

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2005 at 6.00pm

Present:-

Councillor G H Marsden (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bannister, Belsey, Bowker, Elkin, Mrs Goodall, Harris, Mrs Healy, Herbert, Mrs Howlett, Lacey OBE, Lucas, Marsh, Mrs Murray, Mrs Pooley, Skilton MBE, Slater, Stanley, Stevens, Taylor, Thompson, Tutt, Warner, Williams and Miss Woodall.

(Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Berry and Mrs Sims).

35.	Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2005 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.	
36.	Mayor's Announcements.	
	1.	The Mayor and Mayoress have attended a wide range of events involving local groups including, Rotary Club, Eastbourne Coastguards, TA Centre, St Wilfrid's Hospice, The Eastbourne Society, Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Eastbourne Operatic & Dramatic Society.
	2.	The Mayor and Mayoress have also attended numerous AGMs, welcomed several conferences to Eastbourne, attended Coffee Mornings, Fairs, Conference Dinners, started the Beachy Head Marathon and visited Lewes for the Bonfire Night Celebrations.
	3.	There have been numerous visits to the Town Hall by students from a wide range of countries, a visit by Japanese Local Government Officers, the Shanghai Minghang District Government Delegation and by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Brighton.

	4.	<p>Particular events of note have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presentation of the Freedom of the Borough of Eastbourne Award to Ms Martina Navratilova at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, London on 28 September. · An Evening with Kate Adie' in aid of The LINK Centre for Deafened People at Eastbourne College Theatre. · Trafalgar Sunday Service of Thanksgiving (Royal Naval Association) at Christ Church, Seaside. · The Re-opening of 'Pat's Pantry' at Age Concern Eastbourne by Michael Fish, MBE, DSc. · The Eastbourne Business Awards 2005 at the Grand Hotel. · The re-opening of the Cavendish Hotel. · The Salvation Army's Annual Lifeboat Service.
	5.	<p>There was a very good turnout at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. The Mayor helped to raise awareness for this year's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies in the Arndale Centre. Other Members of the Council also took part.</p>
	6.	<p>The Mayor attended the Cultural Centre Groundbreaking Ceremony organised by Eastbourne Borough Council and the new Towner Trust.</p>

	7.	<p>Eastbourne has been voted the Best UK Resort for 2005 by the readers of Group Leisure magazine. This magazine is the UK's No. 1 Group Travel magazine and the award is a prestigious one keenly fought for by resorts in Great Britain. The award was collected by the Leader of the Council on 29 September 2005. The award was now given by the Mayor to the Director of Economy, Tourism & Environment, Norman Kinnish. The Mayor thanked him and his staff for the considerable efforts that they have made to promote</p> <p>Eastbourne and improve its tourism offer since the new Department came into being on the 1 April 2004.</p> <p>The Mayor commented that anyone who has taken a look at Eastbourne's seafront or seen the 'Change your View' posters on the London Underground in the last two years will see ample evidence of a resort that knows where it is going, and is developing new audiences and new products.</p>
	8.	<p>The Mayor reported that his Christmas Bazaar on behalf of the Mayoral Charities would be held on the morning of 3 December at St. Mary's Church, Old Parsonage Barn. All members were welcome.</p>
37.		<p>Disclosures of interests and related matters by Members. The following interests were declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · All members of the Liberal Democrat Group declared a collective prejudicial interest in Planning Committee minutes page 203, minute 4 but as this matter was not discussed they were not required to withdraw from the meeting. · Councillors Bowker, Mrs Murray, Mrs Pooley, Slater and Stevens all declared prejudicial interests in Cabinet minutes page 197, minute 65 but as this matter was not discussed they were not required to withdraw from the meeting. · Councillor Mrs Healy declared a non-prejudicial interest in respect of the motion at item 39 below and remained in the meeting to take part in the debate. · Councillors Elkin, Slater and Warner all declared non-prejudicial interests in respect of the motion at item 40 below and remained in the meeting to take part in the debate. · Councillors Bowker, Mrs Goodall, Lucas, Marsh, Warner and Williams all declared prejudicial interests in the matter for discussion at item 42(2) below and withdrew from the meeting during that debate. · Councillors Mrs Healy and Slater both declared prejudicial interests in the matter for discussion at item 42(3) below and withdrew from the

<p>38.</p>	<p>Calendar of Meetings 2006/07 and arrangements for approving the Annual Statement of Accounts. The Council considered the report of the Local Democracy Manager. It was noted that the calendar would be re-submitted for confirmation at the Annual meeting of the Council where any adjustments could be made. The Council was advised that there would need to be a change to the May 2006 Cabinet pre-agenda date and some adjustments to the dates of the Conservative Group meetings.</p> <p>Resolved: (Nem Con) (1) That the Calendar, as shown in appendices 1 and 2 to the report to Council, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That an Annual Accounts Committee be established for the express purpose of approving the Annual Statement of Accounts and that the Committee's composition and terms of reference be as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report to Council and that the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.</p>	<p>approved the report of the Council where any adjustments could be made. The Council was advised that there would need to be a change to the May 2006 Cabinet pre-agenda date and some adjustments to the dates of the Conservative Group meetings.</p> <p>in appendices 1 and 2 to the report to Council, be approved.</p> <p>for the express purpose of approving the Annual Statement of Accounts and that the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.</p>
<p>39.</p>	<p>Fire Safety - Sprinkler Systems. The following motion, submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13, was moved by Councillor Mrs Healy and seconded by Councillor Skilton:-</p> <p>“That this Council, through its planning processes, in consultation with the East Sussex Fire Authority, adopt a policy requiring developers of all new build premises to fit internal sprinkler systems.”</p> <p>The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Bowker:</p> <p>Delete all the words after the word “processes” in the first line and substitute the following:</p> <p>“...adopt a policy that encourages developers of all new-build premises to install solar heating, internal sprinkler systems and smoke detecting equipment, where practicable, in consultation with the relevant authorities.”</p> <p>As a result of the debate, members agreed to a revised wording of the tabled amendment.</p> <p>Resolved: (Amendment and Substantive Motion) That the following amended motion be approved:</p> <p>“That this Council, through its planning processes adopt a policy that requires Government to legislate and, in the meantime, encourages developers of all new-build premises to install solar heating, internal sprinkler systems and smoke detecting equipment, where practicable, in consultation with the relevant authorities.”</p>	<p>submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13, was moved by Councillor Mrs Healy and seconded by Councillor Skilton:-</p> <p>consultation with developers of all new build premises to fit internal sprinkler systems.”</p> <p>Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Bowker:</p> <p>in the first line and substitute the following:</p> <p>relevant authorities.”</p> <p>wording of the tabled amendment.</p> <p>the following amended motion be approved:</p> <p>encourages developers of all new-build premises to install solar heating, internal sprinkler systems and smoke detecting equipment, where practicable, in consultation with the relevant authorities.”</p>

<p>40.</p>	<p>Park and Ride. The following motion, submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13, was moved by Councillor Stanley and seconded by Councillor Thompson.</p> <p>“Given the alarming increase in traffic congestion in the town's road transport arteries, this Council resolves that the sum of £15,000 be allocated from the Strategic Change Fund to finance a feasibility study into an out-of-town park-and-ride scheme.”</p> <p>Mr Clive Gross, spokesperson for the Green Party, addressed the Council in respect of this motion. His view was that any sum of money at this point should be spent on enhancing existing bus services.</p> <p>The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Warner and seconded by Councillor Elkin:</p> <p>Delete all the words after the word “Council” in the second line and substitute the following:</p> <p>“...notes that the future provision of a park and ride system might well help alleviate some congestion. However, as the effects of the controlled parking scheme, bus priority measures and town centre regeneration are not yet known and would undoubtedly have a major impact on such a scheme, this Council should not commit to spending Eastbourne Council Tax payers money on a feasibility study until such time as the funds can be utilised to full effect.”</p> <p>Resolved: (1) (By 13 votes to 11) That the amendment be approved.</p> <p>(2) (By 14 votes to 5) That, as a consequence of resolution (1) above, the following substantive motion be approved:</p> <p>“Given the alarming increase in traffic congestion in the town's road transport arteries, this Council notes that the future provision of a park and ride system might well help alleviate some congestion. However, as the effects of the controlled parking scheme, bus priority measures and town centre regeneration are not yet known and would undoubtedly have a major impact on such a scheme, this Council should not commit to spending Eastbourne Council Tax payers money on a feasibility study until such time as the funds can be utilised to full effect.”</p>
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41.	<p>Licensing Act 2003 - Delegation Arrangements. The following motion, submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13, was moved by Councillor Stanley and seconded by Councillor Mrs Healy.</p> <p>“In respect of this authority's arrangements for dealing with applications under the Licensing Act, 2003, and in the spirit of maximising the democratic accountability of elected members, the Scheme of Delegation set out in Part Three of the Council's Constitution be amended so that all applications are considered by a sub-committee, irrespective of whether or not a Police objection or relevant representation has been made.”</p> <p>Resolved: That consideration of this motion be deferred to the next meeting pending a review of whether the proposed action would contravene Government Guidance to the point of illegality.</p>	The following motion, submitted under Council Procedure Rule 13, was moved by Councillor Stanley and seconded by Councillor Mrs Healy.
42.	<p>Minutes of Council bodies and items for discussion. The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-</p>	The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-
	Cabinet	21 September and 31 October 2005
	Conservation Area Advisory Group	18 October 2005
	General Licensing Committee	17 October 2005
	Licensing Act Committee	17 October 2005
	Planning Committee	4 and 13 October and 1 November 2005
	Scrutiny Committee	19 September 2005
	Standards Committee	24 October 2005
	In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:-	Members raised the following items for discussion:-

	1.	Cabinet, 21 September 2005, page 151, minute 53 – Financial Strategy – 2006/07 Budget – Raised by Councillors Tutt and Mrs Pooley.	
	2.	Planning Committee, 13 October 2005, page 169, minute 29 – Land adjoining Pevensey Bay Road, Sovereign Harbour – Mixed use development – EB/2005/0389(OL) – Raised by Councillor Tutt.	
	3.	General Licensing Committee, 17 October 2005, page 177, minute 4 – Minutes – Consultation on delimitation of taxi numbers – Raised by Councillor Lacey OBE.	
	4.	Conservation Area Advisory Committee, 18 October 2005, page 182, minute 13 – Planning applications determined by the Head of Planning – Raised by Councillor Miss Woodall.	
	5.	Cabinet, 31 October 2005, page 192, minute 59 – Financial Strategy – 2006/07 Budget (Concessionary Fares) – Raised by Councillor Tutt.	
	6.	Cabinet, 31 October 2005, page 196, minute 64 – Cavendish Place Coach Station – Raised by Councillors Lucas and Mrs Bannister.	
		Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e) it was, Resolved: That all the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted.	
The meeting closed at 8.05pm			
		G H Marsden, Mayor Chairman	
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