



## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 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, 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.

**39. Minutes.** The minutes of the annual meeting held on 14 September 2011 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

### **40. Mayoral Announcements.**

- 1 The Council observed a one minute silence in memory of Red Arrows pilot, Flight Lieutenant Sean Cunningham of the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team (the Red Arrows). Flight Lieutenant Cunningham was killed when he was ejected from his Hawk T1 aircraft on the morning of Tuesday 8 November 2011.
- 2 On Thursday 10 November, Council members and officers attended the UK IT Industry Awards, the 'Oscars' of the UK IT industry. Eastbourne Borough Council was nominated in the category of Public Sector Project of the Year for our Agile Working Programme.

This award was for the most outstanding IT project completed during the past 12 months by a publicly funded body. The judges looked at projects which delivered enhancements in quality of service, improvements in efficiency or reductions in cost. Clearly, the Agile Working Programme, which has seen us halve our office space, saving £3 million over 10 years, and build a platform for improved customer service, ticked all the judges boxes.

The only council in the UK to even be shortlisted, we were up against large public sector organisations such as the Department of Health and the Post Office. The mayor was delighted to announce that Eastbourne Borough Council were runners up and were awarded a medal in recognition of the tremendous effort put in by our staff and our partners to make this project a success.

- 3 On 17 September, the Mayor attended the JPK Charity Golf Day at Willingdon Golf Club where she took the first shot.
- 4 The Mayor was pleased to meet recently with Emily Prior, wife of

Private Daniel Prior, who died from injuries he sustained whilst in Afghanistan. The Mayor handed over a cheque for £2,635.65 which was raised during the 'Pound for Our Para' appeal.

- 5 On 4 October, the Deputy Mayor attended the official opening of The Birley Centre at Eastbourne College. A contemporary performing arts centre situated next to the Towner Gallery and close to the Congress and Devonshire Park Theatre, the Birley Centre provides the College and the town with a state-of-the-art facility complete with recording studio and offering a versatile space for performing arts activities including concerts, plays, dance, masterclasses and workshops. The foyer provides a exhibition and social space and the Birley Centre will also be home to conferences and exhibitions.
- 6 To celebrate 65 years of AGE Concern Eastbourne, local volunteers and supporters were invited to a birthday party at the Venton Centre on 10 October, to enjoy entertainment from The Big Jazz, plus complimentary refreshments. Amongst the attendees were the Deputy Mayor, Stephen Lloyd MP and the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex. Special guests in attendance were Eastenders' actor Larry Lamb and his son, television presenter George Lamb.
- 7 On 21 October the Deputy Mayor attended the launch of a new state-of-the-art catheterisation suite in the Cardiology Department at Eastbourne DGH, which will enhance the treatment of patients with heart problems in Eastbourne and East Sussex. The new suite includes a catheterisation laboratory that is one of the most modern of its kind in the UK and a recovery/preparation area. The total cost of the suite is around £600,000 with half the amount coming from a generous donation from a patient treated in the cardiology department at the hospital. It will be known as the Beresford Havelock Memorial Cardiac Catheterisation Suite.
- 8 The Mayor attended the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Beer Festival on 29 October. Saturday morning visitors saw the judging of a heat of CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain competition and the judging panel included the Mayor, alongside local CAMRA members. This year, porters were being judged and Hammerpot Bottle Wreck scooped a clear win, and Larkins porter and Fullers London porter took second and third place respectively. Next year, Eastbourne Beer Festival be from 4 - 6 October 2012.
- 9 On 31 October the Mayor attended a reception hosted by Eastbourne New Lifeboat Appeal at the Town Hall, where local dignitaries and supporters had the opportunity to view an exhibition of recent rescues, meet the crew and receive an update on build progress of Eastbourne's new Tamar class lifeboat, which is on target to be completed early next year. Following a formal welcome and introduction from Dr Colin McKee, Chairman of the Lifeboat Management Group, presentations were given by Lou Purdy RNLI area fund raising representative and lifeboat Coxswain Mark Sawyer.

In reply, the Mayor said the entire town valued the commitment and bravery of the volunteer crew and she felt certain that townspeople, despite the challenging economic climate, would rise to the challenge of raising the £700,000 shortfall in funding of the new lifeboat.

- 10 The Mayor attended a variety of Remembrance events during the early part of November. On Saturday 5 November the Mayor attended a Remembrance Coffee Concert at St John's Church. This was followed by an Armistice Day Service on Friday 11 November in the Arndale Centre. On Saturday 12 November she 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 Sunday 13 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.
- 11 The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.

41. **Apologies for absence.** There were no apologies for absence reported.
42. **Disclosures of interests.** There were no declarations of interests.
43. **Calendar of meetings 2012/13.** The Local Democracy Manager submitted a report proposing the calendar of meetings for 2012/13.

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

**Resolved:** That the calendar for 2012/13, as shown in the appendix to the report, be approved subject:

- (a) to the moving of the proposed dates for the Joint Staff Committee in 2012 from 27 June to 20 June, and from 5 September to 29 August,
- (b) to confirmation of the calendar at the Council's annual meeting next year, and
- (c) to the inclusion of the dates for the Joint Waste Committee once known.

44. **Pay and reward policies.** Councillor Tester reported on this matter on behalf of the cabinet

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

**Resolved:** That the updated policies and procedures for pay and reward in Eastbourne Borough Council, as outlined in the report to Cabinet on 19 October 2011, be approved and adopted.

- 45. Motion – Commemorative plaque.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Goodyear:

*That this council erects a commemorative plaque on the War Memorial, Memorial Roundabout, with the following inscription:  
'In memory of all residents of Eastbourne who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in all conflicts since World War II'*

Mr Stephen Lloyd MP addressed the Council in support of this motion.

**Resolved:** That the essence of the above motion be approved, subject to the final wording of the plaque being agreed between Councillors Wallis and Goodyear in liaison with officers and interested groups.

- 46. Motion – Green initiatives.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Ungar and seconded by Councillor Wallis:

*That this Council asks its officers to explore further ways of helping the residents of Eastbourne to save money, stay warm and go green. This work would further build on the green initiatives of this council.*

**Resolved:** (By 14 votes to 0) That the above motion be approved.

- 47. Motion – Wish Tower restaurant.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Elkin and seconded by Councillor Murdoch:

*This Council will ensure that the Wish Tower restaurant/café will be reopened as soon as possible, and that any refurbishment will be completed as a priority, to enable this iconic site to reopen at the latest for the 2012 summer season.*

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Stanley and seconded by Councillor Coles:

*Delete all words after "This Council" and replace with the following:*

*"Thanks Tracey McNulty, Senior Head of Tourism and Leisure, for her hard work in managing the successful transfer of the Wish Tower restaurant back to the authority. Council endorses the decision to work with a local artist to tastefully screen the building while surveys and essential repairs are carried out over the winter. Council welcomes interest shown by established local concerns in transforming the site into a restaurant that will provide quality food at reasonable prices whilst training local young people to be top chefs of the future."*

**Resolved:** (By 14 votes to 12) That the amended motion be approved as follows:

This Council thanks Tracey McNulty, Senior Head of Tourism and Leisure, for her hard work in managing the successful transfer of the Wish Tower restaurant back to the authority. Council endorses the decision to work with

a local artist to tastefully screen the building while surveys and essential repairs are carried out over the winter. Council welcomes interest shown by established local concerns in transforming the site into a restaurant that will provide quality food at reasonable prices whilst training local young people to be top chefs of the future.”

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

Planning Committee	27 September and 25 October 2011
Audit Committee	28 September 2011
General Licensing Committee	10 October 2011
Conservation Area Advisory Committee	11 October 2011
Standards Committee	17 October 2011
Cabinet	25 October 2011

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

1. Audit Committee - page 137, item 12 – Annual governance report 2010/11 – Raised by Councillor Ungar.
2. General Licensing Committee - page 141, item 3 - Review of street trading policy and facilitation of street markets – Raised by Councillors Liddiard and Stanley.
3. Cabinet - page 155, item 53 – Local Development Framework – Eastbourne Park supplementary planning document – Raised by Councillor Wallis.
4. Cabinet - page 160, item 56 – Improvement and Efficiency South East – Raised by Councillor Warner.
5. Cabinet - page 161, item 57 – Strategic asset management – Raised by Councillor Warner.
6. Cabinet - page 163, item 58 – Agile working phase 2 – 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 8.00 pm

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

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