



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 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, Carolyn Heaps, Pat Hearn, Sandie Howlett, Gordon Jenkins, Tom Liddiard, Gill Mattock, Harun Miah, Colin Murdoch, Jim Murray, Alan Shuttleworth, Neil Stanley, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, David Tutt, John Ungar, Steve Wallis and Annabelle West.

20. Minutes. The minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held on 9 May 2012 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as correct records.

21. Mayoral Announcements.

- 1 Councillor Thompson's first engagement as Mayor took place on Thursday 10 May and was to present a £15,000 cheque from his employer, Reid Briggs, to Chalk Farm Learning Disabilities Centre.
- 2 The first Eastbourne Sports Festival was held on the weekend of Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May and the Mayor was very happy to visit all of the Sports Centres taking part on the Sunday and have a go at some of the sports activities on offer. He tried his hand at fencing, tennis, street dance and had a go on the rowing machine.
- 3 The Mayor was pleased to welcome the Catenian Conference to Eastbourne from 18 – 20 May. The Mayor attended a number of their events at the Winter Garden, Congress Theatre and Grand Hotel, including a Welcome Reception, Banquet and Solemn High Mass.
- 4 On 29 May the Mayor was very happy to be invited to attend a Sports Celebration event at Sussex Downs College. The Mayor watched the students participating and then presented them with their medals and prizes afterwards.
- 5 During June the Mayor attended a number of events that related to the Queens Diamond Jubilee. These included:
 - A picnic at Willingdon Primary School
 - A tree planting in Princes Park
 - The Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival
 - Street Parties in Northbourne Road and Pashley Road
 - The Beacon Lighting and fireworks on the Western Lawns
 - A tree planting at Marlborough Court
 - The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex's Service of Thanksgiving

at Chichester Cathedral

- 6 The Eastbourne Race for Life took place on Sunday 3 June and the Mayor was pleased to be invited to attend and presented the Race winner with her medal.
- 7 The Mayor also attended the AEGON International tennis at Devonshire Park on Thursday 21 and Saturday 23 June, where Tamara Paszek won the Women's singles competition and Andy Roddick won the Men's competition.
- 8 The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.

22. Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence was reported from Councillors Jon Harris and Patrick Warner.

23. 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.

(a) The following DPIs were declared and the members named below withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the debate and decision on the matters listed below:

- Councillor Bannister in respect of minute 24 (Save the DGH Campaign) as her spouse was employed by the East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust.
- Councillor Tester in respect of minute 32 (4) (EB/2012/0344 Regency Park) as he lived in close proximity to the proposed development.

(b) The following personal interests were declared under the local code: Councillors Tutt and Belsey in respect of minute 24 (Save the DGH Campaign) as members of the campaign group. Also Councillor Tester, as a member of the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board. They did not consider their interests to be prejudicial.

Councillors Heaps, Taylor and Ungar in respect of minute 24 (Save the DGH Campaign) as members of the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. They did not consider their interests to be prejudicial.

Councillor Tutt in respect of minutes 26 (street trading), 32 (1) (Town Team) and 32 (3) (street market) as chairman of EDEAL (part of the Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce) and in minute 32 (2) (corporate performance) as a trustee of the East Sussex local government pension scheme. He did not consider his interests to be prejudicial.

Councillor Heaps in respect of minute 32 (1) (Town Team) as a member of the Eastbourne CAN group. She did not consider her interest to be prejudicial.

Councillor Wallis in respect of minute 32 (4) (EB/2012/0344 Regency Park) as a council appointed member of the Regency Park Community Centre Management Committee.

24. Motion – Save the DGH Campaign. The following motion was jointly

proposed by Councillors Tutt and Elkin and seconded by Councillor Belsey:

That this Council reaffirms its support for the "Save the DGH Campaign" and, calls upon the Hospital Trust to acknowledge the wishes of the Eastbourne community, by ensuring that all core services continue to be provided at both Eastbourne DGH and the Conquest hospital in Hastings.

Stephen Lloyd, Member of Parliament for Eastbourne and Willingdon and Liz Walke, Honorary Freeman and the Council's Hospitals' Champion were invited to address the Council.

Resolved: (unanimously) That the motion be approved.

- 25. Meads by-election 31 May 2012.** The Council received the report of the Returning Officer on the outcome of the by-election for the Meads ward held on 31 May 2012. The by-election had followed the resignation of Nigel Goodyear on 24 April 2012. Councillor Caroline Ansell had been elected and she was welcomed to membership of the Council by the Mayor.

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

Resolved: That the report of the Returning Officer be noted.

- 26. Review of street trading policy and facilitation of street market.** The Council received the report of the Leader of the Council further to the resolution passed at the Council's meeting on 22 February 2012. That resolution approved the advertisement of the proposed designation of streets for the purposes of street trading. No representations or objections had been received and the Council was asked to formally approve the designations.

It was moved by Councillor Tutt on behalf of the Cabinet, seconded by Councillor Elkin and

Resolved: To formally designate all the streets within the borough as consent streets or prohibited streets, as detailed in the report to Council on 22 February 2012 and the street trading policy, and confirm the decision made on 22 February 2012.

- 27. Localism Act 2011 and the new standards regime.** The Council received the report of the Lawyer to the Council and Head of Corporate Development.

It was moved by Councillor Tutt on behalf of the Cabinet, seconded by Councillor Howlett and

Resolved: That the following are approved:

- (1) The local code of conduct (as appended to the report).
- (2) The register of members interests (as appended to the report).
- (3) The arrangements for dealing with complaints (as previously submitted

to the ordinary meeting of the Council on 9 May 2012).

(4) The appointments of Mr Trevor Elliott, Mr Anthony Meier and Mr Allen Gales as independent persons for an initial term of office of one year.

(5) The Council's Monitoring Officer is granted delegated authority to extend the term of office of the above-named independent persons for up to a total of 4 years.

- 28. Local authority mortgage scheme.** This matter was reported and moved by Councillor Bannister on behalf of the Cabinet, seconded by Councillor Ansell and

Resolved: That the Council's treasury management policy be varied to allow the maximum length of investment to that required by the LAMS Scheme.

- 29. Annual scrutiny programme 2012/13.** This matter was reported and moved by Councillor Belsey on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, seconded by Councillor Shuttleworth and

Resolved: That the annual scrutiny work programme for 2012/13 be approved.

- 30. Eastbourne parking strategy.** This matter was reported and moved by Councillor Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet, seconded by Councillor Elkin and

Resolved: To approve the Eastbourne parking strategy incorporating the recommended changes as set out and explained in appendices 1 and 2 to the report to Cabinet and to note that in approving the strategy, the authority recognises the need for controlled parking but remains opposed to paid on-street parking in Eastbourne.

- 31. Horse drawn carriage rides in Eastbourne.** This matter was reported and moved by Councillor Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet, seconded by Councillor Ede and

Resolved: That the Council revoke its delegation to the General Licensing Committee to deal with any applications for horse drawn carriage licenses that might have come forward.

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

Cabinet	14 May, 30 May and 11 July 2012
Conservation Area Advisory Group	17 May 2012
Planning Committee	22 May, 12 June and 10 July 2012
Scrutiny Committee	6 June 2012
Audit Committee	27 June 2012

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

1. Cabinet, 30 May 2012 – page 37, minute 7 – Eastbourne Town Team – raised by Councillor Heaps.
2. Cabinet, 30 May 2012 – page 38, minute 8 – Corporate performance – year end 2011/12 – raised by Councillor Mattock.
3. Cabinet, 30 May 2012 – page 46, minute 14 – Street market – business case – raised by Councillor Stanley.
4. Planning Committee, 10 July 2012 – page 67, minute 15(1) - EB/2012/0344 (Devonshire) – Regency Park (former coach and lorry park), Wartling Road (erection of 5 storey block of 42 apartments) – raised by Councillor Wallis.
5. Planning Committee, 10 July 2012 – page 68, minute 15(2) - EB/2012/0351 (Meads) - Wish Tower Restaurant, King Edwards Parade (construction of temporary café) – 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 7.52 pm

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

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