EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on 24 July 2002

PRESENT:-

Councillor Miss O M M WOODALL (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors BELSEY, BOWKER, CREAVEN, ELKIN, Mrs GOODALL, HARRIS, Mrs HEALY, Mrs HOWLETT, LACEY OBE, LEGGETT, MARSDEN, MARSH (Deputy Mayor), Mrs MURRAY, Mrs POOLEY, Mrs SIMS, SKILTON MBE, SLATER, STANLEY, STEVENS, TAYLOR, Mrs TESO, THOMPSON, TUTT, WARNER and WILLIAMS.

21. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 5 June 2002 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

22. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

1 The Freedom March took place on 13 July 2002. It was the first occasion that the Territorial Army had exercised their Freedom of the Borough and marched through Eastbourne. The very impressive parade was followed by a reception held in the Town Hall. The fact that everything went to plan was due to the co-operation between the Officers of the TA and the Council's Lead Officer for the event, Katie Cullum whose expertise in this matter the Council commended. Council noted with concern the lack of press coverage for this event in the local media despite the large amount of press information supplied by Council Officers and the Military.

2 In June the Mayor was invited to go to the South East Agriculture Show at Ardingly where Her Majesty The Queen visited as part of her Jubilee tour of the South East. About 150 Civic Officers and Representatives of Voluntary Organisations were escorted into the arena and arranged in groups. Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh shook hands with all the Mayors within our group.

	3	Brian McGeary, the Council's Regeneration Officer had been awarded the Business Adviser of the Year by South-East Region of Young Enterprise, an organisation that trains volunteers from the business community as advisers to work with school pupils age 14-16 in running a business for real. Mr McGeary had been working with pupils at Willingdon Community School and his group had been particularly challenging as the students were those with attendance and motivation problems. His previous experience in the financial services sector had been extremely useful in steering the company's young directors and explaining corporate finance. The Council congratulated Mr McGeary on his award.	
	4	Eastbourne beat off stiff competition from other destinations to win the title of 'Most Group Friendly UK Destination' in the Group Travel Awards 2002. Eastbourne topped the category at a ceremony at the London Hilton on 6 June. The winners were chosen by readers of Group Travel Organiser Magazine. The Mayor presented the award to Councillor Thompson who accepted it on behalf of Tourism staff. The Council congratulated Diana Lumsdaine, the Council's Sales Manager for Conference and Group Travel for the work of her team in securing this award.	
	5	Another award was given, this time to the Parks & Gardens Section for their support given to the Education Business Partnership (EBP) in respect of a competition to design the garden badge bed near Holywell café. Tim Sorenson from the EBP each year runs a competition for infant and junior schools in the Eastbourne area to design a themed garden. The Parks section advise Mr Sorenson and provide information to him and entrants about the kinds of plants that can be used, meet staff from the schools involved and sometimes visit the schools to meet the children and give them guidance. Once the winner is chosen, they formalise the design if necessary and arrange for the children to be taken to Holywell on the dotto train to help finish planting the design. The Mayor presented the award to Councillor Thompson who accepted it on behalf of the Parks and Gardens Staff. The Council congratulated the Parks and Gardens staff for their work in achieving this award.	

24. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS.

· Councillor Tutt declared a personal interest in item 25(a) below but did not consider the level of interest to be prejudicial and therefore participated in the debate and vote on this matter.

· Councillor Elkin declared a personal interest in item 26 below but did not consider the level of interest to be prejudicial and therefore participated in the debate and vote on this matter.

· Councillor Mrs Howlett declared a personal interest in item 26 below and considered the level of interest to be prejudicial. She therefore withdrew from the Chamber for the duration of this item.

· Councillor Leggett declared a personal interest in Cabinet item 6 on page 47 of the minutes but did not consider the interest to be prejudicial. This matter was not raised as an item for discussion.

25. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL BODIES. The following matters were referred to Council for decision by the Cabinet in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 8:-

(a) **Annual Scrutiny Work Programme** – This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Programme for Scrutiny Committee be approved.

(b) **Best Value Review of Equalities** - This matter was reported by Councillor Mrs Healy on behalf of the Cabinet in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

RESOLVED: That the Best Value Improvement Plan be approved.

26. EASTBOURNE LADIES TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Elkin and seconded by Councillor Mrs Goodall:-

"I call upon this Council to apply the necessary pressure to the LTA, sponsors and whoever necessary to ensure that our pre-Wimbledon tennis tournament is restored to its prestigious position on the tennis circuit before we lose public interest by not attracting our share of top seeds."

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Healy to replace all the wording after the words 'I call upon this Council' with the following wording:-

"….to recognise and applaud the contribution made by the pre-Wimbledon Ladies Tennis Tournament to Eastbourne's economy. We will continue to work with our sponsors, the LTA and Sanex WTA Tour to attract the world's top ranking women players to the

27.	**SUSSEX DOWNS COLLEGE – NOMINATION FOR SHOOL GOVERNOR.** Nominations were received in respect of Mr Alan Carroll and Councillor Marsden. **RESOLVED:** By 14 votes to 11) That Mr Alan Carroll be nominated.	
28.	**EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NOMINATION FOR EXISTING VACANCY.** Nominations were received in respect of Councillor Mrs Murray and Mr Brian Whitby. **RESOLVED:** By 14 votes to 12) That Mr Brian Whitby be nominated.	
29.	**EASTBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.** Nominations were received in respect of Councillors Creaven and Mrs Howlett. **RESOLVED:** By 13 votes to 12) That Councillor Creaven be appointed.	
30.	**MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-	
	Conservation Area Advisory Group	21 May & 9 July 2002
	Planning and Licensing Committee	23 May, 18 June & 16 July 2002
	Best Value Management Committee	27 May & 15 July 2002
	Cabinet	5 June & 1 July 2002
	Scrutiny Committee	10 June 2002
	Area Committee	26 June 2002
	Licensing Panel	27 June 2002

	In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:-		
	1	Planning and Licensing Committee, 23 May 2002 – Page 26, Minute 2(8) – EB/2001/0093 – University of Brighton, Welkin Campus, 32 Carlisle Road – Demolition and re-development to provide residential accommodation for 354 students. Raised by Councillor Elkin.	
	2	Planning and Licensing Committee, 23 May 2002 – Page 30, Minute 2(22) – EB/1999/0448 – Land adjacent to Crumbles Retail Park, Pevensey Bay Road – Retail Unit with Garden Centre, etc. Raised by Councillors Bowker and Lacey.	
	3	Cabinet, 5 June 2002 – Page 45, Minute 3 – Eastbourne Borough Plan 2001-2011 – Proposed modification in respect of Policy No. TR15 – Location for Lorry Park off Broadwater Way, Hampden Park. Raised by Councillors Marsden and Lacey.	
	4	Cabinet, 5 June 2002 – Page 46, Minute 4 – Abandoned Vehicles. Raised by Councillors Mrs Goodall and Taylor.	
	5	Planning and Licensing Committee, 18 June 2002 – Page 59, Minute 8(11) – EB/2002/0277 – Fairlight Hotel, 41 Silverdale Road – Change of use from hotel to three-bedroom flat on lower ground floor with six-bedroom maisonette on ground, first and second floors, together with external alterations at rear. Raised by Councillor Mrs Murray.	
	6	Planning and Licensing Committee, 18 June 2002 – Page 61, Minute 8(15) – EB/2002/0293 – Telephone Exchange, Neville House, 31 St Anne's Road – Installation of Telecommunications Equipment. Raised by Councillor Marsden.	
	7	Planning and Licensing Committee, 18 June 2002 – Page 62, Minute 10 – Felling of two Acacia trees at Gables Court, 44-46 St Leonard's Road. Raised by Councillor Lacey.	
	8	Cabinet, 1 July 2002 – Page 69, Minute 10 – Civic Budget 2001/02 – Financial Outturn. Raised by Councillor Mrs Murray.	
	9	Cabinet, 1 July 2002 – Page 71, Minute 14 – Beachy Head Countryside Centre. Raised by Councillor Stanley.	

	10	Cabinet, 1 July 2002 – Page 71, Minute 15 – Parking for the Disabled. Raised by Councillor Marsh.
	11	Cabinet, 1 July 2002 – Page 72, Minute 18 – Review of East Sussex County Council Residential Care Homes for Older People. Raised by Councillor Mrs Teso.
	12	Planning and Licensing Committee, 16 July 2002 – Page 82, Minute 14(3) – EB/2002/0335 – Shinewater Park, Larkspur Drive – Multi-purpose Court and Bike/Skateboard facility. Raised by Councillor Tutt.

Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e) it was,

RESOLVED: That all the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted subject to the following amendments:-

· Planning and Licensing Committee, 23 May 2002 – Page 26, Minute 2(5) – EB/2002/0197 – 69 Carlisle Road – In the NOTE to the resolution insert the word 'not' before the word 'consider' in the second line.

· Planning and Licensing Committee, 18 June 2002 – Page 60, Minute 8(11) – EB/2002/0277 – Fairlight Hotel, 41 Silverdale Road – In the NOTE to the resolution insert the word 'not' before the word 'consider' in the third line.

· Licensing Panel, 27 June 2002 – Page 67, Minute 2 – Hackney Carriage Fares – Delete the word 'increase' at the end of the preamble and replace with the words 'progressive rate'.

NOTE: The minutes of the Tenants Advisory Committee held on 23 July 2002, which were listed on this Council agenda, would now be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the full Council.

31. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES.** The confidential minutes of the Cabinet held on 1 July 2002 were submitted. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e), it was

RESOLVED: That the confidential minutes be accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Miss O M M WOODALL, Mayor

Chairman

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