

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2006 at 12.00 noon

Present:-

Councillor G H Marsden (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Angel, Mrs Bannister, Belsey, Bowker, Elkin, Mrs Goodall, Harris, Herbert, Mrs Howlett, Lacey OBE, Lucas, Marsh, Mrs Murray, Mrs Pooley, Mrs Sims, Slater, Stanley, Stevens, Taylor, Tester, Thompson, Tutt, Warner, Wallis, Williams and Miss Woodall.

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- 1. Election of Mayor.** It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Howlett and seconded by Councillor Mrs Goodall:-

"That Colin Sidney Belsey, a Councillor of this Borough be elected Mayor for the 2006/07 municipal year and until the election of Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council."

It was accordingly:-

Resolved: That Colin Sidney Belsey, a Councillor of this Borough be elected Mayor for the 2006/07 municipal year and until the election of Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Belsey then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Mayor. In his speech of acceptance, the Mayor reported that his nominated charity for the year would be the RNLI.

- 2. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2006 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.
- 3. Appointment of Deputy Mayor.** It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Warner:-

"That Patrick John Bowker, a Councillor of this Borough be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2006/07 municipal year and until the next Annual Meeting of the Council."

It was accordingly:-

Resolved: That Patrick John Bowker, a Councillor of this Borough be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2006/07 municipal year and until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Bowker then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor.

4. **Vote of Thanks.** On behalf of the Council, Councillor Lacey OBE and Councillor Mrs Murray respectively proposed and seconded, and Councillor Tutt endorsed, a vote of thanks to the Councillor Marsden and Mrs Kay Marsden for their service as Mayor and Mayoress. In response, Councillor Marsden thanked his Deputy Mayor and reported that a total of £9,000 had been raised for his nominated charity (CRY). The Mayor presented Councillor Marsden with his Past Mayor's Badge and Mrs Kay Marsden with her Past Mayoress Badge.
5. **Investiture of Mayoress.** The Mayor reported that Miss Anna Belsey would undertake the duty of Mayoress for the 2006/07 municipal year and duly awarded the Mayoress' Chain and Badge to Miss Belsey.
6. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain.** The Mayor reported that Pastor Graham Marsh of Kings Church, would be serving as the Mayor's Chaplain for the 2006/07 municipal year.
7. **Borough Elections – 4 May 2006.** The Council received the report of the Returning Officer on the results of the Borough Elections held on 4 May 2006. Those elected to serve were as follows:-

Devonshire Ward

Steven Wallis

Hampden Park Ward

Mary Anne Pooley

Langney Ward

Troy Aiden Tester

Meads Ward

David Guy Stevens

Old Town Ward

Anne Frances Angel

Ratton Ward

Colin Sidney Belsey

St Anthony's Ward

David Owen Tutt

Sovereign Ward

Patrick John Bowker

Upperton Ward

Graham Harvey Marsden

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed new Councillors Mrs Angel, Tester and Wallis, and congratulated all other returning Councillors.

Councillor Tutt and Councillor Thompson respectively proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to former Councillor Skilton MBE for his service to the Council. This included:

- Councillor for Downside Ward in the former County Borough of Eastbourne from 15 May 1961 until elected as Alderman on 20 May 1964, then served as Alderman until 31 March 1974.
- Councillor for Downside Ward in the Borough of Eastbourne from 11 June 1973 until 10 May 1976 and again from 6 October 1977 until 2 May 2002 when ward boundaries were re-drawn.
- Councillor for Old Town Ward in the Borough of Eastbourne from 3 May 2002 until 8 May 2006.
- Mayor in 1991/92 and 1992/93.
- Deputy Mayor in 1974/75 and 1990/91.
- Leader of the Council from May 1984 until May 1988.

Councillor Lucas made a supporting statement of thanks to former Councillor Skilton.

- 8. Election of Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Cabinet.** As a result of a proposal from Councillor Elkin, seconded by Councillor Herbert, it was:-

Resolved: (Nem Con) That Councillor Ian Lucas be elected Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Cabinet for the 2006/07 municipal year.

- 9. Cabinet Arrangements.** As a result of a proposal from Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Elkin, it was:-

Resolved: That the Council's Constitution be amended to enable the number of members on the Cabinet to be four or five.

Councillor Lucas reported that Cabinet would be made up from the following Councillors and portfolios for the 2006/07 municipal year:-

- Councillor Lucas (Leader of the Council and Chairman of Cabinet) – Portfolio for Town Centre Regeneration, Cultural Centre, Corporate Communications, and Eastbourne and East Sussex Strategic Partnerships.
- Councillor Elkin (Deputy Leader of the Council and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet) – Portfolio for Environment, Tourism, Economy and Regeneration, and Planning.
- Councillor Mrs Howlett – Portfolio for Housing and Health, Community Services, Human Resources/Team Building, and Strategy and Democracy.
- Councillor Williams – Portfolio for Finance, E-Government, Audit, Customer Contact Centre, and Legal Services.

- 10. Scrutiny and Performance Management – Proposed Changes to Council Process.** The Council received a report from the Assistant Director of Strategy and Democracy containing proposals designed to enhance the

effectiveness of the scrutiny process. These proposals had been formulated in liaison with both group leaders.

As a result, it was proposed by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Tutt, and

Resolved: (1) That the recommended changes set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report be approved to take effect from the start of the 2006/07 municipal year.

(2) That the Assistant Director of Strategy and Democracy be authorised to make all necessary modifications to the constitution arising from these changes.

- 11. Establishment of Council Committees, Appointment of Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Members to serve on the Council Committees and appointment of Chairmen and Non-Executive Directors to Boards.** The Council noted the report of the Local Democracy Manager on political balance and allocation of seats. As a result of this, together with the outcome of a meeting of the two Group Leaders and Deputy Leaders, a proposed schedule of Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Members of Council Committees was circulated.

Following alternative proposals in respect of the Licensing Sub Committee standing chairmen, it was:-

Resolved: (By 15 votes to 12) That the standing chairmen be Councillors Herbert, Lacey, Mrs Murray, Stevens and Taylor.

(NOTE: The defeated alternative proposal was that two of the standing chairmen of the Licensing Sub-Committees should be Councillors from the opposition group, namely Councillors Marsh and Mrs Pooley)

Following a proposal from Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Tutt, it was:-

Resolved: (1) That the remaining establishment of Council Committees, the appointments of Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and Members to all Council Committees and the appointment of the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors to Boards, be approved in accordance with the names listed on the schedule attached to these minutes.

(2) That the Conservation Area Advisory Group be disbanded once the proposed new Design Panel becomes established.

- 12. Confirmation of Programme of Meetings for Council Bodies.** Following a proposal from Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Tutt, it was:-

Resolved: That the programme of meetings for all bodies in the Council's structure for the 2006/07 municipal year be confirmed in accordance with the schedule circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

- 13. Delegation of Functions to Council Committees.** Following a proposal from Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Tutt, it was:-

Resolved: That the scheme of delegation of functions of all Committees of the Council for the 2006/07 municipal year, as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, be approved.

14. Appointments to Outside Bodies. Separate votes were taken in respect of outside bodies where alternative nominations were submitted.

Resolved: (1) (By 15 votes to 12) East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Mrs Angel appointed (nominations were Councillors Mrs Angel and Marsh).

(2) (By 15 votes to 12) Eastbourne Leisure Trust – Councillor Mrs Goodall appointed (nominations were Councillors Mrs Goodall and Stanley).

(3) (By 15 votes to 12) Eastbourne Open Bowling Tournament Management Committee – Mr Kenneth Graham appointed (nominations were Councillor Mrs Sims and Mr Kenneth Graham).

(4) (By 15 votes to 12) Open Door Funders Group – Councillor Herbert appointed. (Nominations were Councillors Herbert and Mrs Pooley).

(5) (By 15 votes to 12) Langney Community Association – Mrs Stephanie Walters appointed (Nominations were Councillor Marsh and Mrs Walters).

Following a proposal from Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Elkin, it was:-

Resolved: (Nem Con) That the remaining appointments of Members to serve on outside bodies be approved in accordance with the names listed on the schedule attached to these minutes.

The meeting closed at 1.10pm

**Councillor C S Belsey,
Mayor, Chairman**

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COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07 – MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

CABINET (Leader of the Council plus 3 or 4 additional members of the controlling group).

1	Leader of the Council: Lucas
2	Deputy Leader: Elkin
3	Mrs Howlett
4	Williams
(5)	<i>No appointment to be made at this time</i>

OPPOSITION "SHADOW CABINET" (Notification for information)

1	Opposition Leader: Tutt
2	Deputy Leader: Stanley
3	Wallis
4	Thompson
5	Bannister

COMMITTEES

Scrutiny Committee 7 or 8 members, not members of the Cabinet or the Mayor. Chairman to be appointed from the largest opposition group. and Deputy Chairman from the controlling group*.

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	D/Ch: Marsden	5	Ch: Mrs Bannister
2	Lacey, OBE	6	Miss Woodall
3	Taylor	7	Tester
4	Warner	<i>Substitutes:</i>	
8	<i>Not required this year</i>	1	Mrs Pooley
<i>Substitutes:</i>		2	Wallis
1	Herbert	3	Slater
2	Mrs Murray		
3	Stevens		

Planning Committee (12 trained Councillors - not Cabinet members. 8 as members of the Committee and 4 as substitutes).

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Taylor	6	Marsh
2	D/Ch: Stevens	7	Harris
3	Herbert	8	Mrs Pooley
4	Mrs Goodall	<i>Substitutes:</i>	
5	Mrs Murray	1	Slater
<i>Substitutes:</i>		2	Mrs Sims
1	Bowker		
2	Mrs Angel		

Licensing Act and General Licensing Committees (Between 10 and 15 trained Members (currently 15) – not Cabinet members).

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Mrs Murray	9	Mrs Pooley
2	D/Ch: Bowker	10	Mrs Sims
3	Herbert	11	Marsh
4	Lacey, OBE	12	Miss Woodall
5	Stevens	13	Harris
6	Taylor	14	Tester
7	Mrs Goodall	15	Wallis
8	Mrs Angel		

No substitution allowed

Sub-Committee Standing Chairmen: (Between 3 and 5 members drawn from the membership of the Licensing Committees – currently 5)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
	Mrs Murray		Mrs Pooley
	Stevens		Marsh
	Taylor		
	Lacey, OBE		
	Herbert		

Standards Committee (4 councillors and 2 independent members and to be chaired by one of the independent members)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Taylor	3	Harris
2	Warner	4	Marsh
<i>Substitutes:</i>		<i>Substitutes:</i>	
1	Bowker	1	Mrs Sims
2	Mrs Murray	2	Tester
Independent Members:			
1	Mr Alan Hobden (Chairman)		
2	Mr Jaye Libeccio (Dep Chairman)		

Annual Accounts Committee (5 councillors, to include the Cabinet member and the Opposition spokesperson for finance)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Williams	4	Stanley
2	D/Ch: Marsden	5	Slater
3	Mrs Goodall		
Substitutes:		Substitutes:	
1	Lucas	1	Tester
2	Herbert	2	Tutt

ADVISORY GROUPS

Conservation Area Advisory Group 4 (or 3) members, not Planning Committee members, plus external advisors)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Elkin	3	Thompson
2	D/Ch: Williams	4	Miss Woodall

Joint Staff Consultative Committee (6 members, 3 from the controlling group and 3 from the largest opposition group, plus Staff representatives. Controlling Group's representation to include 2 Cabinet and 1 non-Cabinet member. Chairmanship alternates between Employers and Staff Sides. For 2006/07 the Chairmanship passes to the Staff Side.

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	D/Ch: Lucas	4	Thompson
2	Mrs Howlett	5	Marsh
3	Mrs Goodall	6	Miss Woodall

TASK GROUPS AND OTHER BODIES:

Grants Task Group (3 members)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Mrs Howlett	3	Mrs Sims
2	Herbert		

Audit Task Group (2 members of the Scrutiny Committee)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Warner	2	Tester

Downland Forum (4 members)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Stevens	3	Miss Woodall
2	Elkin	4	Wallis

Cleansing and Highways Forum (2 members)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Elkin	3	Thompson

Eastbourne Buses Limited - Non Executive Directors (4 councillors)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Warner	3	Slater
2	Herbert	4	Tester

Eastbourne Homes - Non Executive Directors (4 councillors, with an additional officer non-executive director to be nominated)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Mrs Murray	3	Mrs Pooley
2	Mrs Angel	4	Tutt

Eastbourne and Wealden Lifeline - Non Executive Directors (2 councillors)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Mrs Murray	2	Miss Woodall

PROJECT BOARDS AND OTHER**Members' IT/E-Government:** Councillors Williams and Harris**Town Centre Development:** Councillors Lucas and Mrs Bannister**Cleansing Contracts/Garden Waste:** Councillors Elkin and Miss Woodall**Civil Parking** (joint with East Sussex County Council): Councillors Elkin and Tutt**Wartling Road Coach and Lorry Park:** Councillors Elkin and Thompson**Cultural Centre:** Councillors Lucas and Tutt**Cultural Festival Steering Group:** Leader of the Council and relevant Cabinet member**Local Development Framework Steering Group:** Councillors Elkin and Thompson**Councillors appointed to hold a Youth Brief:** Councillors Mrs Angel, Herbert, Mrs Bannister and Mrs Sims

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2006/07

Organisation	Council's Representative(s)
Age Concern	Councillor Lacey, OBE
Area Youth Service Committee	Councillor Herbert
Association of Civic Hosts	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin)
British Resorts Association (Annual Conference)	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
British Resorts Association (nomination to Policy Committee if election arises)	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
Cavendish Sports Centre Joint Liaison Committee	Councillors Herbert and Wallis
Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Williams
Crime Reduction Partnership	<i>See separate listing for this partnership and its linked groups and forums at end of this schedule.</i>
East Sussex Best Value Review of Feasibility of a Single Joint Waste Authority	Councillor Taylor
East Sussex Economic Partnership	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (N.B. not to be a Cabinet member)	Councillor Mrs Angel
East Sussex LGA Waste Management Members' Group	Relevant Cabinet Member or nominee (Councillor Elkin)
East Sussex Strategic Partnership	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Lucas) or nominee
Eastbourne Amalgamated Charities (Trustees)	Mr B R Etheridge and Councillor Mrs Murray to be nominated for re-appointment until 31 August 2010

Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services	Councillor Mrs Howlett
Eastbourne District Managing Agency	Councillor Williams (or nominee)
Eastbourne and District Enterprise Agency Limited (EDEAL)	Councillor Williams (or nominee)
Eastbourne Housing Action/EAVS Housing Forum	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Mrs Howlett) or nominee
Eastbourne Housing Aid and Legal Centre	Councillor Mrs Pooley (or nominee)
Eastbourne Leisure Trust	Councillor Mrs Goodall
Eastbourne Open Bowling Tournament Management Committee	Mr Kenneth Graham
Eastbourne Seniors Club (appointment of trustee)	The Mayor or his nominee
Eastbourne Strategic Partnership	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Lucas) or nominee
Equality Steering Group	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Mrs Howlett) or nominee
Friends of the Towner Management Committee	Councillor Lucas
Gypsy and Traveller Forum (East Sussex)	Relevant Cabinet member (or nominee) (Councillor Taylor is nominee) and Shadow Cabinet spokesperson (or nominee)
Hampden Park Sports Centre Joint Liaison Committee	Mr Edward Abella and Councillor Thompson
Healthy Eastbourne Board	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Mrs Howlett) or nominee

Local Government Association	Leader of the Council or nominee (with voting rights), plus Deputy Leader and Opposition Leader (or respective nominees)
Local Government Association – East Sussex Branch	Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council
Local Government Association Coastal Towns Special Interest Group	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
Local Government Association Urban Commission	Leader of the Council (Councillor Lucas) or nominee.
Local Government Association Rural Commission	Leader of the Council or nominee. (Councillor Stevens is nominee)
Local Government Association Tourism Forum	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
Momentum (formerly Eastbourne Reborn)	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
Open Door Funders Group	Councillor Herbert
Rail Passengers Committee for Southern England (attendance at meetings and nomination for membership)	Mr David Cooper
Relate Management Committee	Councillor Mrs Angel
ROOM (nomination to South East Regional Executive Committee if election arises)	Councillor Taylor
South East England Tourist Board	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Elkin) or nominee
South East Employers	Relevant Cabinet Member (or nominee (nominee is Councillor Mrs Goodall) (substitute Councillor Bowker)
South East England Regional Assembly	Relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Lucas) (substitute Councillor Elkin)

Supporting People – County-wide Member Forum	Councillor Mrs Howlett
Sussex Area Environment Group	Councillor Stevens to be nominated in event of vacancy arising.
Sussex County Playing Fields Association	Councillor Stevens
South Downs Joint Committee	Councillor Stevens
Town Centre Management Initiative Board	Leader of the Council or nominee (Councillor Mrs Angel is nominee)
University of Sussex Court	The Mayor and Chief Executive

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Hampden Park	Councillor Mrs Pooley
Langney	Mrs Stephanie Walters
Old Town	Councillor Herbert
Willingdon Trees	Councillors Mrs Goodall and Miss Woodall

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON THE EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP AND LINKED GROUPS AND FORUMS

Partnership Group	Representation	Councillor(s)
Crime Reduction Partnership Main Board	Portfolio holding Cabinet Member or nominee	Councillor Mrs Howlett
Joint Action Group (JAG)	Leader of the Council, Portfolio holding Cabinet Member, Opposition Leader and Opposition Shadow Cabinet spokesperson or respective nominees.	Councillors Lucas, Mrs Howlett, Tutt and Bannister
Violent Crime Working Group	Two Councillors, one from each Group	Councillors Taylor and Wallis

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group	Two Councillors, one from each Group	Councillors Taylor and Tester
Neighbourhood Watch Committee	One Member from either Group	Councillor Herbert
Overseas Advisory Committee (Operation Columbus)	Two Councillors, one from each Group	Councillors Elkin and Tutt
North Langney Forum	The 3 Langney Ward Councillors	Councillors Mrs Sims Slater and Tester
Nightwatch	One Member from either Group	Councillor Mrs Howlett
Race Action Forum	One Member from either Group	Councillor Mrs Sims
Domestic Violence Forum	One Member from either Group	Councillor Lucas