

## **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 2010 at 6.00pm**

Present:-

Councillor Carolyn Heaps (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Margaret Bannister, Colin Belsey, David Elkin, Barbara Goodall, Nigel Goodyear, Jon Harris, Alex Hough, Sandie Howlett, Rebecca Madell, Graham Marsden, Gill Mattock, Harun Miah, Mary Pooley, Dan Purchase, Margaret Salsbury, Neil Stanley, Greg Szanto, Susan Tarrant, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, Mike Thompson, David Tutt, Steve Wallis and Olive Woodall.

**44. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2010 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

### **45. Mayoral announcements.**

1. The Mayor asked those present to observe a one minute silence in memory of Honorary Alderman Derek Ellis and former Councillor Primrose Wilkinson, who have all died recently.

Derek Albert Ellis served as an Eastbourne Borough Councillor for Devonshire Ward from 6 July 1978 until he retired 11 May 1987. He was made an Honorary Alderman 16 December 1996. He was Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for 3 years from May 1979 to May 1982, then he became the Committee's Chairman for 2 years until May 1984.

Former Councillor Primrose (Peggy) Wilkinson was elected as a County Borough Councillor for Ratton Ward on 17 September 1970 and served till the former Council's dissolution on 31 March 1974.

2. On 17 September the Mayor attended the JPK Charity Golf Day at Willingdon Golf Club and impressed the spectators when she took the first shot.
3. The Mayor was pleased to give those taking part in the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk a boost when she visited them at the starting point on Sunday 19 September. The sponsored participants walked from the Wish Tower to the waterworks and back, collecting donations on their way, in what is the Alzheimer's Society's biggest national fundraising event of the year.
4. On 2 October 2010 the Mayor attended the launch of a new charity called 'Peru People'. The charity aims to help those that are in poverty in Peru. This charity was of special interest to the Mayor as she was born in Peru.
5. The Mayor was invited to attend the Beer Festival on 9 October. The

Beer Festival returned to the Winter Garden for the eighth year and festival fans had the chance to sample a new addition to the menu for 2010, the Very Merry Mayor. Visitors were able to order a pint of the Very Merry Mayor as Beachy Head Brewery donated a cask of their brand new ale to support the Mayor's charities. The ale was specially named for the event and was actually Beachy Head Brewery's new South Down's Ale, which was launched at the Beer Festival with all profits going to the Mayor's charities, the Eastbourne YMCA and Young Carers. The Mayor was able to enjoy a drop of her Very Merry Mayor ale and joined the Long Man Morris for a master class in Morris dancing.

6. On 16 October the Mayor attended the Eastbourne Cultural Communities Network's Black History Month event at the Town Hall. The event included traditional African and West Indian food, African drumming, hip-hop dancing, African hair and fashion show. Children from Ratton School were singing African songs and a drumming troupe from Heathfield Community College entertained guests. Along with the Mayor, the Police District Commander was among the dignitaries at the event.
7. The Mayor attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Beachy Head Marathon on 23 October, which saw a seventh victory for the University of Brighton's Stuart Mills as he crossed the finishing line first matching his 2008 time of 3 hours 2 minutes. With more than 1,700 entrants, athletes came from as far as Canada, America, Milan, Switzerland and Romania to take part in the country's largest off road marathon, which covers parts of the new South Downs National Park.
8. On 29 October the Mayor attended the Eastbourne Business Awards at the Grand Hotel. The Mayor's Charity was the beneficiary of the raffle at the event, which raised just over £1,900.00.
9. The Mayor attended a variety of Remembrance events during the week of 7-14 November 2010. Her busy week started on 7 November when she attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Congress Theatre, along with local ladies that have loved ones serving, or who have previously served, with the Armed Forces. On 11 November the Mayor attended a Remembrance service at Hampden Park War Memorial, which is situated in the park across from the play area near the café. On 13 November the Mayor met with the many poppy sellers around the town who work tirelessly every year to raise much needed funds for the Royal British Legion, supporting both old and young ex-service men and women. The Remembrance Service and Parade took place on the morning of 14 November and the Mayor attended along with the town's MP, Councillors, and representatives from the Armed forces and local voluntary groups. Later the same day, the Mayor went to Butts Brow for the Remembrance Service at the Ruthless Memorial.
10. The Mayor reminded members that her Christmas concert would be on 10 December in the Assembly Hall at the Town Hall, details

available from the Mayor's office.

11. The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.

**46. Apologies for absence.** Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Bloom and Goodwin.

**47. Disclosures of interests.** No interests were declared by members.

**48. Polling places review.** Council considered the report of Electoral Services Manager in respect of a review of the polling districts and polling places provided for elections that take place within the Borough of Eastbourne. The Council had a duty to undertake a full review at intervals of not less than 4 years. A 12-week consultation was held ending on 29 October 2010. All representations received to the Council's proposals were set out in the report along with proposed responses and final recommendations.

It was moved by Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin, and

**Resolved: (1)** That no change be made to existing polling district boundaries as shown on the maps accompanying the consultation document.

**(2)** That the proposals for polling places be as described in appendix 1 to the report subject to further consideration and discussion with relevant parties with regard to reinstating the use of Roselands Infants School for polling district SAA in St. Anthony's ward and using the station at Sun Coast Church for polling district SAB only, the final decision to be delegated to the Chief Executive.

**(3)** That the Electoral Services Manager, on behalf of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer, be authorised to implement the Council's decisions in respect of the review.

**49. Calendar of meetings for 2011/12.** Council considered the report of Local Democracy Manager proposing the calendar of meetings for 2011/12.

It was moved by Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin, and

**Resolved:** That the calendar for 2011/12, as shown in the appendix to the report, be approved, subject to final ratification at the Council's next annual meeting.

**50. Member learning and development protocol.** Council considered the joint report of Monitoring Officer, Head of Human Resources and Local Democracy Manager which sought to review the current requirements for members of the Council to undertake specified learning and development events appropriate to their individual roles. It proposed enhanced governance arrangements which were intended to improve the profile, engagement with, and delivery of the Member Development programme.

Proposed measures included giving the authority's Standards Committee ownership of the member development activities and asking that Committee to act as a "critical friend" by carrying out regular reviews of learning and development activity and monitoring of members' needs and proficiencies.

It was moved by Councillor Tester, seconded by Councillor Elkin, and

**Resolved: (1)** That the revised terms of reference of the Standards Committee as set out in appendix 1 to the report be approved.

**(2)** That references in part 3, section B of the constitution to obligations to undertake training (listed in the individual terms of reference of committees) be deleted and replaced with a new protocol on member learning and development as set out in appendix 2 to the report and that associated amendments to the document's 'Roles, duties and responsibilities of Councillors' and the current 'Member Development Plan' be agreed.

- 51. Standards Committee – appointment of a replacement independent member and renewal of the term of the current independent members.** Council considered the report of Lawyer to the Council and Monitoring Officer. In respect of (a) the appointment of a new third Independent Person to the Standards Committee as recommended by the Selection Panel and (b) renewing the terms of office both of the existing Independent Chair of the Standards Committee and of the other independent member, this in line with Standards for England Guidance.

The proposals in the report took into account the fact that Standards for England itself was likely to be wound up although current indications were that this would not occur until the first part of 2012, and that this course of action was consistent with maintaining capacity during the period of transition.

It was moved by Councillor Tester, seconded by Councillor Goodall, and

**Resolved: (1)** That the Selection Panel's chosen candidate, Mr Anthony Leslie Meier, be appointed as the third Independent Person to the Standards Committee and given appropriate training to fulfil the role.

**(2)** That the Selection Panel's recommended initial appointment period of 4 years (subject to the proviso that it may be terminated earlier if a change in the Standards regime requires it) be approved.

**(3)** That if confirmation of acceptance from the preferred candidate cannot be obtained prior to the meeting, the appointment be delegated to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Selection Panel.

**(4)** That the appropriate allowance payable under the Member Allowances Scheme for the duration of the appointment be noted.

**(5)** That the tenure of both the Independent Chair, John Vesely, and the

second independent member, Trevor Elliott, be extended for a period of 4 years, subject to the same proviso as set out in (2) above and in accordance with current Standards for England Guidance.

**52. Minutes of Council bodies and items for discussion.** The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-

Planning Committee	28 September and 26 October 2010
Audit Committee	29 September 2010
Licensing Act Committee	11 October 2010
Conservation Area Advisory Group	12 October 2010
Standards Committee	18 October 2010
Cabinet	20 October 2010

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

1. Planning, 28 September 2010 – Page 148, Item 24(4) - EB/2010/0407 - Land North of Just Learning Nursery, Larkspur Drive – erection of residential care home – raised by Councillor Tester.
2. Cabinet, 20 October 2010 – Page 171, Item 59 - Update on external performance inspections – raised by Councillor Thompson.
3. Cabinet, 20 October 2010 – Page 172, Item 60 – Finance matters – raised by Councillor Stanley.
4. Cabinet, 20 October 2010 – Page 174, Item 67 - Transfer of funding to YMCA to provide youth engagement activities – raised by Councillor Hough.
5. Planning, 26 October 2010 – Page 188, Item 28(6) - EB/2101/0468 – 111 Seaside Road and 11 Queen’s Gardens – conversion of former theatre to residential – changes to fenestration – raised by Councillor Wallis.
6. Planning, 26 October 2010 – Page 190, Item 28(9) - EB/2010/0512 – Land north of Cross Levels Way – erection of hospice – raised by Councillor Tutt. With regard to this item, Council welcomed the fact that this permission was granted and extended their best wishes for the future of St. Wilfrid’s Hospice.

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

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

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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

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