

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Town Hall, Bexhill  
on Monday 21 May 2018 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, G.C. Curtis, P.R. Douart, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, S.D. Elford, R.V. Elliston, A.E. Ganly, T.W. Graham, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs B.A. Hollingsworth, Mrs J.M. Hughes, I.G.F. Jenkins, G.P. Johnson, J.M. Johnson, B. Kentfield, M.J. Kenward, 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.

Mrs W.M. Miers, Parish and Town Council co-optee on the Audit and Standards Committee.

Advisory officers present: Executive Director (AL), Executive Director (MJ), Assistant Director Resources, Democratic Services Manager, Executive Assistant (in part) and Democratic Services Officer.

Also present: 5 members of the public.

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**COUNCILLOR MRS. M.L. BARNES IN THE CHAIR**

**C18/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C.A. Clark, K.M. Field and Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green.

**C18/2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of Council called for nominations for the Chairman of Council for the Council Year 2018/19.

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

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor J.M. Johnson be elected as 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 election.

**COUNCILLOR J.M. JOHNSON IN THE CHAIR**

**C18/3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of Council called for nominations for the Vice-Chairman of Council for the Council Year 2018/19.

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

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor S.D. Elford be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor S.D. Elford read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for his appointment.

**C18/4. MINUTES**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 February and 23 April 2018 as correct records of the proceedings.

**C18/5. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman:

- 1) it was with regret that the Chairman announced the sad passing of John Izzard, a well-known figure in Bexhill-on-Sea and of course Sidley. The Chairman would send this Council's condolences to his friends and family;
- 2) thanked Councillor Maynard for proposing him and Councillor Osborne for seconding him and he hoped that he could fulfil the faith the Council had put in him;
- 3) thanked the retiring Chairman Mary Barnes for making his year as Vice-Chairman such a pleasant one. He had been to several events, mainly musical, as her substitute and one or two they had attended together. These had been most relaxed and enjoyable – Councillor Mrs Barnes would be a hard act to follow and had set the bar really high;
- 4) thanked the Council for his election and vote of confidence in him. He was very much looking forward to being Chairman for the next year and he was sure he would be ably assisted by his wife, Councillor Gillian Johnson;
- 5) announced that the Reverend Martin Harper would be his Chaplain for the year. Father Martin was the Rector of St. Georges Church, Brede and St. Mary's Church, Udimore and was delighted to accept. He was sorry that he had been unable to attend this evening as he was at a family funeral in Spain but looked forward to being at the Council's next meeting in July. Details of the Chairman's Civic Service would follow shortly; and
- 6) advised Members that there was an updated Agenda Item 26, Report of the Cabinet, in their wallets.

**C18/6. VOTE OF THANKS**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Council record its gratitude to Councillor Mrs Barnes for her conscientious and impartial discharge of the duties of the Chairman during her term of office.

**C18/7. 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.

**C18/8. 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 2018/19.

**C18/9. 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, J.J. Carroll, A.E. Ganly, Mrs S. Hart, I.R. Hollidge, Mrs J.M. Hughes, 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:

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Portfolios and Spokespersons</b>
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
J.J. Carroll	Young People, Sport and Leisure
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)

G.P. Johnson                      Strategic Planning, Gypsies and Travellers

Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green      Safer Communities and Communications

**C18/10. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL SPOKESPERSONS**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillor Mrs M.L. Barnes had been appointed as the Council's spokesperson on health and wellbeing issues, Councillor B. Kentfield had been appointed as the Council's spokesperson on education and Councillor Jenkins had been appointed as the Council's spokesperson on strategic infrastructure projects. 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 and Joint Waste and Recycling Committee with Councillors Lord Ampthill and G.P. Johnson as substitutes.

**RESOLVED:** It be noted that:

- 1) Councillors Mrs M.L. Barnes, B. Kentfield and I.G.F. Jenkins had been appointed as the Council's spokespersons on health and wellbeing issues, education and strategic infrastructure projects 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 Joint Waste and Recycling Committee with Councillors Lord Ampthill and G.P. Johnson as substitutes.

**C18/11. 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 J. Barnes, R.K. Bird, R.C. Carroll, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl, S.D. Elford and I.G.F. Jenkins.

**Planning Committee**

Councillors A.K. Azad, Mrs M.L. Barnes, G.C. Curtis, P.R. Douart, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, R.V. Elliston, A.E. Ganly, T.W. Graham, Mrs B.A.

Hollingsworth, Mrs J.M. Hughes, 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, S.H. Earl, S.D. Elford, R.V. Elliston, M. Mooney, P.N. Osborne, J. Potts, Mrs S.M. Prochak, G.F. Stevens and M.R. Watson.

**C18/12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Carroll, J.J.	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Landlord.
Earl	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Landlord.
Elford	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/86 - Personal Interest as Vice-President of the Bexhill Chamber of Commerce. CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Landlord.
Ganly	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Landlord.
Johnson, G.P.	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as she is a Landlord.
Johnson, J.J.	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Landlord.
Osborne	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as he is a Landlord.
Mrs Prochak	Agenda Item 26 - CB17/87 - Personal interest in so far as she is a Landlord.

**C18/13. 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 9 April and 14 May 2018 as set out in the Agenda, be approved and adopted.
2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the reports no Minutes were reserved for discussion.

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council approved and adopted the following reports:

CB17/86 - Civil Parking Enforcement;  
CB17/87 - Civil Penalties and Rent Repayment Order;  
CB17/89 - Member Training and Development Strategy;  
CB17/94 - Review of Local Pay Award;  
CB17/95 - Coastal Environments Corporate Project – East Parade;  
CB17/96 - Call-in and Urgency Procedures;  
CB17/97 - Property Investment and Other Investments; and  
CB17/98 - Wholly owned local authority companies.

**C18/14. 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 it be noted that no urgent decisions had been taken by Cabinet at its meetings held on 12 March, 9 April and 14 May 2018.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**C18/15. REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

1. It was moved by Councillor Mooney and seconded that the report of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 26 March 2018 be received.
2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the reports no Minutes were reserved for discussion.
3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Council received the report of the Audit and Standards Committee.

**C18/16. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) it be noted that appointments are no longer required for the Rye Chamber of Commerce, the Bexhill Youth Council Adult Support Group, East Sussex County Council's Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (in 2020) and the East Sussex Waste Portfolio Holders' Group and that these organisations be removed from the list;
- 2) Members be reminded of the need to report annually via the Members' Bulletin on the outside bodies to which they are appointed;
- 3) all other minor amendments / changes to names of organisations be noted;

- 4) appointments be made to the following outside bodies for a term of one year except where stated otherwise, and attendance be designated as an approved duty:

<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>APPOINTED MEMBER</b>
Battle Abbey Explanatory Board (formerly the Battle Abbey Advisory Group).	Councillor Curtis
Bexhill Town Forum Executive Committee	Councillor Mrs Hughes (Substitute: Councillor Hollidge)
Combe Valley Community Interest Company	Councillors Elford and Kenward
Connecting Hastings and Rother Together, Local Action Group	Councillor Hollidge Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes
De La Warr Pavilion Charitable Trust	Councillor Kentfield
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
Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (3 year appointments)	Councillors Lord Ampthill and Stevens
Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SeaSpace)	Councillor Lord Ampthill
Hastings Furniture Service (SLA)	Councillor Watson
Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Councillor Jenkins
Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board (formerly - Pevensey Levels Internal Drainage Board (Shadow Board))	Mr R.H. Patten
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)	Councillor Elford (Substitute Member)

<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>APPOINTED MEMBER</b>
Rural Rother Trust	Chairman of Council – Councillor J.M. Johnson <b>(R)</b> , Vice-Chairman of Council – Councillor Elford <b>(R)</b> , and Councillors Browne, Elliston, Ganly and Mrs Prochak
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee <b>(SLA)</b>	Mr A.H. Lloyd and Councillor J.M. Johnson (Substitute: Councillor Browne)
Rye Partnership	Councillor Osborne
Safer Rother Partnership: Violent Crime Action Group	Councillors Mrs Hughes and Jenkins
WARR Partnership	Councillor Browne

- 5) the following reserved appointments be confirmed and it be agreed that an additional Member be appointed to the A21 Reference Group, as indicated:

<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S) APPOINTED IN 2017/18</b>
Action in Rural Sussex <b>(SLA)</b>	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs – Councillor Ganly (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hart)
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, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Jenkins
De La Warr Pavilion	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism – Councillor Hart
District Councils' Network (DCN)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard
East Sussex Strategic Partnership (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard (Substitute: Councillor Jenkins)
Hastings and Rother Task Force (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard



High Weald AONB Forum / Joint Advisory Committee	Chairman of the Planning Committee - Councillor Kentfield
Local Government Association (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard
Rother Local Strategic Partnership	Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor Kenward
South East Employers (R)	Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committee – Councillor Saint (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes – Vice-Chairman)
The Sussex Local General Panel (formerly known as the AmicusHorizon Area Panel) (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing – Councillor Mrs Hughes
Team East Sussex (TES) (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard
Tourism South East (R)	Councillor Mrs Hart (Substitute: Councillor Kenward)

#### **C18/17. 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 highlighted the Council's recent success in maintaining the South East Charter for Member Development which was awarded for the fourth time in March this year.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be received.

#### **C18/19. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

It was moved by Councillor Osborne 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. The Chairman paid tribute to the work of the Committee and supporting officers and in particular the Task and Finish Groups which were working very well; Members echoed the sentiments.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be received.

#### **CHAIRMAN**

The Council rose at 7:23pm

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