

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2018 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillors Ashbee, Bambridge, Bayford, Braidwood, Buckley, Campbell, G Coleman-Cooke, K Coleman-Cooke, Connor, Constantine, Crow-Brown, Dawson, Day, Dellar, Dennis, Dexter, Dixon, Edwards, Evans, J Fairbrass, L Fairbrass, Falcon, Fenner, Game, I Gregory, Grove, Hayton, G Hillman, Jaye-Jones, Johnston, Larkins, Martin, Matterface, Messenger, Parsons, L Piper, S Piper, L Potts, R Potts, Pugh, Rogers, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Shonk, Stummer-Schmertzling, Taylor, Taylor-Smith, Tomlinson, Townend and Wells

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brimm, Curran and Venables.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Councillor Savage, and there being no further nominations, Councillor D Saunders was declared elected as Chairman of Council for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Councillor Falcon thanked all those who had supported and assisted her during her time as Chairman of the Council.

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 D Saunders made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of Council, returned thanks for his election and formalised Councillor M Saunders as his escort.

COUNCILLOR D SAUNDERS IN THE CHAIR

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor Rev. Piper, seconded by Councillor Jaye-Jones, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Taylor was declared elected as Vice-Chairman of Council for the 2018/19 municipal year.

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposal by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 April 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that Councillor Alan Howes had recently passed away. Members stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect, then paid tribute to his character and passion for his work as a Birchington Councillor.

7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE

Council noted the Cabinet portfolios, operational accountabilities and executive delegated functions for the 2018/19 municipal year as set out in the report. The Cabinet portfolio holders and opposition spokesperson portfolio holders for the 2018/19 municipal year were noted as follows:

Name of Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Independent & UKIP Opposition Spokespeople	Thanet Independent Councillors Opposition Spokespeople
Leader of the Council	Cllr Bayford	Cllr Wells	Cllr Rev. S Piper
Deputy Leader of the Council	Cllr Savage	Cllr L Fairbrass	Cllr Jaye-Jones
Financial Services and Estates	Cllr Gregory	Cllr Townend	Cllr Shonk
Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods	Cllr Game	Cllr L Fairbrass	Cllr Jaye-Jones
Operational Services	Cllr Taylor-Smith	Cllr Stummer-Schmertzing	Cllr Brimm
Corporate Governance and Coastal Development	Cllr Savage	Cllr Crow-Brown	Cllr Rusiecki

8. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT STANDARDS MEMBERS

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed that Council approve the appointment of Dr Sexton as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee until the 2019 Annual Council meeting.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed that Council approve the appointment of Mrs Bacon as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee until the 2019 Annual Council meeting.

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

NUMBER AND SIZE OF COMMITTEES

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the number of committees and the number of Members to serve on those committees as shown in table 1 of the report, namely:

Committee	Number of Members
Planning Committee	15

Licensing Board	15
Finance, Budget and Performance Scrutiny Panel	8
Executive, Policy and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	8
Governance and Audit Committee	14
General Purposes Committee	10
Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party	8
Constitutional Review Working Party	5 (+2 independent)
Joint Transportation Board*	7 (+1 parish)
Standards Committee**	8 (+ 4 independent, + 3 parish)

PROPORTIONALITY

It was proposed by the Leader, seconded by Councillor Savage and Members agreed option 1 as detailed at paragraph 5.4 of the report, namely:

“That a seat is deleted from the Licensing Board and that the Labour Group loses that seat. That the Overview and Panel be deleted and replaced by two Scrutiny Panels, these each consisting of eight seats, divided as follows: Conservatives three seats, Independent & UKIP group two seats, Thanet Independent Councillors group two seats and the Labour group one seat. That one seat is added to the Governance and Audit Committee and that seat is given to the Conservative Group.”

Committees Option 1	Total	Conservative Group	Independent & UKIP Group	Thanet Independent Councillors	Labour Group
Planning Committee	15	6	3	4	2
Licensing Board	15	5	4	4	1
Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel	8	3	2	2	1
Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	8	3	2	2	1
Gov. and Audit	15	6	4	4	1
General Purposes	10	4	3	2	1
B&EA Working Party	8	3	2	2	1
CRWP	5	2	1	1	1
Totals	83	32	21	21	9

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed to waive proportionality for the standards committee and to apply the approximate proportionality as set out table 4 of the report, namely:

	Total	Conservative Group	Ind & UKIP Group	Thanet Ind Cllrs	Labour Group	Parish/ Town Council
Standards Committee	15	3	2	1	4**	3
Standards Assessment Sub-Committee	3	*	*	0	At least 1	*
Standards Hearing Sub-Committee	3	*	*	0	At least 1	*

NOTE*; the remaining two members would be either Thanet District Council Members from those groups that are entitled to seats on the Standards Committee, Town/Parish Council members or further independent members, on a case by case basis. In the case of complaint against a Town or Parish Councillor at least one of the panel would be a Town or Parish Council representative.

** Currently there are only two Independent Members in post."

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Vice-Chairman, and Members agreed the proportionality between groups for the Thanet District Council seats on the Joint Transportation Board as set out in table 5 of the report, namely:

	TDC Members	Conservative Group	Ind & UKIP Group	Thanet Ind Cllrs Group	Labour Group	Parish/ Town Council
Joint Transportation Board	7	3	2	2	0	1

EAST KENT JOINT ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the Joint Arrangements Committee as set out in table 6 of the report, namely:

	Total (from Thanet)	Conservative Group	Ind & UKIP Group	Thanet Independent Cllrs Group	Labour Group
East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee	2 plus two substitutes	2 Executive members and 2 Substitute Executive members	0	0	0

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed to note the nominations to committees as shown in the Members notes subject to the amendments made by the Leader, namely;

Planning Committee

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Ashbee	1	Connor	1	Buckley	1	Fenner
2	K Coleman-Cooke	2	J Fairbrass	2	Edwards	2	Matterface
3	Messenger	3	Grove	3	Taylor		
4	D.Saunders			4	Shonk		
5	Tomlinson						
6	Evans						

Planning Committee (*pool of substitute Members*)

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Dawson	1	Larkins	1	Rusiecki	1	Campbell
2		2	Dellar	2	L Piper	2	Constantine
3		3	Crow-Brown	3	Jaye-Jones		
4				4			
5							
6							

Licensing Board

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	K Coleman-Cooke	1	Connor	1	L Potts	1	Johnston
2	Curran	2	Crow-Brown	2	Brimm		
3	Rogers	3	Dellar	3	Dennis		
4	M Saunders	4	J Fairbrass	4	TBC		
5	Tomlinson						

Scrutiny Panel Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Dexter	1	Connor	1	S Piper	1	Campbell
2	Parsons	2	Falcon	2	L Piper		
3	Martin						

Scrutiny Panel Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Ashbee	1	G Coleman-Cooke	1	Rusiecki	1	Campbell
2	Bambridge	2	Dixon	2	L Potts		
3	Curran						

Governance and Audit Committee

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Day	1	Connor	1	Buckley	1	Campbell
2	Dexter	2	Dixon	2	Braidwood		
3	Evans	3	Larkins	3	R Potts		
4	Messenger	4	Townend	4	Dennis		
5	Bambridge						
6	Pugh						

Governance and Audit Committee (*Pool of Substitute Members*)

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Savage	1	G Coleman-Cooke	1	Edwards	1	Fenner
2	Messenger	2	Dellar	2	Shonk		
3		3	Wells	3	Jaye-Jones		
4		4	L Fairbrass	4			

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General Purposes Committee

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Bambridge	1	Wells	1	Edwards	1	Johnston
2	Bayford	2	L Fairbrass	2	R Potts		
3	Gregory	3	Crow-Brown				
4	Taylor-Smith						

Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind Cllrs		Labour	
1	Savage	1	Crow-Brown	1	Brimm	1	Venables
2	TBC	2	Stummer-Schmertzing	2	TBC		
3	TBC						

Constitutional Review Working Party

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	Game	1	Dixon	1	Dennis	1	Campbell	1	Sexton
2	Tomlinson							2	Bacon

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

Standards Committee

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	Dexter	1	J Fairbrass	1	Jaye-Jones	1	Johnston	1	Sexton
2	Tomlinson	2	L Fairbrass	2	Braidwood			2	Bacon
3	Dawson							3	Vacant
								4	Vacant

Joint Transport Board

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	K Coleman-Cooke	1	Connor	1	Taylor		
2	Rogers	2	Crow-Brown	2	Rusiecki		
3	Parsons						

East Kent Services Committee

Conservative		IND & UKIP		Thanet Ind. Cllrs		Labour	
1	Bayford						
2	Savage						

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman to Committees, Panels and Boards for the 2018/19 Municipal Year

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed to elect those nominated for chairmen and vice chairmen as shown in the Members notes, namely;

Position to be Filled	Councillor
Chairman of Planning Committee	Cllr Bob Grove
Vice Chairman of Planning Committee	Cllr Carol Messenger
Chairman of Licensing Board	Cllr Linda Potts
Vice Chairman of Licensing Board	Cllr Julie Dellar
Chairman of Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Linda Piper
Vice Chairman of Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Peter Campbell
Chairman of Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Glenn Coleman-Cooke
Vice Chairman of Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Ash Ashbee
Chairman of Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr Simon Day
Vice Chairman of Governance and Audit Committee	Cllr Sarah Larkins
Vice Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	Cllr Gary Taylor

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed that Dr Jonathan Sexton be appointed Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2018/19 municipal year; And, that Mrs Janet Bacon be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2018/19 municipal year.

10. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Leader proposed, Councillor Savage seconded, and Members agreed the list on non executive outside bodies, and the nominations to these outside bodies for the municipal year 2018-19 as shown in the Members' notes, namely:

Name of Outside Body	No. of Reps	Nominations
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	2	Cllr Crow-Brown
Age UK: Thanet	1	Cllr Jaye-Jones
Campaign to Protect Rural England	1	Cllr S Piper
Canterbury Festival	1	Cllr Bayford
Citizens Advice Bureau, Thanet	2	Cllr Game Cllr Jaye-Jones
East Kent Housing Board	1	Cllr Game
Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Ltd	1	Cllr Dixon
(The) River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board	1	Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling
Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group	1	Cllr Townend
Thanet Countryside Trust	2	Cllr Dixon
Thanet Rural Regeneration Group	1	Cllr Crow-Brown
The Friends of Margate Cemetery Trust	2	Cllr Connor Cllr Tomlinson

The following outside bodies were still to have nominations made to them:

Name of Outside Body	No. of Reprs
East Kent Housing Area Board	2
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London	1
Thanet Sports Network	1 +reserve
Thanet Volunteer Bureau	1
Trust for Thanet Archaeology	2
Youth Advisory Group (formerly, Concorde Youth Centre)	1

11. **MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2018/19**

The Leader proposed, Councillor Savage seconded and Members agreed:

1. To amend the names of the following SRA's:

“Group Leader of largest opposition group” to be known as “Opposition leader of a group with 10 or more members”

“Deputy Group Leader of largest opposition group” to be known as “Deputy Opposition leader of a group with 10 or more members”

2. To increase the rates of the following Special Responsibility Allowances to those set out below:

Opposition leader of a group with 10 or more members:	£2,881
Deputy opposition leader of a group with 10 or more members:	£1,431
Opposition Spokesperson:	£1,431

3. To amend the scheme so there are two Chairman of Scrutiny Panel each with an SRA of £3,995 and two Vice-Chairman of a Scrutiny Panel each with an SRA of £1,608.
4. To refer the revised scheme to the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel for them consider and report back to the Council.

Meeting concluded: 7.33 pm