



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2011 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, Nigel Goodyear, Jon Harris, Pat Hearn, Sandie Howlett, Gordon Jenkins, Tom Liddiard, Harun Miah, Jim Murray, Alan Shuttleworth, Neil Stanley, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, Mike Thompson, David Tutt, John Ungar, Steve Wallis, Patrick Warner and Annabelle West.

15. Minutes. The minutes of the annual meeting held on 25 May 2011 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

16. Mayoral Announcements.

- 1 A memorial service to honour the late Honorary Freeman Maurice Skilton MBE would be held at St. Mary's Church, Old Town on Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 3.00pm. The full civic party would be invited to attend and process into the church in state behind the mace. Further details would be sent in an invitation letter from the Mayor's office in due course.
- 2 On Friday 10 June the Mayor paid tribute to Eastbourne coastguard boss Stuart McNab who had recorded 20 years' service. The stalwart was joined by family members, friends, colleagues and the Mayor at the Fishermans Club for a party and was presented with a medal for his loyalty to the Coastguard Service by the head of the service, Peter Dymond. His colleagues Steve Dann and Keith Rayment were also presented with Coastguard's Commendations for their work in talking a drunk suicidal man down from the cliff edge. Stuart joined the Coastguard Service in April 1991 when he relocated to Eastbourne from Newbury. He became station officer in 1998 and during his time has overseen more than 500 cliff incidents and rescues at Beachy Head in addition to several hundred other maritime and beach incidents ranging from shipwrecks, lost children and rescuing floating deckchairs!
- 3 The Mayor was the guest of honour at the St John's Church, Meads, fete on Saturday 11 June and was welcomed by the church vicar, Reverend Alyson Lamb. The Eastbourne Silver Band played and there was a variety of stalls. The fete was part of a weekend of celebrations at the church, including a flower festival which had the theme of the New Testament and people were encouraged to arrange flowers depicting people, places and pictures from the New Testament.
- 4 On Saturday 18 June the Mayor saw Marion Bartoli post a three-set

win over Petra Kvitova to clinch the AEGON International title at Devonshire Park. In the men's event, world number 51 Andreas Seppi of Italy claimed his maiden ATP crown as he battled to victory over Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic.

- 5 More than 70 people, including the Mayor, enjoyed a garden party on Friday 24 June at the Chaseley Trust to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Wealden and Eastbourne Lifeline. Wealden and Eastbourne Lifeline provide alarms for nearly 30,000 people across the UK and makes and answers 600,000 telephone calls every year.
- 6 The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.

17. Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Mattock and Murdoch.

18. Disclosures of Interests. No interests were declared.

19. Scheme of delegations to officers and proper officer list. The Council received the report of the Locum Lawyer in respect of a revised scheme of delegations to officers and proper officer list. This was in accordance with an acknowledgement by the Council at the annual meeting on 25 May 2011 that it would shortly be asked to adopt an updated Scheme of Delegations to Officers and Proper Officer List. The main principle behind the design of the new Scheme had been to make it both generic and comprehensive, and straightforward to add any future delegations to the Scheme.

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

Resolved: (Unanimously) That the Scheme of Delegations to Officers and Proper Officer List as appended to the report be approved and incorporated into the Council's Constitution.

20. Corporate plan – 2011/12 refresh. The Council considered the report of Councillor Tutt on behalf of the Cabinet proposing the refreshed corporate plan 2011/12. Corporate priority theme lead members advised the Council on the key projects within their respective areas.

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

Resolved: (Unanimously) That the refreshed Corporate Plan for 2011/12 be approved.

21. Annual scrutiny programme. The Council considered the report of Councillor Goodyear on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee proposing the annual scrutiny programme for 2011/12.

It was moved by Councillor Goodyear, seconded by Councillor Shuttleworth, and

Resolved: (Unanimously) That the annual scrutiny work programme for 2011/12 be approved.

- 22. Treasury management outturn 2010/11.** The Council considered the report of Councillor Gill Mattock on behalf of the Cabinet.

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

Resolved: (Unanimously) That the treasury management stewardship report for 2010/11 and the actual prudential indicators for the year be approved.

- 23. Motion – Queen’s Jubilee floral displays.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Liddiard and seconded by Councillor Taylor:

"In celebration and appreciation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee in the calendar year 2012 and also the Olympic Games (London 1012), Eastbourne Borough Council commits to ensuring that all floral displays under the councils control and influence within the borough (including the Carpet Gardens, Parks, gardens and open spaces) have the floral displays colour co-ordinated in red, white and blue (and green to encourage the council's green ethos) in honour of these events showing the colours of our national standard."

With the consent of the Council, the following paragraph was added to the motion:

"The Council also commits to ensuring that the Queen's jubilee emblem is displayed on the motif garden of the Carpet Gardens and that, as in previous years, a competition is run between local school children to design a motif for the motif gardens in the Italian Gardens (Holywell)."

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Stanley and seconded by Councillor Tutt to the effect that the above motion be deleted and replaced with the following alternative proposal:

"This Council notes that a number of functions and floral displays are already being planned in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games in 2012. Consequently, Council congratulates the Cabinet portfolio holder, Councillor Steve Wallis, and the Parks and Gardens team, for their prompt and proactive response to residents' suggestions in connection with these activities."

Having regard to the above amendment and, in accordance with Council procedure rule 13.17(ii), it was proposed by Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Tester, and

Resolved: (By 13 votes to 9) That the above amendment be put to the vote without further debate.

Consequently, it was

Resolved: (By 13 votes to 5) That the above amendment be approved as the substantive proposal.

- 24. Motion – Honorary Aldermen.** This motion was withdrawn at the request of the proposer to enable further discussion to take place between group leaders.
- 25. Motion – Five Acre Field.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Ede:

"Following the recent unlawful incursion of Five Acre Field by a group of travellers, we call on this Council, as a matter of urgency:

- to come forward with proposals to ensure the security and protection of this important council owned local recreation space,*
- to come forward with an agreed protocol between the Police and the Council for removal of unlawful occupants, and*
- to press the Government to come forward with proposals that will ensure that local authorities and the Police have the power to act without delay in such instances."*

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Stanley that the above motion be amended to read as follows:

"Following the recent unlawful incursion of Five Acre Field by a group of travellers, we call on this council to continue to work with East Sussex County Council, the police, the government and local residents to help prevent illegal encampments by:

- Ensuring our parks and gardens retain an element of security that makes it difficult for illegal encampments, but does not restrict access to those who wish to use them legally.*
- Await the findings of the recent government consultation.*
- Continue with the agreed procedures with both East Sussex County Council and the police to ensure any illegal encampments are dealt with promptly, but lawfully."*

Resolved: (1) (By 13 votes to 11) That the above amendment be approved as the substantive proposal.

(2) That, in resolving this matter, Council requested that members be provided with a summary of process and key contact information to use in response to any similar future incidents.

- 26. Motion – Emergency road repair programme.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Shuttleworth and seconded by Councillor Hearn:

"Eastbourne Borough Council calls upon East Sussex County Council to review its procedures and works programme to address the poor state of many roads within Eastbourne. Whilst recognising the severity of last winter this Council finds it unacceptable that there are so many potholes remaining

across the roads in Eastbourne. Further, the Borough Council is pressing for an emergency road repair programme using funds obtained from Eastbourne residents and visitors through the County Council's pay to park programme."

It was proposed by Councillor Warner and seconded by Councillor Goodyear that the above motion be amended to read as follows:

"Eastbourne Borough Council calls upon East Sussex County Council to conduct a full review into, not only its procedures and works programme, but also the quality of repairs undertaken by its contractor to address the poor state of many roads within Eastbourne. Whilst recognising the severity of last winter this Council finds it unacceptable that there are so many potholes remaining across the roads in Eastbourne."

The above amendment was lost by 13 votes to 11.

Resolved: (By 17 votes to 2) That the original motion be approved.

27. Minutes of Council Bodies and Items for Discussion. The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-

Planning Committee	19 April, 26 May, 14 June and 12 July 2011
Conservation Area Advisory Group	31 May 2011
Cabinet	8 June, 22 June and 13 July 2011
Audit Committee	29 June 2011
Scrutiny Committee	4 July 2011

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

1. Cabinet, 8 June 2011 – Page 34, Minute 10 – Finance Matters – Provisional Outturn 2010/11. Item raised by Councillor Coles.
2. Cabinet, 22 June 2011 – Page 41, Minute 17 – Annual Accounts 2010/11. Item raised by Councillor Coles.
3. Cabinet, 22 June 2011 – Page 42, Minute 18 – Corporate Performance Outturn 2010/11. Item raised by Councillor Tester.
4. Cabinet, 13 July 2011 – Page 72, Minute 30 – Installation of Solar Panels in Eastbourne. Item raised by Councillor Tester.

Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3 it was,

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

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm

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

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