



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 September 2012 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Councillor Mike Thompson (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Caroline Ansell, Margaret Bannister, Colin Belsey, Janet Coles, Alun Cooke, Philip Ede, David Elkin, Jon Harris, Carolyn Heaps, Sandie Howlett, Gordon Jenkins, Gill Mattock, Harun Miah, Colin Murdoch, Jim Murray, Alan Shuttleworth, Neil Stanley, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, John Ungar, Steve Wallis, Patrick Warner and Annabelle West.

33. Minutes. The minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held on 18 July 2012 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as correct records.

34. Mayoral Announcements.

- 1 The Mayor would be taking part in a charity abseil from the roof of the Council buildings at 1 Grove Road on Sunday 21 October, with proceeds going to the Mayor's charity, Lark in the Park. The Mayor invited members to sponsor and/or participate in the event. Further details were available from the Mayor's office.
- 2 Eastbourne Swimming Club organised a time trial race night on Friday 20 July to celebrate the start of the Olympics and the end of the Club's second 'Schools Project'. 30 ESC members from the Improvers section attended, and swam alongside nearly 20 swimmers from the Schools Project, nearly all of whom had not raced before. With nearly 50 competitors to organise, club officials were very glad that 6 parents volunteered as time keepers and that the Mayor was on hand to help. The Mayor undertook the starting duties for the evening.
- 3 The Mayor opened the new Eastbourne Street Market on Wednesday 1 August. The new street market would be open every Wednesday at the top/seafront end of Terminus Road and offered a variety of products for sale.
- 4 Eastbourne celebrated the arrival of the prestigious Patisserie Valerie, founded in 1926 by Belgian Madam Valerie, to the town recently. The new store, located along Terminus Road, was officially opened by the Mayor on Saturday 4 August.
- 5 On Monday 13 August the Mayor visited Princes Park and opened the Eastbourne Ladies Open Bowls Tournament on the bowling green. He then returned on Saturday 18 August to award prizes to the winners of the competition.

- 6 The Mayor recently held his first event of the year to raise money for his chosen charity – Lark in the Park Charitable Trust. The Mayor’s Charity BBQ was held at Chalk Farm Hotel on Sunday 2 September. Unfortunately the weather was not too good on the day so most activities had to be moved inside. However, the event raised around £300 for the Mayor’s Charity.
- 7 The Save the DGH Campaign group held a march along the seafront on Saturday 15 September and the Mayor took part along with around 2000 local residents to protest against controversial plans to centralise key services at either the DGH or its sister hospital in Hastings. The march was organised in response to East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust’s plans to centralise stroke, general surgery and orthopaedics on a single site rather than at both main hospitals in the area. The Council congratulated Honorary Freeman Liz Walke for her efforts in organising the march.
- 8 The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.

35. Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Pat Hearn, Tom Liddiard and David Tutt.

36. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct. No DPI’s or personal interests were declared.

37. Finance matters – treasury management outturn 2011/12. This matter was moved by Councillor Mattock and seconded by Councillor Tester on behalf of the Cabinet.

Resolved: That the annual treasury management report for 2011/12 be agreed and, specifically, that the 2011/12 prudential and treasury indicators included be approved.

38. Motion – Friends of the Earth – bee cause initiative. The following motion was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Elkin:

'That this authority supports the Friends of the Earth Bee Cause initiative, and will continue to ensure that where suitable, all planting undertaken within the parks and gardens owned by the Council will support bee and other pollinating insects lifestyles.'

Mr. Andrew Durling from the Friends of the Earth addressed the Council in support of this motion.

Resolved: That this motion be approved.

39. Minutes of council bodies and items for discussion. The minutes of

the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-

Conservation Area Advisory Group	17 July and 28 August 2012
Planning Committee	7 and 23 August and 4 September 2012
Scrutiny Committee	3 September 2012
Cabinet	5 September 2012

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

1. Scrutiny Committee, page 118, item 8 – corporate performance – raised by Councillors Taylor and Tester.

NOTE: It was noted that the minutes incorrectly recorded that Councillor Taylor was at this meeting when in fact he was absent with Councillor Jenkins attending as substitute.

2. Cabinet, page 126, item 36 – corporate performance (36.2 – contingency fund) – raised by Councillor Taylor.

Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3 it was,

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

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

**Councillor Michael John Thompson,
Mayor, Chairman**

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