EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on 8 December 2004

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs B M V GOODALL (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Mrs BANNISTER, BELSEY (Deputy Mayor), BOWKER, ELKIN, HARRIS, Mrs HEALY, HERBERT, Mrs HOWLETT, LACEY OBE, LUCAS, MARSDEN, MARSH, Mrs MURRAY, Mrs POOLEY, Mrs SIMS, SKILTON MBE, SLATER, STANLEY, STEVENS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TUTT, WARNER, WILLIAMS & Miss WOODALL.

35.	**MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2004 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.	
36.	**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**	
	1	Remembrance Sunday – There was a very good turnout at the War Memorial and the Mayor along with other members of the Council assisted in selling poppies in the Arndale Centre.
	2	Mayor's Christmas Carol Special – This was held in the Pavilion Tea Rooms on 1 December 2004 with the Eastbourne Salvation Army Band playing a selection of festive music. This event raised £422 for the Mayor's charity, Eastbourne Shopmobility. The Mayor placed on record her thanks to the Deputy Mayoress for organising a coffee morning in aid of the Mayor's Charity which also raised £422.
	3	The Mayor, along with other members, attended the Open Day of the 31st (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) in Crowborough on 27 November 2004.

	4	Eastbourne Youth Radio – The Mayor reported on the launch of this successful event on 24 November 2004 which was for young people in the South-East aged 4-19 and this year was broadcast for 65 hours. Programmes featured a broad mix of interviews, live music and performances, and previously successful events such as 'Battle of the Bands', 'Sound Bytes' and 'Meet the Media'.
	5	Christmas Drinks – The Mayor, Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition and the Corporate Management Team invited all members and staff to join them for Christmas drinks on Thursday 23 December 2004 between 12noon and 2.30pm in the Court Room at the Town Hall.
	6	The Mayor's Ball – The Mayor's Annual Charity Ball would be held in the Winter Garden on Friday 18 March 2005.
37.	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** An apology for absence was reported from Councillor Berry.	
38.	**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.** Councillors Elkin and Lucas declared personal interests in item 39 below but did not consider these interests to be prejudicial and therefore remained in the meeting. Councillors Elkin and Lucas declared prejudicial personal interests in item 40 below and withdrew from the meeting. Councillor Lucas also declared a personal interest in respect of item 48 (4) below and withdrew from the meeting.	
39.	**LICENSING ACT 2003 – CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.** This matter was reported by Councillor Williams on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** (1) That the establishment of a "Licensing Act Committee" of between 10 and 15 members (initially 15); the Committee's terms of reference; the Committee's proposed delegated powers; and membership (Group Leaders to submit nominations based on an 8/7 split, political balance rules applying as a matter of local discretion) all be approved, and the Committee's procedural arrangements as required by the Licensing Act 2003 and Regulations made under the Act be authorised. (2) That the establishment of a "General Licensing Committee" with the same Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Membership as the Licensing Act Committee be approved. (3) That the General Licensing Committee's terms of reference and delegation arrangements be approved. (4) That the Licensing Act Committee hold its first meeting in January 2005 to transact the business indicated in paragraph 4.14 of the report. (5) That Sub-Committees of 3 members, drawn from the membership of the Licensing	

40.	**LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY.** The Council considered the report of the Director of Housing, Health and Community Services which was proposed by Councillor Mrs Murray. **RESOLVED:** That the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy be approved and adopted.	
41.	**STANDARDS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF SECOND INDEPENDENT PERSON.** The Council considered the report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee. Members were advised that, as it had not yet been possible to obtain confirmation of acceptance from the preferred candidate, it was not possible to announce the appointment at this time. **RESOLVED:** (1) That the appointment of the second Independent Person to the Standards Committee be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition and Chairman of the Standards Committee. (2) That initially the appointment be made until 31 May 2005. (3) That the allowance payable under the Member Allowances Scheme of £128 per day up to a maximum annual payment of £2,560 for the period to 31 March 2005 be noted.	
42.	**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 – REGULATION OF SKIN PIERCING ACTIVITIES AND SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN COVERING.** This matter was reported by Councillor Bowker on behalf of the Planning and Licensing Committee. **RESOLVED:** That the Cosmetic Skin Piercing and Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring Byelaws be submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation.	
43.	**ASSESSMENT OF VIABILITY OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** That the draft Assessment of Financial Viability of Tourist Accommodation Supplementary Planning Guidance be adopted.	
44.	**EASTBOURNE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION – FUNDING.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** That the expenditure in future years' budget required by this initiative and the proposed funding arrangements as set out in resolution 2 of the Cabinet's minute be noted and approved.	

45.	**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2005/06.** **RESOLVED:** That the calendar of meetings for 2005/06 be approved subject to the meetings of the Cabinet and Council in April 2006 being switched so that Cabinet will be on 12 April and Council will be on 19 April and to the rescheduling of the Regulatory Training Day currently shown as 23 November 2005 so as to avoid the clash with the full Council meeting shown for the same day.	
46.	**FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH – Ms MARTINA NAVRATILOVA.** The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Marsden and seconded by Councillor Stevens:- "1. That, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Ms Martina Navratilova, be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Eastbourne and enrolled on the Freeman's Roll. 2. That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the enrolment on the said Freeman's Roll and to the certificate to be presented to Ms Navratilova. on her admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough. 3. That the Assistant Director for Strategy and Democracy in consultation with the relevant tennis association, the Mayor, and Group Leaders, be given delegated authority to arrange the date, time and arrangements for a conferment ceremony to award the Freedom of the Borough to Ms Navratilova, during the 2005/2006 financial year." **RESOLVED:** That the motion be approved.	
47.	**ARCHITECTS PANEL.** The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Elkin:- "That the officers of this Council work to forming an Architects Panel to assist the elected members of the Council to understand the merits or the failings of some of the proposed developments brought to the Planning Committee." Following a procedural motion put by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Bowker, it was; **RESOLVED:** (Nem Con) That this motion be referred along with an officer's report to the Planning Committee for consideration and recommendation back to full Council.	
48.	**MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-	
	Licensing Panel	1 October & 9 November 2004
	Planning & Licensing Committee	5 October & 2 November 2004

	Tenants Advisory Group		12 October 2004
	Standards Committee		18 October 2004
	Conservation Area Advisory Group		19 October & 30 November 2004
	Cabinet		20 October 2004
	Scrutiny Committee		8 November 2004
	In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:-		
	1	Planning and Licensing Committee – Page 138, Minute 23(2) – Planning Appeal Decision – Land between St Philip's Avenue and Astaire Avenue – Erection of 8 Dwellings – Raised by Councillor Tutt.	
	2	Tenants Advisory Group – Page 142, Minute 14 – Disabled Adaptations – Raised by Councillor Mrs Healy.	
	3	Cabinet – Page 158, Minute 36 – Civic Budget 2004/05 Update – Raised by Councillor Tutt.	
	4	Cabinet – Page 164, Minute 42 – Waste Strategy – Raised by Councillor Thompson.	
	Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e) it was, **RESOLVED:** That all the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted.		
49.	**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** The confidential minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-		

Licensing Panel	1 October & 9 November 2004

Cabinet	20 October 2004

	No items for discussion were raised on the confidential minutes.	
	In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e), it was **RESOLVED:** That the confidential minutes be accepted.	
The meeting closed at 7.30pm		
		Mrs B M V GOODALL, Mayor Chairman
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