

**ANNUAL COUNCIL
18 MAY 2016
7.30 - 8.20 PM**



Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Dee Hamilton), Councillors Virgo (Deputy Mayor), Allen, Mrs Angell, Angell, Dr Barnard, Bettison, D Birch, Mrs Birch, Brossard, Dudley, Finch, Finnie, Ms Gaw, Harrison, Mrs Hayes MBE, Ms Hayes, Heydon, Hill, Mrs Ingham, King OBE, Leake, McCracken, Mrs McCracken, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McKenzie-Boyle, McLean, Ms Miller, Peacey, Phillips, Porter, Skinner, Mrs Temperton, Thompson, Tullett, Turrell and Wade

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors G Birch, Brunel-Walker, Mrs Mattick, Ms Merry and Worrall

MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MRS HAMILTON, IN THE CHAIR

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Election of the Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

It was proposed by Councillor Bettison, and seconded by Councillor Birch, that Councillor Virgo be elected Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest for the Municipal Year 2016 – 2017.

There being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Virgo be elected Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest for the 2016 - 2017 Municipal Year.

Councillor Virgo was then invested with the Mayoral Chain of Office and then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor and thanked Members of the Council for his election.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR VIRGO, IN THE CHAIR

In his acceptance speech Councillor Virgo thanked colleagues for supporting his appointment and looked forward to celebrating the development of the Town Centre.

3. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Councillor Bettison delivered a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Mrs Dee Hamilton.

4. **Response by the Immediate Past Mayor**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs Hamilton, in her response wished the new Mayor luck in his forthcoming year and thanked him for his support as her Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Mrs Hamilton thanked her fellow Councillors for their support during her Mayoral year attending events, making donations and sponsoring activities. She highlighted some of the significant fundraising events which contributed to her charity 'Make-A-Wish UK' such as donations from the Clothing Warehouse and itSMF UK; events organised by the staff of the Environment, Culture and Communities Department such as the Charity Golf Day, Quiz Night and the Bracknell Half Marathon. She thanked everyone at 'Make-A-Wish UK' for their support and to everyone who offered their support at events. Councillor Mrs Hamilton announced that she had raised £15,981.50.

Councillor Mrs Hamilton paid special thanks to her consort, Scott Hamilton for his unwavering support during the year.

Father Guy Cole accepted Councillor Mrs Hamilton's thanks and gift for his work as Mayor's Chaplain.

Councillor Mrs Hamilton thanked Sally Cathcart-Cunnison, Mayoral Support officer, for supporting her during her mayoral year.

Councillor Mrs Hamilton was presented with the badge of Past Mayor by the Chief Executive.

5. **Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest for the 2016/17 Municipal Year**

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Bettison that Councillor Mrs McKenzie-Boyle be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest for the Municipal Year 2016 – 2017.

There being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs McKenzie-Boyle be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest for the Municipal Year 2016 - 2017.

Councillor Mrs McKenzie-Boyle was invested with the Deputy Mayoral Chain of Office and then made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor announced that her husband, Bruce McKenzie-Boyle, would be her Consort for her term of office. The Deputy Mayor's Consort was then invested with the Chain of Office. The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for her appointment and said she was looking forward to supporting the Mayor to represent the Council across the borough.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to allow for photographs to be taken.

6. **Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor's Nominated Charity

The Mayor announced that his nominated charity for 2016 - 2017 was Sebastian's Action Trust. He presented a short film which explained the work of the organisation. Jane Gates OBE, Chief Executive of Sebastian's Action Trust, joined the meeting to explain that the organisation's origins were in Bracknell Forest, that they were currently supporting 200 families in the borough and explained their ambitions for expanding the support the charity could offer.

Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor announced that his Annual Civic Service was being held on 19 June 2016 at 2.30pm at The Church of Jesus Christ Ascot Priority, Ascot and formal invitations would be circulated shortly.

Mayoral Charity Event

The Mayor invited everyone to attend his Charity Polo event which was being held on 9 July at the Berkshire Polo Clubs in Winkfield. A leaflet had been tabled with further information about how to purchase tickets.

Executive Member for Environment

Councillor Mrs Hayes reported that the Green Deal Community Scheme had been shortlisted for the Energy Efficiency & Retrofit Awards within the category for Regional Large Scale Project (>250K) of the Year. The outcome would be known by 24 May 2016.

Leader of the Council

Councillor Bettison, in Councillor Brunel-Walker's absence, was pleased to announce that Bracknell had been awarded the accolade of 'Town of the Year' at the Thames Valley Property Awards as recognition of the successful town centre strategy that had been implemented and how the town was being enhanced.

7. **Appointments by the Leader of the Council**

Members of the Executive

The Leader of the Council announced that he had appointed the following Members to the Executive for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year:

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| Councillor Dr Barnard | Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning |
| Councillor Bettison | Executive Member for Council Strategy and Community Cohesion (Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive) |
| Councillor Birch | Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing (Deputy Leader of the Council) |
| Councillor Brunel-Walker | Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration |
| Councillor Mrs Hayes | Executive Member for the Environment |
| Councillor Heydon | Executive Member for Transformation and Finance (Vice-Chairman of the Executive) |
| Councillor McCracken | Executive Member for Culture, Corporate Services and Public Protection |
| Councillor Turrell | Executive Member for Planning and Transport |

Delegation of Executive Functions

The Leader of the Council announced that the responsibility for the discharge of Executive functions was as set out in Part 2, Section 5 of the Council's Constitution.

Appointments to Executive Committees, Sub Groups and Advisory Panels

The Leader of the Council announced that he had made appointments to Committees of the Executive and its Advisory Panels (Annex A to these minutes).

Appointment of Members to External Organisations

The Leader of the Council announced that he had made appointments to external organisations, whose functions solely related to the Executive (Annex B to these minutes).

8. **Establishment of Committees and Associated Matters**

The Council considered the report to establish Committees and their membership, agree appointments to External Organisations and the appointment of Council Champions. The Leader, Councillor Bettison, advised that the revised annexe, as tabled, should be amended so that the membership of the Electoral Steering Group included Councillor Mrs Temperton and the membership of the Standards Framework Working Group included Councillor Phillip King OBE.

On the proposition of Councillor Bettison, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Birch, it was:

RESOLVED that:

- i) the establishment of ordinary committees, their size and allocation of seats, agreeing a local variation to the proportionality rules, as set out in paragraph 6 of the agenda report;
- ii) the establishment of the Licensing and Safety Committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the Standards Committee, their size and allocation of seats, agreeing a local variation to the proportionality rules, as set out in paragraph 6 of the agenda report;
- iii) the membership of each committee, in accordance with Members' wishes be as set out in Annex A appended to these minutes;
- iv) appointments to external organisations be as set out in Annex B appended to these minutes;
- v) the appointment of Council Champions in accordance with Part 1 Section 7 of the Constitution be as set out below:

Business Champion: Councillor Wade
Commuters' Champion: Councillor Harrison
Older People's Champion: Councillor Thompson
Voluntary Sector Champion: Councillor Finnie

MAYOR