



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21 July 2010 at 6.00pm

Present:-

Councillor Carolyn Heaps (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Margaret Bannister, Colin Belsey, Michael Bloom, David Elkin, Andrew Goodwin, Nigel Goodyear, Jon Harris, Alex Hough, Rebecca Madell, Graham Marsden, Mary Pooley, Margaret Salisbury, Neil Stanley, Greg Szanto, Susan Tarrant, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, Mike Thompson, David Tutt, Steve Wallis and Olive Woodall.

24. Minutes. The minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held on 18 May 2010 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

25. Mayoral Announcements.

- 1 The Mayor was pleased to announce that the Towner had won a Sussex Heritage Trust Award in the Public Community category.
- 2 On Easter Monday, 5 April, the Mayor welcomed an Olympic-style flame to Eastbourne. The Flame travelled through Eastbourne carried by peace walkers lobbying world leaders to abolish nuclear weapons. The Mayor then saw them leave from the pier on Tuesday 6 April and made a speech in support of a Flame of Hope for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The party climbed up Beachy Head, passed over the Seven Sisters to Birling Gap, then on to Cuckmere Haven and on to Seaford. This was part of a long journey along the south coast which started off from Dover on Easter Saturday. It finished in Portsmouth on Sunday 11 April. The flame then continued to New York.
- 3 The Mayor, and his daughter Sam, paid a Civic visit to the Eastbourne Lifeboat Station at Sovereign Harbour on Sunday 11 April. During his visit the Mayor presented the Lifeboat Station with a commemorative civic plaque to mark the event. They were taken aboard the Eastbourne All Weather Relief Lifeboat to take part in the regular Sunday morning exercise, along with the station's Inshore Lifeboat. On his return to Sovereign Harbour the Mayor commented on how much he had enjoyed the experience and praised the volunteer crews for all the splendid work they do in the saving life off the Sussex coast.
- 4 On Friday 16 April, the Mayor was aboard Eastbourne's affiliated ship, HMS Puncher, a vessel which is tasked primarily to provide a sea based training platform for the students of the University of London Royal Naval Unit. However, the ship is also used to train Combined Cadet Forces and Sea Cadet Corps members and provide navigational training platform for young officers in the Fleet and Royal Marines preparing to navigate landing craft. Outside of the training role, the ship takes part in high profile PR events around the country.

- 5 During his Mayoral year, Councillor Szanto had encouraged schools across the town to help raise funds for his chosen charity, the Eastbourne & South Wealden Multiple Sclerosis Society, by holding fundraising events such as mufti days. As a thank you, those schools that took part were invited to visit the Mayor in his Parlour at the Town Hall. The visits took place during the last week of April and the Mayor was thrilled to welcome pupils from eight different schools to the Town Hall. This initiative raised over £2,500.00 for the Mayor's Charity.
- 6 On 7 May the Mayor attended the opening of the 'Piers and Promenades' exhibition at the Towner. Towner teamed up with arts organisation Musikata to put on this exhibition of stunning artwork by pupils from Moira House Girls School, alongside works from the renowned Towner Collection.
- 7 Eastbourne Silver Band is this year marking its 60th anniversary and the Mayor attended a concert on 8 May to mark the occasion. The band was formed in 1950, by a group of ex-service bandsmen, and received much help in the early years from Eastbourne Borough Council and the late Gilbert Foyle, of Foyle's bookshop. It developed into one of the most successful concert bands in the south and currently has around 28 members. The band has provided entertainment at a number of venues in Sussex, Kent and the royal parks in London. In the past the band has undertaken concert tours of France, Germany, Belgium and Holland, and on two occasions took part in the Fetes de la Mer celebrations at Fecamp in Normandy. Each year the band opens the summer season with a concert at Eastbourne Bandstand on Easter Sunday and also performs on Christmas Day at the Bandstand.
- 8 On 18 May the Annual Meeting of the Council was held in the Town Hall. At this meeting Councillor Carolyn Heaps became the incoming Mayor, with Councillor Margaret Salisbury as the Deputy Mayor.
- 9 One of Councillor Heaps' first engagements as Mayor was to attend the unveiling of a tree, planted in memory of the late Mr Henry Allingham. The Austrian pine and a plaque were unveiled in the presence of Dennis Goodwin, Mr Allingham's close friend who is also the chairman of the World War One Veterans' Association. Mr Allingham died aged 113 on July 18 last year at St Dunstan's Home for blind ex-servicemen and women in Ovingdean, Brighton. He was one of the two last surviving First World War veterans. The other, Harry Patch, died a week later aged 111. Part of the Council's devolved budget scheme was used to pay for the tree which was planted at the Redoubt Fortress in memory of Mr Allingham. It was unveiled next to the Redoubt bowls club on the seafront on 22 May.
- 10 On 6 June the Mayor attended the Eastbourne Race for Life at Eastbourne Sports Park to officially start the race. More than 2,500 entrants took part in one of two 5k races and organisers hoped to beat the £155,000 target for Eastbourne. Cancer Research UK's Race for

Life is the UK's largest women-only fundraising event series. Women of all ages and fitness levels came together to walk, jog or run to raise money to help beat cancer.

- 11 During the week beginning 14 June, the Mayor attended various events, including the final, at the Aegon International Tennis at Devonshire Park. Top international players, including Kim Clijsters and Caroline Wozniacki, graced the tournament for some world class tennis. Congratulations to 2010 winners Ekaterina Makarova (RUS) and Michael Llodra (FRA).
 - 12 On 21 June the Mayor attended the 100th birthday of Honorary Alderman Winifred Ouzman at Inglewood Nursing Home. Mrs Ouzman's husband Jack was a Councillor in the town and became Mayor of Eastbourne in May 1968. The couple enjoyed their short time as Mayor and Mayoress but Mr Ouzman sadly died in November of the same year at the age of 62 after a heart attack. Mrs Ouzman served as a Conservative Councillor for around 20 years before being made an Honorary Alderman.
 - 13 During the week of 21 June, the Mayor attended a number of events to mark Armed Forces Week. This began with a flag-raising ceremony on Monday 21 June, and continued later in the week with the Eastbourne Cadets Mini Tattoo and a drumhead service, where the Mayor presented veteran's badges.
 - 14 The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.
- 26. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Goodall, Howlett, Mattock, Miah and Purchase.
- 27. Disclosures of Interests.** Councillors Elkin and Tarrant declared prejudicial interests in respect of item 29 below as appointed members of the South Downs National Park authority Board and withdrew from the meeting during this item. Councillor Tutt declared an interest in item 32 below as a trustee of the East Sussex Pension Fund.
- 28. Annual Scrutiny Programme 2010/11.** Councillor Marsden reported on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Marsden asked members to put forward ideas for review and for voluntary participation in the scheduled Scrutiny road-shows. Councillor Tutt suggested that a multi-agency issue that could be considered for review was in respect of road safety issues given the high number of incidents in the local area.

It was proposed by Councillor Marsden, seconded by Councillor Elkin and;

Resolved: That the Annual Scrutiny Programme be approved.

- 29. Delivering Planning Services in the South Downs National Park.** Councillor Wallis reported on behalf of the Cabinet. It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Tutt and;

Resolved: (1) That the delegation of planning application decisions from the South Downs National Park Authority back to the Borough Council from the 1st April 2011 be supported

(2) That authority be given for the constitution to be amended with appropriate provisions to allow the Council through its Planning Committee and officer delegation scheme to make decisions on behalf of the South Downs National Park Authority.

- 30. Annual Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2009/10.** Councillor Tutt reported on behalf of the Cabinet. It was proposed by Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin and;

Resolved: That the treasury management stewardship report for 2009/10 and the actual prudential indicators for the year be approved.

- 31. New Executive Arrangements.** Councillor Tutt reported on behalf of the Cabinet. It was proposed by Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin and;

Resolved: (1) That the strong leader and cabinet option be adopted on the grounds that this would best secure the continuous improvement in the way in which the Council's functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

(2) That the Local Democracy Manager be authorised, in liaison with the Leader of the Cabinet, to:

- (i) draw up a document describing the Council's "proposals for change" as required under the legislation based on the chosen option, including the provisions described in the Cabinet's resolution 1(c), and detailing the timetable for implementation and transitional arrangements; and
- (ii) publish notice of the proposals and make a copy of the document available for public inspection.

(3) That further reports will be made (a) to Council on 15 September 2010 following publication of the Council's proposals at which a formal adoption resolution will be moved; and (b) to a subsequent meeting of the Council to deal with changes to the Council's constitution and delegation arrangements.

- 32. Flexible Retirement Policy.** Councillor Tester reported on behalf of the Cabinet. It was proposed by Councillor Tester, seconded by Councillor Elkin and;

Resolved: That the updated policy be approved and that the power to agree to a flexible retirement arrangement be delegated to the relevant chief officer in consultation with the Head of Human Resources.

- 33. Minutes of Council Bodies and Items for Discussion.** The minutes of

the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-

Planning Committee	17 May, 20 May, 15 June and 13 July 2010
Cabinet	26 May, 23 June and 14 July 2010
Conservation Area Advisory Group	1 June and 7 July 2010
Audit Committee	30 June 2010
Scrutiny Committee	5 July 2010
Standards Committee	12 July 2010
Licensing Act Committee	19 July 2010

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:-

- 1 Planning Committee - Page 42, Item 7(3) - EB/2010/145 – 85 Shakespeare Walk – Raised by Councillors Taylor and Tutt.
- 2 Cabinet - Page 46, Item 22 - Eastbourne Parking Review – Raised by Councillor Madell.
- 3 Scrutiny Committee - Page 53, Item 3 - Finance Matters – Budget 2009/10, Provisional Outturn and Annual Accounts 2009/10 – Raised by Councillor Harris.
- 4 Cabinet - Page 75, Item 27 – Eastbourne Cycling Strategy – Raised by Councillor Harris.
- 5 Cabinet - Page 79, Item 30 – Installation of Solar Panels to Council Owned Homes – Raised by Councillor Bannister.
- 6 Cabinet - Page 79, Item 31 – Annual Review of Eastbourne Housing and Homelessness Strategies – Raised by Councillor Bannister.
- 7 Cabinet - Page 82, Item 34 - Performance Monitoring – 2009/10 Outturn Report – Raised by Councillor Tester.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.3 it was moved by Councillor Elkin, seconded by Councillor Tutt, and;

Resolved: That the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

**Councillor Carolyn Joan Heaps,
Mayor, Chairman**

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