

## COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017 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, Dawson, Dellar, Dennis, Dexter, Dixon, Edwards, Evans, J Fairbrass, L Fairbrass, Falcon, Fenner, Game, I Gregory, K Gregory, Grove, Hayton, G Hillman, Howes, Jaye-Jones, Johnston, Larkins, Martin, Matterface, Parsons, Partington, L Piper, S Piper, L Potts, R Potts, Rogers, Rusiecki, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, Shonk, Stummer-Schmertzing, Taylor, Taylor-Smith, Tomlinson, Townend and Wells

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Curran and Day.

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Councillor Matterface, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Falcon was declared elected as Chairman of Council for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Councillor Rev Piper thanked Members and Officers for their support during his 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 Falcon made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman of Council, returned thanks for her election and formalised Councillor Stummer-Schmertzing and Councillor Larkins as her escorts.

## COUNCILLOR FALCON IN THE CHAIR

### 3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Matterface, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Edwards was declared elected as Vice-Chairman of Council for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Councillor Edwards made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman of Council and returned thanks for his election.

Councillor Howes offered thanks for his time as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

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 22 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman.”

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that Mrs Langley, a former Councillor between 1984 and 2003, had recently passed away. Members paid tribute to her work as a Councillor and all present stood for a minute’s silence as a mark of respect.

7. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - EXECUTIVE**

Council noted the Cabinet portfolios, operational accountabilities and executive delegated functions for the 2017/18 municipal year as set out in Annex 1 of the report. The Cabinet portfolio holders and Shadow Cabinet portfolio holders for the 2017/18 municipal year were noted as follows:

<b>Name of Cabinet Portfolio</b>	<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Shadow Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>
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-Schmertzing	Councillor Jason Savage

8. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT STANDARDS MEMBERS**

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 2018 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 that:

“The number of committees and the number of Members to serve on those committees as shown in paragraph 3.1 of the report be adopted, namely:

Committee	Number of Members
Planning Committee	15
Licensing Board	15
Overview and Scrutiny Panel	15
Governance and Audit Committee	15
General Purposes Committee	11
Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party	9
Constitutional Review Working Party	7 (+2 independent)
Joint Transportation Board*	7 (+1 parish)
Standards Committee**	14 (+ 4 independent, + 3 parish)

## PROPORTIONALITY

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

“The proportionality between groups for committees, panels and boards for 2017/18 shown at paragraph 4.1.1 of the report be adopted, namely:

Committees	Total	UKIP Group	Conservative Group	Labour Group	Independent Group
Planning Committee	15	8	5	1	1
Licensing Board	15	8	6	1	0
Overview and Scrutiny Panel	15	8	5	1	1
Gov. and Audit	15	8	5	1	1
General Purposes	11	6	4	1	0
B&EA Working Party	9	5	3	1	0
Constitutional Review Working Party	7	4	2	1	0
Totals	87	47	30	7	3

## 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 paragraph 4.8 of the report, namely:

	Total	UKIP	Conservative Group	Labour Group	Independent Members	Parish/Town Council
Standards Committee	14	4	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**

Members were asked to note that paragraph 4.10 of the report should be amended to show that the Joint Transportation Board now consists of seven Councillors from Thanet District Council and seven Councillors from Kent County Council.

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

“The proportionality between groups for the Thanet District Council seats on the Joint Transportation Board would be four UKIP, two Conservative and one Labour.”

#### **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 paragraph 4.12 of the report, namely:

	Total (from Thanet)	UKIP	Conservative	Labour	Indep. 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, namely:

**Planning Committee**

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	
1	BUCKLEY	1	BAMBRIDGE	1	FENNER	1	GROVE
2	CONNOR	2	K COLEMAN-COOKE				
3	EDWARDS	3	D SAUNDERS				
4	J FAIRBRASS	4	PARTINGTON				
5	JAYE-JONES	5	TOMLINSON				
6	L PIPER						
7	R POTTS						
8	TAYLOR						

**Planning Committee** (*pool of substitute Members*)

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	
1	BRIMM	1	ASHBEE	1	MATTERFACE	1	HAYTON
2	DENNIS	2	DAWSON				
3	DELLAR	3	K GREGORY				
4	EVANS	4	TAYLOR-SMITH				
5	HOWES	5	VACANT				
6	LARKINS						
7	SHONK						
8	RUSIECKI						

**Licensing Board**

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	
1	BRIMM	1	K COLEMAN-COOKE	1	MATTERFACE		
2	CONNOR	2	CURRAN				
3	CROW-BROWN	3	ROGERS				
4	DELLAR	4	M SAUNDERS				
5	J FAIRBRASS	5	SAVAGE				
6	HOWES	6	TOMLINSON				
7	L POTTS						
8	R POTTS						

### Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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

### Governance and Audit Committee

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

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

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	
1	G COLEMAN – COOKE	1	PARTINGTON	1	FENNER	1	GROVE
2	DELLAR	2	SAVAGE				
3	EVANS	3	VACANT				
4	HOWES	4	VACANT				
5	S PIPER	5	VACANT				
6	L POTTS						
7	R POTTS						
8	TAYLOR						

### General Purposes Committee

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

### Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements Working Party

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	
1	BUCKLEY	1	K GREGORY	1	CONSTANTINE		
2	CROW-BROWN	2	SAVAGE				
3	DELLAR	3	VACANT				
4	STUMMER-SCHMERTZING						
5	TAYLOR						

### Constitutional Review Working Party

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	Independent Members (non Councillors) *
1	DIXON	1	GAME	1	CAMPBELL		1 Jonathan Sexton †
2	JAYE-JONES	2	SAVAGE				2 Janet Bacon #
3	RUSIECKI						
4	TOWNEND						

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

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

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

### Standards Committee

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		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		Ind Group	
1	CONNOR	1	K COLEMAN-COOKE	1	JOHNSTON		
2	CROW-BROWN	2	M SAUNDERS				
3	DENNIS						
4	TAYLOR						

### East Kent Services Committee

UKIP		Conservative		Labour		Ind Group	
1	L FAIRBRASS						
2	WELLS						

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman to Committees, Panels and Boards for the 2017/18 Municipal Year**

Nominations were made for each committee, panel or board in turn, and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen declared elected were as follows:

<b>NOMINATION(S) FOR:</b>	<b>MEMBER ELECTED Councillor:</b>
Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	<b>GROVE</b>
Vice-Chairman of the PLANNING COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	<b>JAYE-JONES</b>
Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	<b>L POTTS</b>
Vice-Chairman of the LICENSING BOARD On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	<b>DELLAR</b>
Chairman of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL On the proposal of Cllr Bayford, seconded by Cllr Savage, and their being no further nominations	<b>D SAUNDERS</b>
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	<b>G COLEMAN-COOKE</b>
Chairman of the GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE On the proposal of the Leader, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass, and their being no further nominations	<b>BUCKLEY</b>
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	<b>HAYTON</b>
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	<b>TAYLOR</b>

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 2017/18 municipal year;

And,

That **Mrs Janet Bacon** be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee and Constitutional Review Working Party for the 2017/18 municipal year.”

**10. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**



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

“The list of Executive outside bodies, the list of Non-Executive outside bodies and the nominations to the Non-Executive outside Bodies as shown in Members Notes, namely:

<b>Name Executive of Outside Body</b>	<b>No. of Reps</b>
British Ports Association	1
British Resorts Association (AGM, Annual Conference and Executive Meetings)	1
Community Safety Partnership	1
Domestic Violence Forum	1 + 1 sub
East Kent Opportunities Ltd	1
East Kent Spatial Development Company	1
Kent Police and Crime Panel	1
Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group	1
Local Government Association District Councils' Network	1
Local Government Association (General Assembly)	1
Local Government Association Strategic Aviation Specialist Interest Group	1
Margate Town Partnership	1
South East England Councils	1
Supporting People in Kent Commissioning Body	1
Thanet Harbour Users' Groups	1 + 1 sub
Thanet Quality Bus Partnership	1
Tourism South East	1
Your Leisure Thanet Sub Group	2

<b>Name of Outside Body</b>	<b>No. of Reps</b>	<b>Nominations 2017/18</b>
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
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London	1	Cllr K.Gregory
(The) River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board	1	Cllr Stummer-Schmertzing
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	1	Cllr Potts

Meeting concluded: 7.30 pm