Council



Minutes of the annual meeting held on Wednesday 9 May 2012 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Councillor Carolyn Heaps (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Margaret Bannister, Colin Belsey, Janet Coles, Alun Cooke, Philip Ede, David Elkin, Pat Hearn, Sandie Howlett, Gordon Jenkins, Tom Liddiard, Gill Mattock, Harun Miah, Colin Murdoch, Jim Murray, Alan Shuttleworth, Neil Stanley, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, Mike Thompson, David Tutt, John Ungar, Steve Wallis, Patrick Warner and Annabelle West.

1. Election of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Hearn and seconded by Councillor Murray:

"That Michael John Thompson, a Councillor of this Borough be elected Mayor for the 2012/13 municipal year and until the election of Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council."

It was accordingly:-

Resolved: That Michael John Thompson, a Councillor of this Borough be elected Mayor for the 2012/13 municipal year and until the election of Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Thompson 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 2012/13 year would be "Lark in the Parks Charitable Trust".

- 2. **Vote of thanks.** It was proposed by Councillor Tutt and seconded by Councillor Elkin that a vote of thanks be extended to Councillor Carolyn Heaps and her Mayor's consorts for her service as Mayor during the past two municipal years. This was unanimously endorsed by the Council.
- **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2012 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.
- **4. Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was reported from Councillor Harris.
- **5. Appointment of Deputy Mayor.** It was proposed by Councillor Ungar and seconded by Councillor Tutt:

"That Janet Doris Coles, a Councillor of this Borough be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2012/13 municipal year and until the next Annual Meeting of the Council."

It was accordingly:-

Resolved: That Janet Doris Coles, a Councillor of this Borough be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2012/13 municipal year and until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Coles then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor and announced that her Deputy Mayor's Consorts for the year would be Beryl Teso and Josh Babarindi.

- **6. Investiture of Mayoress.** The Mayor reported that Mrs Linda Thompson would undertake the duty of Mayoress for the 2012/13 municipal year.
- 7. Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain. The Mayor reported that the Reverend John Kimberley would be serving as the Mayor's Chaplain for the 2012/13 municipal year.
- **8. Resignation of councillor.** The Chief Executive reported on the resignation on 24 April 2012 of Nigel Goodyear who was first elected on 3 May 2007 as councillor for Meads ward. The by election in Meads ward would be held on 31 May 2012.

It was proposed by Councillor Elkin and seconded by Councillor Tutt that a vote of thanks be extended to Nigel Goodyear for his service as a Borough Councillor. This was unanimously endorsed by the Council.

- **9. Executive Arrangements.** Councillor Tutt reported the following:
 - (a) That the names of those Councillors to serve on the Cabinet and the Councillor appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council (and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet), be as shown on the schedule attached to these minutes for the 2012/13 municipal year, and that the respective areas of responsibility for each member of the Cabinet be noted.
 - (b) That the terms of reference and constitution of the Cabinet be as set out in the Council's Constitution.
 - (c) That delegations to individual Cabinet members in respect of executive functions have not been made at this time.
- 10. Establishment of Council Committees, Appointment of Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members to serve on the Council Committees and Appointment of Chairs and Non-Executive Directors to Boards, and other Appointments. The Council noted the report of the Local Democracy Manager on political balance and allocation of seats. As a result of this, together with consultation with Group Leaders, a proposed schedule of nominations was circulated with the agenda (together with a supplementary paper circulated at the meeting adding to or amending the submitted schedule).

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

Resolved: (1) That the proposed number and allocation of seats and nominations as set out on the schedule attached to these minutes be approved (with the exception of those bodies specified in recommendation (2) below).

- (2) That the existing independent members of the Standards Committee, Mr John Vesely (as Chairman), Mr Trevor Elliott and Mr Anthony Meier, be re-appointed for the period up to 30 June 2012.
- (3) That the continuation of the following bodies be confirmed with terms of reference as set out in the Council's Constitution, and that they have a fixed membership to which members are appointed by the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive or relevant Head of Service as the need arises:

Equality Steering Group Council Panels Recruitment Panels Task Groups Project Boards Independent Remuneration Panel

11. Confirmation of Programme of Meetings for Council Bodies. Following a proposal from Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin, it was:

Resolved: That the programme of meetings for all bodies in the Council structure in the municipal year 2012/13 be confirmed in accordance with the schedule circulated with the agenda for this meeting and subject to the change of date of the Joint Waste Committee from 19 to 29 June 2012.

12. Delegation of Non-Executive Functions. Following a proposal from Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin, it was:

Resolved: (1) That the delegation of non-executive functions, including terms of reference, to Committees, Sub-Committees, and other Council bodies as set out in the relevant sections of the Council's Constitution be approved.

- (2) That the delegation of functions to Officers as set out in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers and the Proper Officer List be approved.
- **13. Appointments to Outside Bodies.** Following a proposal from Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Mattock, it was:

Resolved: That the 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 6.50pm

Councillor Michael John Thompson Mayor, Chairman

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Schedule of Nominations and Appointments 2012/13

CABINET (Leader of the Council plus 5 additional members of the controlling group). The formal appointment of the 5 members (other than the Leader) is to be made by the Leader following his/her appointment by the full Council. Although the Council has previously determined that the size of the Cabinet shall be between 4 and 6 in total it is open to the Leader to recommend the Council to agree a different size. The law requires that the Cabinet shall have at least 3 but not more than 10 members (including the Leader).

1	Leader of the Council: Tutt Responsibilities aligned with Chief
	Executive and including the Community Strategy, Local Strategic
	Partnership, the Corporate Plan and economic development.
2	Deputy Leader: Mattock Financial services including
	accountancy, audit, purchasing and payments.
3	Bannister Direct assistance services including revenues and
	benefits, housing and community development, bereavement

- services and the Crime Reduction Partnership.

 4 **Stanley** Commercial and recreational services including sport and leisure, theatres, tourism, events and Devonshire Park, galleries and museums..
- 5 **Tester** Core support and strategic services.
- 6 **Wallis** Place services including cleansing and recycling, parks and Downland, engineering, building and development control, planning policy and strategy, environmental health and licensing.

OPPOSITION "SHADOW CABINET" (Notification for information)

1	Opposition Leader: Elkin (to shadow Chief Executive aligned			
	responsibilities (including economic development).			
2	Deputy Leader: Howlett (to shadow core support and strategic			
	services and direct assistance services including community)			
3	Jenkins (to shadow commercial and recreational services including			
	tourism).			
4	Liddiard (to shadow building and development control, planning			
	policy and strategy, environmental health and licensing).			
5	Murdoch (to shadow cleansing and recycling, parks and Downland			
	and engineering services).			

COMMITTEES

Scrutiny Committee (7 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: Shuttleworth	5	Ch: Belsey
2	Murray	6	Warner
3	Ungar	7	Taylor
4	Coles	Substitutes:	
Subs	stitutes:	1	Ede
1	Harris	2	Jenkins
2	Heaps		

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

	Controlling Group		Opposition
1	Ch: Ungar	6	Taylor
2	D/Ch: Harris	7	Cooke
3	Hearn	8	Jenkins
4	Murray	Substitutes:	
5	Miah	1	Howlett
Substitutes:		2	Murdoch
1	Coles		
2	Heaps		

<u>Licensing Act and General Licensing Committees</u> (Between 10 and 15 trained Members (13 proposed for 2011/12) – not Cabinet members).

	Controlling Group		Opposition
1	Ch: Heaps	8	Taylor
2	D/Ch: Shuttleworth	9	Cooke
3	Murray	10	Jenkins
4	Coles	11	Murdoch
5	Hearn	12	Warner
6	Ungar	13	West
7	Thompson		

<u>Sub-Committee Standing Chairs:</u> (Between 3 and 5 members drawn from the membership of the Licensing Committees – currently 5)

1	Heaps
2	Shuttleworth
3	Ungar
4	No nomination made
5	No nomination made

<u>Standards Committee</u> (to 30 June 2012) (6 councillors and 3 independent members and to be chaired by one of the independent members.

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Tester	4	Ede
2	Mattock	5	Liddiard
3	Harris	6	Cooke
Substitutes:		Su	bstitutes:
1	Wallis	1	Taylor
2	Miah	2	Warner

Audit Committee (to 30 June 2012) (5 councillors, not members of the Cabinet. Note, the Cabinet lead member for finance (or nominated substitute) attends in non-voting capacity). In addition, it is recommended that so far as possible there is no overlap in membership between the Audit Committee and Scrutiny Committee. The committee has only one scheduled meeting, on 27 June 2012, before it is due to be disbanded.

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Ch: Ungar	4	Warner
2	D/Ch: Shuttleworth	5	Cooke
3	Hearn	Su	bstitutes:
n/v	Mattock	1	Ede
Subs	titutes:	2 Jenkins	
1	Miah		
2			

<u>Audit and Governance Committee</u> (from 1 July 2012) (8 Councillors, to include the lead Cabinet member for finance).

Controlling Group			Opposition	
1	Ch: Ungar	6	Cooke	
2	D/Ch: Mattock	7	Ede	
3	Harris	8	Liddiard	
4	Heaps	Substitutes:		
5	Tester	1	Jenkins	
Substitutes:		2	Warner	
1	Hearn			
2	Shuttleworth			

ADVISORY GROUPS

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

	Controlling Group		Opposition
1	Ch: Shuttleworth	3	Ede
2	D/Ch: Thompson	(4)	Belsey

Joint Staff Consultative Committee (3 members, 2 from the controlling group and 1 from the largest opposition group, plus Staff representatives. Controlling Group's representation to include at least 1 Cabinet member. Chairmanship alternates between Employer's and Staff Sides). *N.B. Employees' Side will take chair in 2012/13*

	Controlling Group		Opposition
1	D/Ch: Tester	1	West
2	Bannister		
Substitutes:		Subst	titutes:
1	Ungar	1 Murdoch	
2	Murray	2	Belsey

TASK GROUPS AND OTHER BODIES:

Grants Task Group (3 members)

	Controlling Group		Opposition
1	Ch: Mattock	3	West
2	Shuttleworth		

Downland Forum (3 members)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Coles	3	Murdoch
2	Hearn		_

Eastbourne Homes - Non Executive Directors (4)

Controlling Group		Opposition	
1	Tutt	3	West
2	Hearn	4	Mrs Ann Murray

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

Controlling Group		Opposition		
1	Tester		2	West

PROJECT BOARDS AND OTHER

Activating Eastbourne (formerly the Credit Crunch Task Group): Cllrs: Bannister and Elkin.

Drive Programme Board (formerly SSDS and Agile Boards): Cllrs: Mattock, Tester and Howlett.

Strategic Property Board: Cllrs Mattock, Warner and Tester

Airbourne Strategic Board: Cllrs: Jenkins, Stanley and Tutt.

Cultural Working Group: Cllrs: Jenkins and Stanley.

Towner/Cultural Centre Project Board: Cllrs: Howlett, Stanley and Thompson.

Devonshire Park Complex Member Board: Cllrs: Tutt, Stanley, Elkin and Howlett.

Devonshire Park Complex Project Board: Cllrs: Howlett and Stanley.

Redoubt Museum Policy Group: Cllrs: Stanley and Ede.

Civil Parking (joint with East Sussex County Council): Cllr Elkin and Mrs Rebecca Madell.

Local Development Framework (LDF) Steering Group: Cllrs: Stanley, Tutt, Wallis, Ungar and Liddiard.

Princes Park Group: Cllrs: Bannister, Wallis and Stanley.

Low Carbon Governance Board (formerly Solarbourne Governance Board): Cllrs: Bannister, Mattock and Wallis.

Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Champion: Cllr Miah.

Councillors appointed to hold a Youth Brief: Cllrs: Heaps, Murray and Liddiard.

Disability Champion: Cllr Coles.

Heritage Champion: Mrs Rebecca Madell.

Hospitals Champion: Hon. Freeman Mrs Elizabeth Walke.

Representation on outside and other bodies 2012/13

(*N.B. Where there is a change to the 2011/12 appointment/nomination or a new appointment the name is asterisked)

Organisation

Council's Representative(s)

3VA (Voluntary Action Eastbourne) Mrs Beryl Teso

Age Concern Miss Olive Woodall

HT Advice Eastbourne (formerly Eastbourne Housing Aid and Legal Centre)

Cllr Alan Shuttleworth

British Destinations (Annual

Conference)

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Neil

Stanley) or nominee

British Destinations (nomination to Policy Committee if election arises)

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Neil

Stanley) or nominee

Cavendish Sports Centre Joint

Liaison Committee

Cllrs David Elkin and Carolyn Heaps

Citizens Advice Bureau Cllr John Ungar

Community Environment Partnership

for Eastbourne

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Steve Wallis) and relevant Shadow Cabinet member (Cllr Colin Murdoch) (or their

respective nominees)

Community Safety Partnership See separate listing for this partnership

and its linked groups and forums at end

of this schedule

East Sussex Children's Services

Scrutiny Committee

2 year term appointment rotated among districts and boroughs. Eastbourne nominee to commence term in October

2012. Nominee is Cllr Gill Mattock

East Sussex Gypsy and Traveller

Forum

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Steve Wallis) and relevant Shadow Cabinet member (Cllr Annabelle West) (or their

respective nominees)

East Sussex Gypsy and Traveller

Members' Group

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Steve

Wallis) or nominee

East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (N.B. not to be a Cabinet member)

Cllr John Ungar

East Sussex Strategic Forum (Supporting People)

Relevant Cabinet Member or nominee. Nominee is Cllr John Ungar

East Sussex Strategic Partnership

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr David Tutt) or nominee. Council is represented by the Chief Executive

Eastbourne Amalgamated Charities (Trustees)

Mr B R Etheridge appointed until 31 May

2015

Miss O Woodall appointed until 31

October 2012

Eastbourne and District Enterprise Agency Limited (EDEAL)

Cllr David Tutt (or nominee)

Eastbourne Community Sports Network

Cllr Carolyn Heaps

Eastbourne Housing Forum

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Margaret Bannister) or nominee

Eastbourne Housing Partnership

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Margaret Bannister) and relevant Shadow Cabinet member (or their respective nominees). Shadow nominee is Cllr Philip Ede

Eastbourne Leisure Trust

Cllr Jim Murray

(N.B. observer/adviser without voting

rights)

Eastbourne Open Bowling Tournament Management Committee Mrs Irene Sims

Eastbourne Seniors Club (appointment of trustee) The Mayor or his/her nominee. The mayor's nominee is Cllr Janet Coles

Eastbourne Strategic Partnership

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr David

Tutt) or nominee

Eastbourne Youth Forums (Junior

and Senior)

Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Margaret

Bannister) or nominee

Equality Steering Group

Relevant Cabinet Member or nominee (Cllr Margaret Bannister is the nominee)

Friends of the Towner Management

Committee

Cllr Carolyn Heaps

Friends of Redoubt / Fortress Access Cllr Janet Coles Group Hampden Park Sports Centre Joint Cllrs Pat Hearn and Jim Murray Liaison Committee Healthy Eastbourne Board Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Margaret Bannister) or nominee Kingsmere Neighbourhood Sovereign Ward Councillors (Cllrs Philip Ede, Gordon Jenkins and Patrick Warner) Partnership (Executive Group) and Cllr David Elkin Leader of the Council (with voting Local Government Association rights), plus Deputy Leader and Opposition Leader (or their respective nominees); all of whom should be Cabinet or Shadow Cabinet members Local Government Association – East Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council Sussex Branch Local Government Association Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Neil Coastal Issues Special Interest Group Stanley) or nominee Local Government Association Urban Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Margaret Commission Bannister) or nominee Local Government Association Rural Leader of the Council or nominee Commission Local Government Association Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Neil Tourism Forum Stanley) or nominee Three councillors: One councillor is Neighbourhood Management Executive Group (this body will sought from each of Hampden Park, shortly be established and will cover Devonshire and Langney wards. the Willingdon Trees, Old Town and Langney neighbourhood Cllrs Margaret Bannister, Pat Hearn and Alan Shuttleworth. management projects) Royal Project (in support of the Royal Nominations for appointment as Hippodrome Theatre) trustees: Cllr Mike Thompson and Mr Nigel Goodyear ROOM (nomination to South East Cllr Barry Taylor to be nominated in Regional Executive Committee) event of election arising

Cllr Janet Coles

South Downs National Park Authority

South East England Tourist Board Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Neil

Stanley) or nominee

South East Employers Relevant Cabinet Member (Cllr Troy

Tester) or nominee. (Cllr David Tutt is

the named substitute)

South East England Councils Relevant Cabinet Member or nominee.

Nominee is Cllr Gill Mattock (with Cllr

David Tutt as substitute)

Sussex Downs College Cllr Stanley in the event that the college

seek a nomination from the Council

Sussex Area Environment Group Cllr Steve Wallis to be nominated in

event of vacancy arising

Sussex County Playing Fields

Association

Cllr Jim Murray

Taxi and Private Hire Forum All members of the Licensing Committee

are invited to attend.

Town Centre Management Initiative

Board

Leader of the Council or nominee (Cllr

Margaret Bannister is nominee)

University of Sussex Court The Mayor and Chief Executive

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Hampden Park Cllr Jim Murray

Langney Cllrs Alan Shuttleworth (Langney ward)

and David Tutt (St Anthony's ward)

Old Town Cllr Carolyn Heaps

The Trees Cllrs Colin Murdoch and Pat Hearn

Regency Park It is hoped to establish a management

committee in the near future. One nomination is therefore requested

Cllr Steve Wallis.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON THE EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND LINKED GROUPS AND FORUMS

Partnership Group	Representation	Councillor(s)
Community Safety Partnership Main Board	Portfolio holding Cabinet Member or nominee	Cllr Margaret Bannister
Joint Action Group (JAG)	Leader of the Council, Portfolio holding Cabinet Member, Opposition Leader and Opposition Shadow Cabinet spokesperson or respective nominees.	Cllrs David Tutt, Carolyn Heaps, Patrick Warner and Gordon Jenkins.
Neighbourhood Watch Committee	One Member from either Group	Cllr Pat Hearn
Overseas Students Advisory Committee	Two Councillors, one from each Group	Cllr Neil Stanley and Gordon Jenkins
Nightwatch	One Member from either Group	Cllr Margaret Bannister
Neighbourhood Panels For details of the 21 Panels currently established in Eastbourne see http://www.eastbournenp.org/	Ward Councillors are invited to attend	