

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Town Hall, Bexhill
on Monday 15 May at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors: Lord Amptill, A.K. Azad, J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, J.J. Carroll, R.C. Carroll, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, P.R. Douart, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, S.D. Elford, R.V. Elliston, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, Mrs B.A. George, T.W. Graham, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, G.P. Johnson, J.M. Johnson, B. Kentfield, M.J. Kenward, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, P.N. Osborne, J. Potts, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint, G.F. Stevens and M.R. Watson.

Advisory officers present: Executive Director of Business Operations, Executive Director of Resources, Service Manager – Finance and Welfare and Service Manager – Corporate and Human Resources.

Also present: 3 members of the public.

COUNCILLOR P.N. OSBORNE IN THE CHAIR

C17/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs S. Hart and I.G.F. Jenkins.

C17/2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed Councillor J. Carroll to the meeting who had been absent from meetings during a long illness.

The Chairman of Council called for nominations for the Chairman of Council for the Council Year 2017/18.

On the Motion of Councillor Graham, duly seconded, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs M.L. Barnes be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Barnes read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for her election.

COUNCILLOR MRS BARNES IN THE CHAIR

C17/3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of Council called for nominations for the Vice-Chairman of Council for the Council Year 2017/18.

On the Motion of Councillor Maynard, duly seconded, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor J.M. Johnson be appointed as Vice-

Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor J.M. Johnson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for his appointment.

C17/4. MINUTES

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 February 2017 as a correct record of the proceedings.

C17/5. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman:

- 1) Thanked the Council for her election and expressed that she was looking forward to representing the Council and working with Rother residents in the forthcoming year.
- 2) Requested that Members return their declaration of related third party transactions for 2016/17.
- 3) Advised that Agenda Item 32 was withdrawn as Councillor J.J. Carroll was present at the meeting.
- 4) Announced that an updated Appendix 1 had been provided.
- 5) Announced that the Agenda Item 24 would be taken after Agenda item 26.

C17/6. VOTE OF THANKS

On the Motion of Councillor Lord Ampthill, duly seconded, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council record its gratitude to Councillor Osborne for his conscientious and impartial discharge of the duties of the Chairman during his term of office.

C17/7. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman confirmed that, in accordance with the current Executive Arrangements which came into force in 2011, Councillor Maynard had been appointed Leader of the Council until May 2019.

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillor Maynard's term of office as Leader of the Council would end in May 2019 in accordance with the current Executive Arrangements which came into force in 2011.

C17/8. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader of the Council confirmed that, in accordance with the Executive Arrangements, the Leader had appointed Councillor Kenward as the Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillor Kenward had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for 2017/18.

C17/9. **APPOINTMENT OF OTHER CABINET MEMBERS AND ALLOCATIONS OF PORTFOLIOS**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that, in accordance with the Executive Arrangements, the Cabinet had been appointed by the Leader and would comprise the Leader and nine other Members with the following portfolios:

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillors Lord Ampthill, A.E. Ganly, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, I.G.F. Jenkins, G.P. Johnson, M.J. Kenward and Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green had been appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council for the ensuing year with the following portfolios:

Councillors	Portfolios and Spokespersons
C.R. Maynard Leader	Strategic Overview and Regeneration
M.J. Kenward (Deputy Leader)	Business and Voluntary Sector Liaison, Bexhill Affairs
Lord Ampthill	Finance, Resources and Value for Money Member Training and Development Champion
A.E. Ganly	Community Grants, Rural Affairs, Parish and Town Council Liaison, Waste and Recycling
Mrs S. Hart	Public Realm, Culture and Tourism
I.R. Hollidge	Environment, Transport and Bexhill Town Centre
Mrs J.M. Hughes	Housing, Welfare and Equalities (Including Older People)
I.G.F. Jenkins	Young People, Sport and Leisure
G.P. Johnson	Strategic Planning, Gypsies and Travellers
Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green	Safer Communities and Communications

C17/10. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL SPOKESPERSONS**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillor Mrs B.A. George had been appointed the Council's spokesperson on health and wellbeing issues and Councillor B. Kentfield had been appointed the Council's spokesperson on education. It was further confirmed that Councillors A.E. Ganly and M.J. Kenward had been appointed as the Council's representatives on the Joint Waste Committee with Councillors Lord Ampthill and G.P. Johnson as substitutes.

RESOLVED: It be noted that:

- 1) Councillors Mrs B.A. George and B. Kentfield had been appointed as the Council's spokespersons on health and wellbeing issues and education respectively; and
- 2) Councillors A.E. Ganly and M.J. Kenward had been appointed as the Council's representatives on the Joint Waste Committee and Councillors Lord Ampthill and G.P. Johnson as substitutes.

C17/11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made by Councillors in the Minutes as indicated below:

Mrs Prochak Agenda Item 27 – Personal interest in so far as she is a member of the Steering Group for the Salehurst and Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan and her husband is Chairman of the Steering Group.

Browne Agenda Item 27 – Personal interest in so far as he is a Member of the Steering Group for the Salehurst and Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan.

C17/12. REPORT OF THE CABINET ON MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY COUNCIL

1. It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that the report of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 13 March, 3 April and 8 May 2017 as set out in the Agenda, be approved and adopted.
2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the reports, the following Minutes were reserved for discussion:

Cabinet: 13 March	CB16/85
Cabinet: 3 April	CB16/91

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council approved, adopted and received the following report, with the exception of the minutes reserved for discussion:

- Call-In and Urgency Procedures (CB16/97).

C17/13. RESERVED MATTERS

Cabinet – 13 March

CB16/85 – Fossil Collecting Code of Conduct

Cabinet – 3 April

CB16/91 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Restructure

RESOLVED: That Minutes CB16/85 and CB16/91 be approved and adopted as submitted.

C17/14. CONSTITUTION OF REGULATORY AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED (nem con): That

- 1) the following Regulatory and Overview and Scrutiny Committees of the Council be constituted and approved for the ensuing year;
- 2) the Membership of each as set out below be approved for the ensuing year; and
- 3) the terms of reference for the Regulatory and Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the scheme of delegations, as set out in Articles 6, 8 and 9, as amended, and Part 3 – Responsibility of Functions of the Constitution be approved.

Audit and Standards Committee

Councillors A.K. Azad, J. Barnes, R.K. Bird, R.C. Carroll, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, T.W. Graham and M. Mooney.

Planning Committee

Councillors A.K. Azad, G.C. Curtis, P.R. Douart, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, A.E. Ganly, Mrs B.A. George, T.W. Graham, Mrs J.M. Hughes, J.M. Johnson, B. Kentfield, Mrs S.M. Prochak, G.F. Stevens and M.R. Watson.

Licensing and General Purposes Committee

Councillors Lord Ampthill, A.K. Azad, R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, P.R. Douart, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, S.D. Elford, K.M. Field, Mrs S. Hart, Mrs J.M. Hughes, I.G.F. Jenkins and C.J. Saint.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors J. Barnes, G.S. Browne, C.A. Clark, G.C. Curtis, S.H. Earl, S.D. Elford, R.V. Elliston, J. Potts, Mrs S.M. Prochak, C.J. Saint, G.F. Stevens and M.R. Watson.

C17/15. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET AS MATTERS OF URGENCY

It was moved by Councillor Maynard and seconded that the report of the Executive Director of Resources on the decision taken by Cabinet as a matter of urgency at its meeting held on 13 March 2017 in respect of the Salehurst and Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan (CB16/88) be received.

It was further noted that no urgent decisions had been taken by Cabinet at its meetings held on 3 April and 8 May 2017.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

C17/16. REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. It was moved by Councillor Mooney, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and seconded that the report of the Audit Committee held on 27 March 2017 be received.
2. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council approved and adopted Minute AU16/29, Outcome of Merger Proposals.

C17/17. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Consideration was given to the appointment of representatives to outside bodies contained within Appendix 1 and 2 to the report.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) Appointments to the following bodies be for a period of two years to coincide with the lifetime of the current Council and thereafter every four years from 2019:
 - a) Bexhill Museum
 - b) Hastings Advice and Representation Centre
 - c) Hastings and Rother Mediation Service
 - d) Rother District Citizens Advice Bureau
 - e) Rother Voluntary Action
- 2) one of the appointments to the De La Warr Pavilion be reserved for the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism;
- 3) the appointment to the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty/Joint Advisory Committee be reserved for the Chairman of the Planning Committee;
- 4) the appointment to Action in Rural Sussex be reserved for the Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs;
- 5) the appointment to the Rother Local Strategic Partnership be reserved for the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council;
- 6) all other minor amendments/ changes to names of organisation be noted; and
- 7) the following appointments be made to the outside bodies for a term of one year except where stated otherwise, and attendance be designated as an approved duty;

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED IN 2017/18 Appointments made for one year unless otherwise stated
1066 Country Member Liaison Group (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism – Councillor Mrs S Hart
A21 Reference Group (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillors Hollidge and Osborne
Action in Rural Sussex (SLA) (R)	Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs - Councillor Ganly (Substitute Councillor Mrs Hart)
AmicusHorizon Area Panel (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing – Councillor Mrs Hughes
De La Warr Pavilion Charitable Trust (one appointment R) and one further appointment	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism and Councillor Kentfield.
District Councils' Network (DCN) (R)	Leader of the Council - Councillor Maynard
East Sussex Strategic Partnership (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard (Substitute: Councillor Jenkins)
East Sussex Waste Portfolio Holders Group (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling – Councillor Ganly (Substitute: Councillor Kentfield)
Hastings and Rother Task Force (formerly Hastings and Bexhill Task Force) (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard
High Weald AONB Forum / Joint Advisory Committee (R)	Chairman of the Planning Committee - Councillor Kentfield
Local Government Association (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard
Rother Local Strategic Partnership (R)	Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council - Councillor Kenward
South East Employers (R)	Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committee – Councillor Saint (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes)
Team East Sussex (TES) (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED IN 2017/18 Appointments made for one year unless otherwise stated
Tourism South East (R)	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism - Councillor Mrs Hart (Substitute: Councillor Kenward)
Battle Explanatory Board (Formerly known as Battle Abbey Advisory Group)	Councillor Curtis
Battle Area Sports Centre Management Committee (4 years)	Councillors J. Johnson (expires June 2019), Curtis (expires June 2019) and Ganly (expires June 2020) (Substitutes: Elliston and Jenkins expires June 2019)
Bexhill Chamber of Commerce and Tourism	Councillor Elford
Bexhill Museum Limited (formerly Society of Bexhill Museums) (SLA) (4 years)	Councillor Mrs Hughes (Substitute: Councillor A.K. Azad) (expires May 2019, thereafter every 4 years)
Bexhill Town Forum Executive Committee	Councillor Mrs Hughes (Substitute: Councillor Hollidge)
Bexhill Trust (5 years) (The membership of the Trust will continue for the periods indicated.)	Councillors A K Azad (May 2021), J.J. Carroll (May 2021), Mrs Hughes (June 2019), Kentfield (June 2019), Kenward (May 2022) & Mayor (R) and Deputy Mayor (R) (ex-officio), Mrs J. Potts (expires May 2021) and M.R. Watson (expires May 2021)
Bexhill Youth Council Adult Support Group (SLA)	Councillor Hollidge
Combe Valley Community Interest Company	Councillor Kenward and Ms A.E Davies
Connecting Hastings and Rother Together, Local Action Group	Councillor Hollidge (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes)
Dungeness Power Station Site Stakeholders Group	Councillor Lord Ampthill (Substitute: Councillor Osborne)
East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd	Councillor Lord Ampthill
East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor J Barnes

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED IN 2017/18 Appointments made for one year unless otherwise stated
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)	Councillor Mrs George (Substitute: Councillor J Barnes)
Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC) (SLA) (4 Years)	Councillor Elliston (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes) (expires May 2019, thereafter every 4 years)
Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (3 year appointments)	Councillors Lord Amphill and Stevens (expires May 2018)
Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SeaSpace)	Councillor Lord Amphill
Hastings and Rother Mediation Service (SLA) (4 years)	Councillor Saint (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hart) (expires May 2019, thereafter every 4 years)
Hastings Furniture Service (SLA)	Councillor Watson
Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Councillor Jenkins
Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board	Councillor Hollidge
Police & Crime Commissioner Panel (4 years)	Councillor Mrs Kirby-Green (expires May 2019) (Substitute: Councillors Saint and Graham)
Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board	Councillors Bird, J. Johnson, Osborne and Mrs Prochak and Mr D. Lovejoy, Mr R.A. Nickerson and Mr R. H. Patten.
Romney Marsh Partnership	Councillor Mrs Hart
Rother District Citizens Advice Bureau (SLA) (4 years)	Councillor Graham (Substitute: Councillor Azad) (expires May 2019, thereafter every 4 years)
Rother Voluntary Action (SLA) (4 years)	Councillor Potts (Substitute: Councillor G. Johnson) (expires May 2019, thereafter every 4 years)
Rural Rother Trust	Chairman of Council – Councillor Mrs Barnes (R) , Vice-Chairman of Council – Councillor J Johnson (R) , and Councillors Browne, Elliston, Ganly and Mrs Prochak.

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED IN 2017/18 Appointments made for one year unless otherwise stated
Rye Chamber of Commerce	Councillor Stevens
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee (SLA)	Mr A.H. Lloyd and Councillor J.M. Johnson (Substitute: Councillor Browne)
Rye Partnership	Councillor Osborne
Rye Sports Centre Advisory Committee (4 years)	Councillors Lord Ampthill, Osborne and Stevens (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hart) (expires May 2019)
Safer Rother Partnership (4 years)	Councillor Mrs Kirby-Green (expires May 2019)
Safer Rother Partnership: Violent Crime Action Group	Councillors Mrs Hughes and Jenkins
WARR Partnership	Councillor Browne

C17/18. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT TASK GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Lord Ampthill and seconded that the Annual report of the Member Development Task Group as set out within the Agenda be received.

The Member Development Champion outlined the report and Members noted the Council's continued commitment and maintenance of the Member training program and re-commitment to the South East Charter for Member Development. Training continued to be of a high quality and Members were urged to commit to and attend organised training events.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

C17/19. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Saint and seconded that the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out within the Agenda be received. In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 6.3 (d) of the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was required to report annually to Council on its workings, make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods as appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

