

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2016 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Collins, Dexter and Smith.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman left the meeting as he believed he would be nominated as a candidate in the election of Chairman for the 2016/17 year and therefore could not preside over the election.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR.

On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Councillor Grove, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Rev. Piper was declared elected as Chairman of Council for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Councillor Rev. Piper made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of Council and formalised Mrs Piper as escort.

COUNCILLOR REV. PIPER IN THE CHAIR

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor L Fairbrass, seconded by Councillor Grove, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Howes was declared elected as Vice-Chairman of Council for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Councillor Howes made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman of Council and formalised Mrs Howes as 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 31 March 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that Mr Hauxwell, the Chairman's attendant was to retire. Members offered thanks for his support, and wished him good luck for the future. Members stood to applaud as a sign of their appreciation of the service Mr Hauxwell had provided.

Members also offered their congratulations to Councillor Ashbee, who had recently got married.

7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE

Council noted the Cabinet portfolios, operational accountabilities and executive delegated functions for the 2016/17 municipal year as set out in Annex 1 of the report. The Cabinet portfolio holders and Shadow Cabinet portfolio holders for the 2016/17 municipal year were noted as follows:

Name of Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder
Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Wells	Councillor Robert Bayford
Deputy Leader of the Council	Councillor Lin Fairbrass	Councillor Jason Savage
Community Services	Councillor Lin Fairbrass	Councillor Lesley Game
Corporate Governance Services	Councillor Derek Crow-Brown	Councillor Rosanna Taylor-Smith
Financial Services and Estates	Councillor John Townend	Councillor Ian Gregory
Operational Services	Councillor Suzanne Brimm	Councillor Ken Gregory
Regeneration & Enterprise Services	Councillor Hunter Stummer-Schmerzting	Councillor Jason Savage

8. ANNUAL REPORT - CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor D Saunders as chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel presented his report. He expressed his thanks to the officers and Members of the panel. Cllr Saunders emphasised the importance of having an effective scrutiny function to ensure robust decision making.

Members noted the report.

9. ANNUAL REPORT - CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillor Buckley as chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2015/16 presented his report on the work of the committee and wished to thank officers and Members of the committee for their effort. Councillor Buckley highlighted that looking forward to 2016-17, with the continued financial pressures facing the Council, the importance of an effective Governance and Audit Committee would remain critical.

Members noted the report.

10. ANNUAL REPORT - CHAIRMAN OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Dr Sexton, the Independent Chairman of Standards Committee presented his annual report which summarised and commented on the work of the committee for the period May 2015 to April 2016.

Members noted the report.

11. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

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

“That Council approves the appointment of Dr Sexton and Mrs Bacon as Independent Members of the Standards Committee until the 2017 Annual Council Meeting.”

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

NUMBER AND SIZE OF COMMITTEES

It was noted that there was a typographical error in annexes 1-4 of the report as they showed that there were 19 Conservative Councillors instead of 18. The subsequent calculations within the annexes had been based upon 18 Councillors and were therefore correct.

Proposal 1

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Councillor L Fairbrass:

“That Council agree option 3 as detailed in the report.”

Proposal 2

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

“That Council agree option 4 as detailed in the report.”

Upon being put to the vote, Members agreed proposal 1, to adopt option 3 outlined at paragraph 3.6 of the report to achieve proportionality, namely:

“That two additional seats are added to the Planning Committee and that one of these seats is given to the UKIP Group and the other is given to the Independent Group. That one additional seat is added to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and that seat given to the Independent Group. That one additional seat is added to the Governance and Audit Committee and that seat given to the Independent Group. That one additional seat is added to the Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party and that seat given to the UKIP Group.”

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 at table 7 of the report, namely:

<u>Table 7</u>	Total	UKIP	Conser- vative Group	Labour Group	Democratic Independent Group	Independent Group	Independent Members	Parish / Town Counc il
Standards Committee	14	4	2	1	0	0	4**	3
Standards Assessment Sub- Committee	3	*	*	0	0	0	At least 1	*
Standards Hearing Sub- Committee	3	*	*	0	0	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 Leader, seconded by Councillor L Fairbrass, and Members agreed option 1 as outlined in table 8 of the report, namely:

Table 8	TDC Members	UKIP	Conservative	Labour	Democratic Independent Group	Independent Group	Parish/Town Council
Option1							
Joint Transportation Board	8	4	2	1	1	0	1

EAST KENT JOINT ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and Members agreed the joint committee as set out at table 9 of the report, namely:

Table 9	Total (from Thanet)	UKIP	Conservative	Labour	Democratic Independent Group	Independent Group
East Kent Joint Arrangements Committee	2 (plus two substitutes)	2 (Executive members and 2 Substitute Executive members)	0	0	0	0

PROPORTIONALITY

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

“That the number of committees for the council year 2016/17, and the number of members serving on each committee as per option 3, previously selected to achieve proportionality, be adopted, namely”

Overview and Scrutiny Panel

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	G COLEMAN – COOKE	1	D SAUNDERS	1	CAMPBELL	1	ELENOR	1	GROVE
2	CONNOR	2	BAMBRIDGE						
3	DENNIS	3	CURRAN						
4	DIXON	4	DEXTER						
5	FALCON	5	PARSONS						
6	JAYE-JONES								
7	MARTIN								

Governance and Audit Committee

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	BUCKLEY	1	DAY	1	CAMPBELL	1	ASHBEE	1	HAYTON
2	CONNOR	2	DEXTER						
3	DIXON	3	I GREGORY						
4	EDWARDS	4	GAME						
5	JAYE-JONES	5	TAYLOR-SMITH						
6	LARKINS								
7	BRAIDWOOD								

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

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	EVANS	1	SAVAGE	1	FENNER	1	ELENOR	1	GROVE
2	LEYS	2	PARTINGTON						
3	HOWES	3							
4	TAYLOR	4							
5		5							
6									
7									

General Purposes Committee

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	L FAIRBRASS	1	BAYFORD	1	JOHNSTON	1	ASHBEE		
2	DELLAR	2	I GREGORY						
3	J FAIRBRASS	3	TAYLOR-SMITH						
4	WELLS								
5	HILLMAN								

Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	BUCKLEY	1	K GREGORY	1	CONSTANTINE	1	ELENOR		
2	TAYLOR	2	SAVAGE						
3	L FAIRBRASS								
4	DELLAR								

Constitutional Review Working Party

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	DIXON	1	SAVAGE	1	CAMPBELL	1	ELENOR			1	Jonathan Sexton †

2	JAYE-JONES								2	Janet Bacon #
3	TOWNEND								3	Vacant

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

Key : † Chairman (ratified later at the meeting)

Vice-Chairman (ratified later at the meeting)

East Kent Services Committee

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	Chris Wells								
2	Lin Fairbrass								

Standards Committee

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group		Independent Members (non Councillors) *	
1	BRAIDWOOD	1	DEXTER	1	JOHNSTON					1	Jonathan Sexton †
2	BUCKLEY	2	TOMLINSON							2	Janet Bacon #
3	J FAIRBRASS									3	Vacant
4	JAYE-JONES									4	Vacant

Joint Transport Board

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		DIG		Ind Group	
1	CONNOR	1	K COLEMAN-COOKE	1	CONSTANTINE	1	ASHBEE		
2	DENNIS	2	M SAUNDERS						
3	POTTS								
4	TAYLOR								

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman to Committees, Panels and Boards for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

Nominations were made for each committee, panel or board in turn, and 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 Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	EVANS
Vice-Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	JAYE-JONES
Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	POTTS
Vice-Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	DELLAR
Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL On the proposal of Cllr Bayford, seconded by Cllr Savage, and their being no further nominations	D SAUNDERS
Vice-Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	G COLEMAN-COOKE
Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	BUCKLEY
Vice-Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	HAYTON
Vice-Chairman of the JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD (Chairmanship alternates between KCC and TDC) On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	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 2016/17 municipal year;

And,

That **Mrs Janet Bacon** be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2016/17 municipal year.”

13. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed by the Leader, seconded by Councillor L Fairbrass and Members agreed:

“the list of Executive outside bodies as shown in Annex 1 of the report, and the list of Non-Executive outside bodies as shown in Annex 2 of the report with the following nominations:

Name of Non-Executive Outside Body	No. of Reps	Nominations 2016/17
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	2	Cllr Crow-Brown Cllr K. Gregory
Age UK: Thanet	1	Cllr Dellar
Campaign to Protect Rural England	1	Cllr Crow-Brown
Canterbury Festival	1	Cllr Wells
Citizens Advice Bureau, Thanet	2	Cllr L Fairbrass Cllr Game
East Kent Housing Area Board	2	Cllr Falcon Cllr Crow-Brown
East Kent Housing Board	1	Cllr L Fairbrass
Millmead Children's Centre Partnership Ltd	1	Cllr Dixon
Multiple Sclerosis Society	1	Vacant
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London	1	Cllr K.Gregory
Powell Cotton Museum and Quex House	1	Cllr Ashbee
(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 Cllr Bayford
Thanet Rural Regeneration Group	1	Cllr Crow-Brown
Thanet Sports Network	1 +reserve	Cllr L Fairbrass
Thanet Volunteer Bureau	1	Cllr Falcon
The Friends of Margate Cemetery Trust	2	Cllr Connor Cllr Tomlinson
Trust for Thanet Archaeology	2	Cllr G. Coleman-Cooke Cllr Fenner
Youth Advisory Group (formerly, Concorde Youth Centre)	1	Cllr Potts

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14. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Chairman advised that this item had been withdrawn as there had been no change to the calendar of meetings as a result of the items discussed at that evening's meeting. Therefore the current calendar of meetings remained unchanged from the calendar agreed at full Council on 25 February 2016.

Meeting concluded: 7.50 pm