

COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16 May 2013 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Douglas W Clark (Chairman); Councillors Dark, Alexandrou, Aldred, Bayford, Binks, Bruce, Campbell, 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, Hibbert, Hornus, Huxley, Johnston, King, Kirby, Lodge-Pritchard, Marson, Matterface, Moore, Moores, Nicholson, Poole, Roberts, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, H Scobie, W Scobie, Sullivan, M Tomlinson, S Tomlinson, Watkins, Wells, Wiltshire, Wise, Worrow and Wright

COUNCILLOR CLARK IN THE CHAIR

Councillor Clark thanked Members for all the good wishes they conveyed to him during his recent illness.

The Leader welcomed Councillor Clark back and this was endorsed by a round of applause.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR ROZANNE DUNCAN

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Rozanne Duncan to the meeting and congratulated her on her recent election as district councillor for the Cliftonville East Ward.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Leader proposed, and the Deputy Leader seconded, that Councillor Dark be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Dark was **UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED** Chairman for the 2013/14 municipal year.

RECESS

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

Following this recess, Councillor Dark made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman, returned thanks for her election and formalised Councillor Pat Moore as her escort and Louise Drelaud as her reserve escort.

COUNCILLOR DARK IN THE CHAIR

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Leader proposed, and the Deputy Leader seconded, that Councillor H Scobie be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor King proposed, and Councillor Driver seconded, that Councillor Grove be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Upon the nominations being put to the vote (which the Chairman requested to be recorded), Councillor H Scobie was declared **ELECTED** Vice-Chairman for the 2013/14 municipal year, *29 voting for Councillor H Scobie and 27 voting for Councillor Grove, as follows:*

FOR COUNCILLOR H SCOBIE: Councillors: Aldred; Alexandrou; Campbell; Clark; Cohen; Dark; Duncan; Dwyer; Edwards; Everitt; Fenner; Gibson; D Green; E Green; Harrison; C Hart; S Hart; Hibbert; Huxley; Johnston; Lodge-Pritchard; Matterface; Moore; Nicholson; Poole; H Scobie; W Scobie; Watkins; and Worrow

FOR COUNCILLOR GROVE: Councillors: Bayford; Binks; Bruce; Coleman-Cooke; Day; Driver; Gideon; I Gregory; K Gregory; Grove; Hayton; Hornus; King; Kirby; Marson; Moores; Roberts; D Saunders; M Saunders; Savage; Sullivan; M Tomlinson; S Tomlinson; Wells; Wiltshire; Wise & Wright

RECESS

There was a short recess, during which the new Vice-Chairman was invested with the Badge of Office.

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was NOTED that the Council Procedure Rule referred to in the fifth paragraph of page 9 of the minutes should read, "27.4", and not, "28.4".

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18 April 2013 were, subject to that amendment, approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements under Council Procedure Rule 2.1 (iv).

7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE

It was NOTED that:

- a) as Thanet Local Strategic Partnership no longer existed, paragraph numbered 3 on page 6 of Replacement No. 2 of Annex 2 should be removed;
- b) the words, "Margate Renewal Board", should be removed from paragraph numbered 5 on page 6 of Replacement No. 2 of Annex 2, on the basis that this Board no longer existed.

The Council NOTED:

1. the executive delegations as set out at Replacement No.2 of Annex 2 to the report, subject to the amendments at (a) and (b) above.

2. the Cabinet Portfolios, Cabinet Portfolio Holders, Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Operational Accountabilities, as follows:

Portfolio Holder	Name of Portfolio	Operational Accountability
Councillor C Hart Leader of the Council <i>Shadow Leader of Council: Councillor Bayford</i>	Leader of the Council Strategic Economic Development Services	Co-ordinate all major policy development, projects, community development initiatives and resourcing issues. Economic Development & Regeneration; East Kent Opportunities Ltd; Thanet Regeneration Board.
Councillor Johnston <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Wells</i>	Community Services	Community Safety, Margate Task Force, Events, Community Development, Cultural Development, Indoor and Outdoor Leisure, Safeguarding Children, Play Areas, Sport, Youth, Tourism, Your Leisure, Kent Ltd.
Councillor D Green <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 Poole Deputy Leader of the Council <i>Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Moores</i>	Operational Services	Foreshore, Allotments, Property Management (including asset disposal, acquisition and asset management), Emergency Planning & Business Continuity, Kent Innovation Centre, Media Centre, Port of Ramsgate, Ramsgate Royal Harbour Marina, Broadstairs and Margate Harbours, Cemeteries and Crematorium, Coastal Engineering, Commercial Property, Grounds Maintenance, Parks and Open Spaces Management (including Trees), Playground Maintenance, Public Toilets, Street Cleaning, Waste and Recycling, Off Street Parking, On Street Parking including Temporary Road Closure Orders, Thanet Coast Project, Water Safety and Beach Services
Councillor Everitt <i>Shadow Deputy Leader and Shadow Cabinet Member: Councillor Wise</i>	Financial Services	Capital, Treasury Management, HRA and Insurance, Budget Setting, Monitoring and Final Accounts, Income, Payments, Systems Control and Improvement, East Kent Audit Partnership

Portfolio Holder	Name of Portfolio	Operational Accountability
Councillor Fenner <i>Shadow Cabinet Member:</i> Councillor Bruce	Business, Corporate and Regulatory Services	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), Policy and Business Planning (including Performance Management), Procurement and Contracts, Business Transformation and Options East Kent Services Client-Side, East Kent Human Resources Client-Side, covering: Benefits, Customer Services, Human Resources (including internal Health and Safety), IT, Revenues (including Debt Recovery) CCTV, Street Scene Enforcement, Land Charges, Licensing, Environmental Health, including integrated Pollution Control, Street Nameplates, Statutory Nuisance, Food Safety and External Health and Safety Democratic Services including Electoral Management, Member Services and Legal Services

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

Proportionality Options

The Leader proposed, and the Deputy Leader seconded, that Option 2 for achieving proportionality, as set out in the report, be adopted.

Councillor Bayford proposed, and Councillor Bruce seconded, that Option 1 for achieving proportionality, as set out in the report, be adopted.

Upon the two motions being put to the vote (which the Chairman requested to be recorded), it was **RESOLVED** to adopt Option 2, *28 voting for Option 2, 28 voting for Option 1 and the Chairman exercising her casting vote for Option 2, as follows:*

FOR OPTION 1: Bayford; Binks; Bruce; Coleman-Cooke; Day; Driver; Duncan; Gideon; I Gregory; K Gregory; Grove; Hayton; Hornus; King; Kirby; Marson; Moores; Roberts; D Saunders; M Saunders; Savage; Sullivan; M Tomlinson; S Tomlinson; Wells; Wiltshire; Wise; Wright

FOR OPTION 2: Aldred; Alexandrou; Campbell; Clark; Cohen; Dark; Dwyer; Edwards; Everitt; Fenner; Gibson; D Green; E Green; Harrison; C Hart; S Hart; Hibbert; Huxley; Johnston; Lodge-Pritchard; Matterface; Moore; Nicholson; Poole; H Scobie; W Scobie; Watkins; and Worrow.

Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	Harrison	1	Gideon	1	Worror			1	Driver
2	Campbell	2	I Gregory						
3	Moore	3	Hornus						
4	Huxley	4	D Saunders						
5	Gibson	5	M Tomlinson						
6	Hibbert	6	K Gregory						
7	Watkins								
8	Nicholson								

Governance and Audit

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

General Purposes

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group	
1	C Hart	1	I Gregory			1	Wiltshire	1	King
2	Poole	2	Marson						
3	Everitt	3	Kirby						
4	Fenner	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	Johnston	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	Robin Hills †
2	Watkins	2	Wright							2	Linda Frampton #

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	Clark	1	D Saunders							1	Sheila Bransfield
2	S Hart	2	M Saunders								
3	Dwyer	3	Savage								
4	Aldred	4	K Gregory								

NOTE *: nominated by Thanet Association of Parish Councils.

NOTE: The Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board for 2013/2014 will be a Thanet District Council Member

Standards Committee

Labour		Conservative		Thanet Independent Group		UKIP		Independent Group		Independent Members (<i>non Councillors</i>)		Parish / Town *	
1	Nicholson	1	Marson					1	Grove	1	Robin Hills †	1	Jennifer Fletcher
2	E Green	2	Roberts							2	Linda Frampton #	2	David Lawson
3	Johnston	3	M Tomlinson							3	Jiggy Bhore	3	John Way
										4	Joanne Pearman		

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

Appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to Committees, Panels and Boards for the 2013/14 municipal year

Upon nominations being made for each committee, panel or board, in turn, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen declared **ELECTED** were as follows:

NOMINATION(S) FOR:	MEMBER ELECTED Councillor:
Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	COHEN
Vice-Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	CAMPBELL
Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	NICHOLSON
Vice-Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	HUXLEY
Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL On the proposal of Councillor Bayford, seconded by Councillor Wise, and there being no further nominations	GIDEON
Vice-Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	HARRISON
Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	WORROW
Vice-Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	LODGE-PRITCHARD
Chairman of the JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader, and there being no further nominations	CLARK

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

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was **RESOLVED**:

1. THAT Mr Robin Hills be appointed Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2013/14 municipal year;
2. THAT Mrs Linda Frampton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2013/14 municipal year.

9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - OFFICERS

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was **RESOLVED**:

“THAT the Officer Delegations for the 2013/14 Municipal year, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be approved”.

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2013/14 - 2014/15

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was **RESOLVED**:

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

11. ANNUAL REPORT - CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel Annual Report for 2012/13 was NOTED, Councillor Driver, the Chairman of the Panel for the 2012/13 municipal year, having left the meeting earlier.

12. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was NOTED that the proposed lists of Outside Bodies at Annexes 1 & 2 to the report and the recommendations at paragraph 6.4 of the report should refer to the term, “2013/14 to 2014/15”.

It was proposed by the Leader, seconded by the Deputy Leader:

1. THAT Council agrees to remove Orbit Housing from the list of Non-Executive Outside Bodies;
2. THAT Council agrees the list of Executive related Outside Bodies for the term, 2013/14 to 2014/15, as set out at Annex 1 to the report;
3. THAT Council agrees the list of Non-Executive related Outside Bodies for the term, 2013/14 to 2014/15, as set out at Annex 2 to the report;
4. THAT Council agrees the representation on the Non-Executive related Outside Bodies for the term, 2013/14 to 2014/15, as set out at Annex 2 to the report, subject to:
 - a) the representative on Age UK: Thanet being Councillor P Moore;
 - b) the representatives on the Citizens Advice Bureau, Thanet being Councillors D Green and Dwyer;

- c) the representative on Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London being Councillor Poole; and
- d) Councillor S Tomlinson being replaced by Councillor Clark as a representative on The Friends of Margate Cemetery.

Prior to the motion being put to the vote, Councillor M Tomlinson resigned as a Council representative on The Friends of Margate Cemetery.

The motion was subsequently declared CARRIED, 28 voting for and 27 against.

13. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2013/14

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was **RESOLVED**:

“THAT the recommendations as set out at paragraph 6 of the report be adopted, namely:

1. That the Kent and Medway Independent Persons Forum (formerly Kent and Medway Independent Standards Committee) be added to the list of approved organisations in the Members' Allowances Scheme, subject to the approval of East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel;
2. That Council notes the comments of the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel on the 2013/14 Members' Allowances Scheme.”

14. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL REPORT

Upon Councillor Worrow presenting the annual report, Council **RESOLVED** to approve its contents and the recommended actions within the action plan.

Meeting concluded : 7.58 pm