

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2014 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Mrs Kay A Dark (Chairman); Councillors H Scobie (Vice-Chairman), Alexandrou, Aldred, Bayford, Binks, Bruce, Campbell, Clark, Cohen, Coleman-Cooke, Day, Driver, Duncan, Dwyer, Edwards, Everitt, Fenner, Gibson, Gideon, D Green, E Green, I Gregory, K Gregory, Grove, Harrison, C Hart, S Hart, Hayton, J Scobie, Hornus, Huxley, Johnston, King, Kirby, Lodge-Pritchard, Marson, Matterface, Moore, Moores, Nicholson, Poole, Roberts, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, W Scobie, Sullivan, M Tomlinson, S Tomlinson, Watkins, Wells, Wiltshire, Wise, Worrow and Wright

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

VICE-CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR

Councillor H Scobie announced that he had just received notification from the Chief Executive that Councillor Dark had resigned from the office of Chairman of Council, and that he would therefore preside over the election of the Chairman.

119. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nomination 1

It was proposed by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor C Hart:

“THAT Councillor Dark be elected Chairman of Council for the ensuing year”.

Nomination 2

It was proposed by Councillor Bayford and seconded by Councillor Wise:

“THAT Councillor D Saunders be elected Chairman of Council for the ensuing year”.

Upon the two nominations being put to the vote, Councillor Dark was declared ELECTED Chairman of Council for the 2014/15 municipal year.

RECESS

There was a short recess, during which the new Chairman of Council was invested with the Chain and Badge of Office.

Following this recess, Councillor Dark made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of Council, returned thanks for her election and formalised Mrs Jean Amber as her escort.

COUNCILLOR DARK IN THE CHAIR

120. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nomination 1

It was proposed by Councillor Dark and seconded by Councillor Johnston:

“THAT Councillor H Scobie be elected Vice-Chairman of Council for the ensuing year”.

Nomination 2

It was proposed by Councillor Bayford and seconded by Councillor S Tomlinson:

“THAT Councillor Savage be elected Vice-Chairman of Council for the ensuing year”.

Upon the two nominations being put to the vote, Councillor H Scobie was declared ELECTED Vice-Chairman for the 2014/15 municipal year.

Councillor H Scobie made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman of Council, returned thanks for his election and formalised his wife, Mrs Sue Scobie, as his escort.

121. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 April 2014 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

123. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

124. ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Nomination 1

It was proposed by Councillor C Hart and seconded by Councillor Nicholson:

“THAT Councillor Johnston be elected Leader of the Council until the date of the Annual Meeting of Council in 2015”.

Nomination 2

It was proposed by Councillor Wise and seconded by Councillor Wells:

“THAT Councillor Bayford be elected Leader of the Council until the date of the Annual Meeting of Council in 2015”.

Upon the two nominations being put to the vote, Councillor Johnston was declared ELECTED Leader of the Council until the date of the Annual Meeting of Council in 2015.

125. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was NOTED from the new Leader of the Council, that she was appointing Councillor Nicholson as Deputy Leader of the Council until the date of the Annual Meeting of Council in 2015.

126. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE

Council NOTED the Cabinet Portfolios, Cabinet Portfolio Holders, Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Operational Accountabilities (including the executive delegations as set out in Annex 2 to the report), as follows:

Portfolio Holder	Name of Portfolio	Functions Covered
Councillor Johnston Leader of the Council <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Wells</i>	Community Services	Community Safety, Margate Task Force, Events, Community Development (including Town Teams), Cultural Development, Indoor and Outdoor Leisure, Safeguarding Children, Sport, Youth, Tourism, Your Leisure Kent Ltd, Land Charges, Licensing, Environmental Health, including integrated Pollution Control, Street Nameplates, Statutory Nuisance, Food Safety and External Health and Safety, Health and Wellbeing Board
Councillor D Green <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Bayford, Shadow Leader of the Council</i>	Strategic Economic Development Services	Economic Development & Regeneration Policy; East Kent Opportunities Ltd; Thanet Regeneration Board, Business Engagement and the Health and Wellbeing Board
Councillor Nicholson Deputy Leader of the Council <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Marson</i>	Housing and Planning Services	Housing Intervention, Private Sector Housing, Housing Needs/Homelessness, Housing Strategy, Client-side East Kent Housing, Building Control, Strategic Planning, Planning Applications, Planning Enforcement, Conservation
Councillor Harrison <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Moores</i>	Operational Services	Port of Ramsgate, Ramsgate Royal Harbour Marina, Broadstairs and Margate Harbours, Cemeteries and Crematorium, Emergency Planning, Coastal Engineering, Grounds Maintenance, Parks and Open Spaces Management Playgrounds, Public Toilets, Street Cleaning, Recycling and Waste, Off Street Parking, On Street Parking, Street Scene Enforcement, Temporary Road Closure Orders, Thanet Coast Project, Water Safety and Beach Services, Foreshore, Allotments, CCTV

Portfolio Holder	Name of Portfolio	Functions Covered
Councillor Everitt <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Wise, Shadow Deputy Leader of the Council</i>	Financial Services and Estates	Budget Setting, Monitoring and Final Accounts, Treasury Management (Revenue, Capital and HRA), Insurance, Income, Payments, Systems Control and Improvement, Commercial Property, East Kent Audit Partnership, Property Management (including asset disposal, acquisition and asset management), Housing and Council Tax Benefits, Revenues (including Debt Recovery), Media Centre and Kent Innovation Centre
Councillor E Green <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Bruce</i>	Business and Corporate Resources	Business Information and Improvement, Information and Communications (including Public Relations, Marketing, Press Relations, Internal Communications, film locations and Records and Data Management), Business Support and Compliance (including Corporate Governance and Business Continuity), Policy and Business Planning (including Performance Management, Business Transformation and Options, Procurements and Contracts Customer Services, Human Resources (including internal Health and Safety), IT, Democratic Services including Electoral Management, Member Services and Legal Services

127. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES, POLITICAL BALANCE, APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS

RECESS

There was a recess for five minutes to enable Members to read the replacement report

Number of Committees

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and RESOLVED:

“THAT the recommendation at Paragraph 3.51 of the report be adopted, namely:

‘That Council confirms the number of committees for the 2014/15 Municipal year as set out in Table 2.’”

Option to achieve Proportionality

It was proposed by the Leader of Council, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and RESOLVED:

Licensing Board

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	Campbell	1	Coleman-Cooke			1	Duncan	1	Grove
2	Clark	2	I Gregory						
3	Dwyer	3	Roberts						
4	Edwards	4	M Saunders						
5	Huxley	5	M Tomlinson						
6	Matterface	6	S Tomlinson						
7	Watkins								

Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	Campbell	1	Gideon	1	Worror			1	Driver
2	Dwyer	2	I Gregory						
3	Gibson	3	K Gregory						
4	Huxley	4	Hornus						
5	Matterface	5	D Saunders						
6	Moore	6	M Tomlinson						
7	W Scobie								

Governance and Audit Committee

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	Campbell	1	Binks	1	Worror				
2	Lodge-Pritchard	2	Day						
3	Moore	3	D Saunders						
4	W Scobie	4	S Tomlinson						

Governance and Audit Committee (Pool of Substitute Members)

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	Dwyer	1	K Gregory	1	Cohen				
2	E Green	2	M Saunders						
3	Matterface	3	M Tomlinson						
4	H Scobie	4	Wells						

General Purposes Committee

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	Campbell	1	Bayford			1	Wiltshire	1	King
2	Everitt	2	I Gregory						
3	Fenner	3	Marson						
4	H Scobie	4	S Tomlinson						

Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	D Green	1	Gideon			1	Duncan		
2	Nicholson	2	Hornus						
3	W Scobie	3	Roberts						

Constitutional Review Working Party

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	Nicholson	1	Hayton							1	Jonathan Sexton †
2	Watkins	2	Wright							2	Janet Bacon #

NOTE: * drawn from the Independent Members of the Standards Committee

Key † Chairman (*ratified later at the meeting*)

Vice-Chairman (*ratified later at the meeting*)

Joint Transportation Board

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group		Parish/ Town *	
1	Aldred	1	K Gregory							1	Vera Hovenden
2	Clark	2	D Saunders								
3	S Hart	3	M Saunders								
4	J Scobie	4	Savage								

NOTE *: nominated by Thanet Association of Parish Councils.

Standards Committee

Labour	Conservative	Thanet Independent Group	UKIP	Independent Group	Independent Members (non Councillors)	Parish / Town *
1 D Green	1 Marson			1 Grove	1 Jonathan Sexton †	1 Jennifer Fletcher
2 Nicholson	2 Roberts				2 Janet Bacon #	2 David Lawson
3 H Scobie	3 M Tomlinson				3 Vacant	3 John Way
					4 Vacant	

NOTE *: Nominated by Thanet Association of Parish Councils.

Key † Chairman (ratified later at the meeting)

Vice Chairman (ratified later at the meeting)

East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee

1	Leader of the Council
2	Deputy Leader of the Council

Elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen to Committees, Panels and Boards for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

NOMINATION(S) FOR:	MEMBER ELECTED
	Councillor:
<p>Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Upon two nominations as follows being put to the vote:</p> <p>Councillor Cohen – proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson</p> <p>Councillor S Tomlinson – proposed by Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise</p>	COHEN
<p>Vice-Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Upon two nominations as follows being put to the vote:</p> <p>Councillor C Hart – proposed by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Nicholson</p> <p>Councillor S Tomlinson – proposed by Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise</p>	C HART
<p>Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD</p> <p>Upon two nominations, as follows, being put to the vote:</p> <p>Councillor Huxley – proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson</p> <p>Councillor M Tomlinson – proposed by Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise</p>	HUXLEY

NOMINATION(S) FOR:	MEMBER ELECTED
<p>Vice-Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD</p> <p>Upon two nominations, as follows, being put to the vote:</p> <p>Councillor Matterface – proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson</p> <p>Councillor M Tomlinson – proposed by Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise</p>	<p>Councillor:</p> <p>MATTERFACE</p>
<p>Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Bayford, and there being no further nominations</p>	<p>GIDEON</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and there being no further nominations</p>	<p>CAMPBELL</p>
<p>Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Upon two nominations, as follows, being put to the vote:</p> <p>Councillor Worrow – proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson</p> <p>Councillor Binks – proposed by Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise</p>	<p>WORROW</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Upon two nominations, as follows, being put to the vote:</p> <p>Councillor Lodge-Pritchard – proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson</p> <p>Councillor Binks – proposed by Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise</p>	<p>LODGE-PRITCHARD</p>
<p>Vice-Chairman of the JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Nicholson, and there being no further nominations</p>	<p>CLARK</p>

Appointment of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and RESOLVED:

1. THAT Dr Jonathan Sexton be appointed Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2014/15 Municipal Year;
2. THAT Mrs Janet Bacon be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

128. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - OFFICERS

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and RESOLVED:

“THAT the Officer Delegations for the 2014/15 Municipal Year, as set out in Annex 1 to the report be approved”.

129. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014/15

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and RESOLVED:

“THAT Council approves the revised calendar of meetings for 2014/15, as set out in Annex 1 to the report”.

130. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was noted that “British Ports Association” on the executive list at Annex 1 should read, “British Destinations”.

It was proposed by the Leader, seconded by Councillor Campbell and RESOLVED:

“THAT Council agrees:

1. the list of Executive Outside Bodies for the year 2014/15, as set out at Annex 1 to the report;
2. the list of Non-Executive Outside Bodies for the year 2014/15, as set out at Annex 2 to the report;
3. the nominations to the Non-Executive Outside Bodies for the year 2014/15, as set out at Annex to the report, subject to:
 - i. Councillor Nicholson being appointed in place of Councillor D Green on the East Kent Housing Area Board;
 - ii. Councillor Harrison replacing Councillor Poole on the PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee;
 - iii. Councillor Dwyer replacing Councillor Gibson on the Youth Advisory Group

131. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2014/15

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and RESOLVED:

“THAT the recommendations as set out in Section 5 of the report be adopted, namely:

1. That Council notes the comments of the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel (EKJIRP) on the 2014/15 Members' Allowances Scheme as adopted at Council on 24 April 2014;
2. That Council agrees the changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme regarding requiring VAT receipts to be provided in support of mileage claims, as shown in Annex 2 to the report;
3. That Council agrees the changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme as shown at Annex 1 to the report regarding replacing the existing mileage rates with a "within Kent" mileage rate, and that all journeys outside of Kent are paid on the basis of whichever the lower is of a standard open class rail fare inclusive of taxis fares, parking charges and underground fares of mileage at a rate of 34.41 pence per mile;
4. That if the Members' Allowances Scheme is amended, Council refers the Scheme to EKJIRP for them to consider, with any comments from EKJIRP being reported back to Council.

132. ANNUAL REPORT - CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

The report was NOTED.

133. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013/14

It was proposed by Councillor Worrow, seconded by Councillor Johnston and RESOLVED:

"THAT Council approves the content of the annual report and the recommended actions within the action plan".

Meeting concluded : 8.15 pm