

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

19 May 2021 at 7.30 pm

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor E Gill) in the chair.

Members of the Council present: Councillors M Adams, A Alderson, A Balkan, J Broadhead, R I Bromley, T Burton, D V Clarke, D Coen, D A Cotty, M D Cressey, S L Dennett, J R Furey, E Gill, L M Gillham, J Gracey, T Gracey, M T Harnden, M N Heath, C Howorth, J Hulley, N M King, R King, S Lewis, S M Mackay, M J Maddox, C Mann, I A Mullens, M Nuti, J Olorenshaw, N Prescott, P Snow, Miss J K Sohi, S Walsh, D Whyte, S Whyte, S Williams and M Willingale.

Members of the Council absent: Councillors D Anderson–Bassey, R J Edis, M T Kusneraitis and J Wilson

1. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor welcomed Members including the five newly elected Members and guests and thanked the ACA for accommodating the meeting at short notice. The Mayor read out the Fire Precautions.

2. MAYOR – ELECTION OF

RESOLVED that –

Councillor Elaine Gill be Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

3. DECLARATION BY MAYOR OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Gill, who thanked the Council for her election.

4. DEPUTY MAYOR – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that –

Councillor Margaret Harnden be Deputy Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2021/22

5. DECLARATION BY DEPUTY MAYOR OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Harnden, who thanked the Council for her appointment.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 April 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Anderson-Bassey, Edis, Kusneraitis and Wilson.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Balkan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in items 13 (Appointment of Committees) and 16 (Appointment of Vice Chairmen) as he had been paid by Cllr Hulley for communication and administrative assistance until 18 May 2021. Cllr Balkan withdrew from the room when these items were considered.

9. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked the Council for the honour of re-election to this office and was looking forward to her Mayoral Year, where she would be proud to represent the Borough. Her Consort would be her husband Harry Gill.

The Mayor thanked her Consort and family for their support since October last year. In accepting the office of Mayor, Cllr Gill thanked all Members and expressed her appreciation of Cllr Linda Gillham and Cllr Margaret Harnden and former Mayors and ex Councillors Eiry Price and Peggy Broadhead, for their support.

The Mayor mentioned some of the highlights since becoming Mayor in October last year.

A celebration of Mayor making would be held later in the year.

The Mayoral Charities would be:

Dementia Carers Support

Mayoral legacy of Trees

The Mayor presented former Mayor Parshotam Sohi and his Mayoress Davinder Sohi with their past Mayoral and Mayoress badges. Mr Sohi presented Katie Edmond (Mayoral Secretary) with a bouquet for her support in his Mayoral Year.

10. SPEAKING OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

No requests to speak or ask questions from Members had been registered by the deadline.

11. PETITIONS

No petitions had been submitted by Members of the Council under Standing Order No 19

12. CONSTITUTION FOR 2021/22

Council was informed that the Constitution, as agreed at the meeting of the Council on 22 April 2021, would apply for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

13. COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENT OF

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Head of Law and Governance, which set out the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Members received information as to the wishes of the various Political Groups as to Committee appointments.

RESOLVED that –

- i) The named Committees be established and that the number of seats be confirmed as set out in para 13.3 of the report;**
- ii) the allocation of seats on the Committees shown in attached Appendix 'A' be as set out therein.**
- iii) the allocation of Committee seats to Members of Political Groups as at commencement of the Municipal Year 2021/22, as requested by those Groups and as laid before Council, be approved;**
- iv) Councillor R King be appointed to Environment and Sustainability Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee/Crime and Disorder Committee; and**
- v) any other Member of the Council from the five political groups be eligible for appointment to any Committee or Sub-Committee, subject to receipt of appropriate training, where applicable; and**
- vi) the Chair of the RCRA be appointed as a non-voting member of the Housing Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/22**

14. LICENSING COMMITTEE

Cllr Burton paid tribute to the past Chairmanship of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees by Cllr Cotty.

RESOLVED that –

the Members of the Licensing Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/2022 be Councillors Adams, Bromley, Burton, Cotty, T Gracey, Harnden, Kusneraitis, Maddox, Olorenshaw, Snow and Wilson.

15. ENGLEFIELD GREEN COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that –

the Englefield Green Committee (as required by the Crown Lease) for the year 2021/22 be established and constituted as follows:

- i) Councillors Heath, N. King, Kusneraitis, Prescott, J K Sohi; and**
- ii) Two representatives appointed from the qualifying householders, namely Mr A Buchanan and Mr N Bromilow.**

16. CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN – APPOINTMENT OF

Nominations for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen were moved and seconded as tabled.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the nomination for Chairman and Vice Chairmen of Committees be as moved, subject to Councillor Alderson being nominated to the office of Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee/Crime and Disorder Committee. The nominations of Councillors Furey and Alderson were put to the vote and Councillor Furey received the greater number of votes, and upon the substantive Motion being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED that –

the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed for the Committees specified: -

Corporate Management Committee

Chairman: Councillor Prescott
Vice-Chairman: Councillor T Gracey

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Chairman: Councillor Heath
Vice-Chairman: Councillor N King

Housing Committee

Chairman: Councillor J Gracey
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Hulley

Community Services Committee

Chairman: Councillor Howorth
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Adams

Planning Committee

Chairman: Councillor Willingale
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Snow

Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee / Crime and Disorder Committee

Chairman: Councillor Furey
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Dennett

Licensing Committee

Chairman: Councillor Wilson
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Cotty

Regulatory Committee

Chairman: Councillor Wilson

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Cotty

Standards and Audit Committee

Chairman: Councillor J Sohi

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Anderson-Bassey

The Constitution Member Working Party would give consideration to Member suggestions that the title 'Chairperson' or 'Chair' should be used instead of 'Chairman'

17. SUB-COMMITTEES

Council received and noted the nominations to Licensing and Hearings Sub-Committees from the Political Groups. Council noted that a report would be made to the June Corporate Management Committee seeking authority to disestablish the Property Acquisitions Sub Committee as any future acquisitions for less than £10m, which was the limit for that Sub Committee, would be decided by Corporate Management Committee

18. RUNNYMEDE JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that –

Councillors Balkan, M Maddox (Vice-Chairman), Mullens, Prescott, Snow and D Whyte be appointed as the Council's Members on the Runnymede Joint Committee.

19. SURREY ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP APPOINTMENT AND SURREY LEADERS' GROUP NOMINATIONS

RESOLVED that –

i) Councillor N King be the Council's representative to serve on the Surrey Environment Partnership for 2021/22 with Councillor Gillham attending in an observer capacity;

ii) Councillor Balkan be nominated to the High Sheriff's Youth Awards Scheme;

(Councillor Williams was also nominated to the Scheme. The nominations of Councillors Balkan and Williams were put to the vote and Councillor Balkan received the greater number of votes and was duly nominated)

iii) Councillor Maddox be nominated to The SCC Pension Fund

Councillor Alderson was also nominated to the Fund. The nominations of Councillors Maddox and Alderson were put to the vote and Councillor Maddox received the greater number of votes and was duly nominated)

- iv) **Councillor Prescott be nominated to the Active Surrey Sports Partner Forum; and**
- v) **Councillor T Gracey be nominated to the Surrey Civilian Military Partnership**

20. **NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 15**

No Notices of Motion had been submitted by Members of the Council under Standing Order 15.

21. **MINORITY GROUP PRIORITY BUSINESS**

No items of Minority Group Priority Business had been registered under Standing Order 23.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 8.35 pm)

APPENDIX A

Committee	Con	RIRG	Lib	Ind	RRC	R King
Corporate Management (12)	8	2	1	1		
Environment and Sustainability (10)	6	1	1	1		1
Housing (10)	6	1	1	1	1	
Community Services (10)	7	1	1	1		
Planning (15)	10	2	1	1	1	
Regulatory (5)	3	1	1			
Crime & Disorder/Overview & Scrutiny (9)	5	2			1	1
Standards and Audit (10)	6	2		1	1	
(81)	51	12	6	6	4	2