. Following further debate, the Motion was put to the meeting. There voted FOR: 35; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED** whereupon it was

**RESOLVED:** That to demonstrate its long term commitment to the continuation of the Farnborough International Airshow, and in keeping with the policies contained within the Rushmoor Local Plan, this Council will work with Farnborough International Limited to encourage and support the development of a sustainable and viable exhibition facility on the site.”

25. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET –**

(1) **Rushmoor Corporate Performance Plan 2006/09 –**

It was MOVED by the Leader of the Council, Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs – That the Corporate Performance Plan 2006/09 be endorsed.

There voted FOR: 29; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

(2) **Treasury Management Operations in 2005/06 –**

It was MOVED by the Leader of the Council, Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs – That the revised list of investment instruments contained in the Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2006/07 be approved.

There voted FOR: 29; AGAINST: 0 and the Recommendation was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

26. **RETURNING OFFICER’S REPORT –**

The Returning Officer, Mr. J.A. Lloyd, submitted his report (as set out in the appendix to these Minutes) on the result of the Borough Council By-Election held on 25th July, 2006.

27. **APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL –**

**RESOLVED:** That Cr. Mrs. Hazel Manning be appointed as a Member of the Community Policy and Review Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2006/07.

28. **QUESTIONS FOR CABINET –**

The Mayor reported that seven 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 Leisure and Youth (Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford) about the future of the land currently occupied by Christmas Lodge, Aldershot.

In response, Cr. Mrs. Bedford said that the Council was aware of the concerns that had been expressed by the Friends of Brickfields Park regarding the right of access along Croft Road should the land at Christmas Lodge be sold. It was understood that the right of access could not be withdrawn without the Council’s permission. If the land were to be sold, negotiations would take place to secure the continued access along Croft Road. Members would be kept advised of the situation.

- (2) Cr. S.P.J. Murphy asked a question of the Leader of the Council (Cr. P.J. Moyle) about investment in the Aldershot Lido in the period 2001-2005.

In reply, Cr. Moyle said that the net revenue costs for the Lido for the period 2001-2005 were approximately £1.1 million. This included capital accounting charges which, if excluded, would reduce the net cost to around £700,000 over the five year period. In addition, the Council had made capital investment totalling approximately £200,000 during that period. DC Leisure had also carried out other maintenance and improvement works in accordance with the legal agreement for the running of the Lido. An Aldershot Pools and Lido Service Review Group had been established to look at the operation of the Lido and to examine if the service could be improved and further meet the Council’s corporate objectives. The recommendations of the Review Group were awaited with interest.

- (3) Cr. C.D. Fraser-Fleming asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Health and Housing (Cr. F.J. Williams) about the cessation of work on the Aldershot Centre for Health project.

In reply, Cr. F.J. Williams stated that it was understood that work would recommence on the project in August with anticipated completion in 2008. The developer had agreed to attend a meeting of the Community Policy and Review Panel on 21st September, 2006 to update Members on the project.

**NOTE:** Cr. F.J. Williams declared a personal interest in the Aldershot Centre for Health in respect of his employment by a neighbouring Primary Care Trust and, in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct, remained in the meeting during the discussion thereon.

- (4) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Cr. A.M. Ferrier) about ethical investments by Rushmoor's pension fund, including in the arms trade.

In response, Cr. Ferrier advised that Rushmoor did not have a pension fund of its own, but was part of the Hampshire County Council pension fund, whose total investment equated to £2.55 billion. He also referred to the fact that the Ministry of Defence was a major employer in Hampshire.

- (5) Cr. S.P.J. Murphy asked a question of the Leader of the Council about the regeneration of Cove Village.

Cr. Moyle deferred the response to Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs who advised that this initiative for Cove had come about under the Regeneration of Older Urban Areas scheme, run by Hampshire County Council. The total budget was not confirmed, but it was anticipated that it could be approximately £200,000. A workshop had been held the previous week to gather information about the issues and problems that faced Cove, to which all Members had been invited. Residents and councillors would be consulted on draft plans and proposals early in 2007.

- (6) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Environment (Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs) about representations made to Hampshire County Council on the review and pending curtailment of bus services which would affect Rushmoor residents.

In response, Cr. Dibbs advised Members that only one bus service seemed to be affected by the review: Service No. 56 (Aldershot to Farnborough). Any reduction in service would exacerbate the parking situation around the local colleges. Representations had been made to Hampshire County Council. It was understood that the decision had been made to reduce the service to early morning and evening services on school days only. The Council would continue to make representations to Hampshire County Council on the reduction of the service. Members would be advised of any future proposals to reduce services in order that representations could be made by ward councillors affected.

- (7) Cr. M.J. Roberts asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Environment (Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs) about the Highways Agency's policy management suggestion of traffic management at peak times, stopping flows of traffic from local journeys onto motorways.

In response, Cr. Dibbs advised that the Council had not yet been consulted on whether Junctions 4 and 4a of the M3 would be included in the Highways Agency's proposed pilot.

## 29. **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 20th June, 2006 (Para. Nos. 70 - 84) be received.

**NOTE:** Cr. D. Cappleman declared a prejudicial interest in respect of Para. No. 71 (Team Rushmoor – Service Plan 2006/07) in respect of his wife’s employment by Team Rushmoor and, in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct, left the meeting during the discussion thereon.

(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 11th July, 2006 (Para. Nos. 85 - 95) be received.

(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 Special Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 13th June, 2006 (Para. Nos. 96 and 97) be received.

(4) **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 21st June, 2006 (Para. Nos. 98 - 109) be received.

(5) **LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE –**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 28th June, 2006 (Para. Nos. 110 - 116) be received.

(6) **STANDARDS COMMITTEE –**

It was MOVED by Cr. N.M.J. Dewey; SECONDED by Cr. D.M. Welch and

**RESOLVED:** That the Report of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 3rd July, 2006 (Para. Nos. 117 - 124) be received.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Reports of the undermentioned Meetings of the Policy and Review Panels be received:-

<b>POLICY AND REVIEW PANEL</b>	<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>PARA. NOS. RECEIVED</b>
Borough Services	12th June, 2006	125 - 132
Community	15th June, 2006	133 – 141
Leisure and Youth	10th July, 2006	142 – 147

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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