

COUNCIL

22 May 2019

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 6.30 pm

Committee Members present: Councillors J. Barnes (MBE), Mrs M.L. Barnes, Mrs C.A. Bayliss, R.K. Bird, J.H.F. Brewerton, G.S. Browne, T.J.C. Byrne, J.J. Carroll, C.A. Clark, S.J. Coleman, P.C. Courtel, G.C. Curtis, K.D. Dixon, B.J. Drayson, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, S.J. Errington, K.M. Field, A.E. Ganly, P.J. Gray, K.M. Harmer, Mrs S. Hart, A.K. Jeeawon, J.M. Johnson (Chairman), Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, L.M. Langlands, C.A. Madeley, C.R. Maynard, A.S. Mier, M. Mooney, D.B. Oliver, P.N. Osborne, S.M. Prochak, G.F. Stevens, R.B. Thomas, H.L. Timpe and J. Vine-Hall.

Advisory Officers in attendance: Executive Director (TL), Executive Director (MJ), Assistant Director Resources (RV), Executive Assistant (in-part), Marketing & Communications Account Manager and Democratic Services Manager.

Also Present: 56 members of the public and 1 member of the local press.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSON IN THE CHAIR

C19/1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs V. Cook and H. Norton.

C19/2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council called for nominations for the Chairman of Council for the Council Year 2019/20.

On the Motion of Councillor Mrs Earl-Williams, duly seconded, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Terry Byrne be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuring year.

Councillor Terry Byrne read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for his election.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE IN THE CHAIR

C19/3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council called for nominations for the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Council Year 2019/20.

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Drayson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Drayson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for his appointment.

C19/4. **MINUTES**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Council meetings held on 25 February and 4 March 2019 as correct records of the proceedings.

C19/5. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman:

- 1) thanked the officers for organising the Member Training Programme for new and existing Councillors which was most valuable and informative; the Chairman had particularly enjoyed the Head of Service Acquisitions, Transformation and Regeneration's session earlier this week. The Chairman urged all Councillors, new and returned to attend training sessions as all Councillors needed to be aware of the issues facing the Council in the coming year; and
- 2) announced that he would be appointing a Chaplain and organising a civic service in due course and would be approaching Churches within his Ward in this regard.

C19/6. **VOTE OF THANKS**

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

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

C19/7. **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman of the Council called for nominations for the Leader of the Council which would be for a term of office of four years.

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor D.B. Oliver be appointed Leader of the Council for the four year term of the Council, expiring on the day of the Annual Council meeting following the next ordinary elections in May 2023.

C19/8. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that, in accordance with the new Executive Arrangements, the Leader had appointed Councillor S.M. Prochak as the Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillor S.M. Prochak had been appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for 2019/20.

C19/9. **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 the following seven other Members with the following portfolios:

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillors Mrs C.A. Bayliss, J. Brewerton, C.A. Clark, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, K.M. Field, D.B. Oliver, S.M. Prochak and J. Vine-Hall had been appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council for the ensuing year with the following portfolios:

COUNCILLORS	PORTFOLIOS
D.B. Oliver (Leader)	Strategic Overview, Finance, Resources and Value for Money
Mrs C.A. Bayliss	Regeneration and Bexhill Affairs (Business and Voluntary Sector Liaison)
J. Brewerton	Safer Communities and Communications, Young People, Sport and Leisure and Member Training and Development Champion
C.A. Clark	Housing, Welfare and Equalities
Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams	Culture and Tourism
K.M. Field	Environment, Public Realm and Transport
S.M. Prochak (Deputy Leader)	Waste and Recycling, Rural Affairs, Parish and Town Council Liaison
J. Vine-Hall	Strategic Planning, Gypsies and Travellers

C19/10. **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillors Field and Prochak had been appointed as the Council's representatives on the Joint Waste Committee and Joint Waste and Recycling Committee with Councillors Clark and Mrs Earl-Williams as substitutes.

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillors K.M. Field and S.M. Prochak had been appointed as the Council's representatives on the Joint Waste Committee and Joint Waste and Recycling Committee and Councillors C.A. Clark and Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams as substitutes.

C19/11. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PROPERTY INVESTMENT PANEL**

The Leader of the Council confirmed that Councillors Mrs Bayliss, Curtis, Dixon, Oliver and Vine-Hall had been appointed as Members of the Property Investment Panel.

RESOLVED: It be noted that Councillors Mrs C.A. Bayliss, G.C. Curtis, K.P. Dixon, D.B. Oliver and J. Vine-Hall had been appointed as Members of the Property Investment Panel.

C19/12. **CONSTITUTION OF REGULATORY AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED: 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, Mrs M.L. Barnes, K.P. Dixon, A.K. Jeeawon, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, L. Langlands, H. Norton and H. Timpe.

Licensing and General Purposes Committee

Councillors R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, S. Coleman, G.C. Curtis, B. Drayson, K.M. Field, K.M. Harmer, Mrs S. Hart, A.K. Jeeawon, A. Mier, R. Thomas and H. Timpe.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors J. Barnes, J.J. Carroll, Mrs V. Cook, P.C. Courtel, B.J. Drayson, S. Errington, P. Gray, A.K. Jeeawon, L. Langlands, C.R. Maynard, M. Mooney and P.N. Osborne.

Planning Committee

Councillors Mrs M.L. Barnes, P.C. Courtel, G.C. Curtis, Mrs D.C. Earl-Williams, S. Errington, A.E. Ganly, K.M. Harmer, J.M. Johnson, L. Langlands, A. Mier, Mrs S.M. Prochak, G.F. Stevens, R. Thomas and J. Vine-Hall.

C19/13. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AS RETURNING OFFICER**

It was moved by Councillor Oliver and seconded that the report of the Executive Director, as Returning Officer, on the results of the District and Parish Ordinary Elections held on 2 May 2019 be received.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

C19/14. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

C19/15. **REPORT OF THE CABINET ON MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY COUNCIL**

1. It was moved by Councillor Oliver and seconded that the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 March 2019 (the meeting scheduled for 8 April 2019 was cancelled), as set out in the Agenda, be approved and adopted.

2. The Chairman of the Council having called over the report, the following Minute was reserved for discussion:

Cabinet 11 March 2019 CB18/76

3. On the Motion of the Chairman of the Council, duly seconded, the Chairman proceeded to deal with the reserved minute.

RESERVED MATTER

Cabinet – 11 March 2019

CAMBER WESTERN CAR PARK GROUND REINFORCEMENT (CB18/76)

It was moved by Councillor Vine-Hall, and seconded that the decision on this matter be deferred until such times as Cabinet could re-consider in detail the financial implications of the proposal.

The Motion, on being put, was declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED: That CB18/76 be deferred.

C19/16. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ON DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET AS MATTERS OF URGENCY**

It was moved by Councillor Oliver and seconded that it be noted that no urgent decisions had been taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) it be noted that an appointment is no longer required to the Safer Rother Partnership's Violent Crime Action Group;
- 2) Members be reminded of the need to report annually via the Members' Bulletin on the outside bodies to which they are appointed;
- 3) 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:

OUTSIDE BODY	APPOINTMENT
Battle Abbey Explanatory Board (formerly the Battle Abbey Advisory Group).	Mrs Cook
Battle Area Sports Centre Management Committee (4 years)	Mrs Cook / Dixon Substitutes Prochak / Curtis
Bexhill Chamber of Commerce and Tourism	Timpe
Bexhill Museum Limited (formerly Society of Bexhill Museums) (SLA)	Thomas Substitute Langlands
Bexhill Town Forum Executive Committee	Langlands Substitute Drayson
Bexhill Trust (5 years) (The membership of the Trust will continue for the periods indicated.) (Trustees remain as trustees for the duration of their term of appointment even if no longer an elected Member).	Errington / Drayson
Combe Valley Community Interest Company	Brewerton / Byrne
Connecting Hastings and Rother Together, Local Action Group	Mrs Bayliss Substitute Coleman
Dungeness Power Station Site Stakeholders Group	Mr Hoggart Substitute Osborne
East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd	Vine-Hall
East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board	J. Barnes
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Mrs M.L. Barnes Substitute Osborne
Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC) (SLA)	Coleman Substitute Mier
Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (3 year appointments)	Norton / Stevens

OUTSIDE BODY	APPOINTMENT
Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SeaSpace)	Vine-Hall
Hastings and Rother Mediation Service (SLA)	Thomas Substitute Vine-Hall
Hastings Furniture Service (SLA)	Courtel
Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Mrs Hart
Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board (formerly - Pevensey Levels Internal Drainage Board (Shadow Board))	Mr Patten
Police & Crime Commissioner Panel (4 years)	Brewerton Substitutes Jeeawon / Drayson
Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board	Mier, Mrs Prochak, Mr Hoggart, Osborne, Mr Lovejoy, Mr Nickerson and Mr Patten
Romney Marsh Partnership	Hart
Rother District Citizens Advice Bureau (SLA)	Courtel Substitute Timpe
Rother Voluntary Action (SLA)	Brewerton Substitute Errington
Rural Rother Trust	Byrne, Drayson, Browne, Mier, Prochak and Ganly
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee (SLA)	Norton / Mr Lloyd Substitute Mr Hoggart
Rye Partnership	Mr Hoggart
Rye Sports Centre Advisory Committee (4 years)	Osborne, Stevens, Mrs Hart Substitute Norton
Safer Rother Partnership (4 years)	Brewerton
WARR Partnership	Dixon

4) the following reserved appointments be confirmed, as indicated:

OUTSIDE BODY	APPOINTMENT
Action in Rural Sussex (SLA) (R)	Field Substitute Prochak
1066 Country Member Liaison Group (R)	Earl-Williams
A21 Reference Group (R)	Field / Osborne
De La Warr Pavilion (R)	Earl-Williams / Prochak
District Councils' Network (DCN) (R)	Oliver
East Sussex Strategic Partnership (R)	Oliver Substitute Prochak
Hastings and Rother Task Force (R)	Oliver

OUTSIDE BODY	APPOINTMENT
High Weald AONB Forum / Joint Advisory Committee (R)	Vine-Hall
Local Government Association (R)	Oliver
Rother Local Strategic Partnership (R)	Prochak
South East Employers (R)	Jeeawon Substitute Mrs Hart
The Sussex Local General Panel (formerly known as the AmicusHorizon Area Panel) (R)	Clark
Team East Sussex (TES) (R)	Oliver
Tourism South East (R)	Earl-Williams Substitute Dixon

C19/18. **REPORT OF THE LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

1. It was moved by Councillor Oliver, and seconded that the report of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 15 April 2019, 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 received the following report:

Surveillance Activity Annual Update (LG18/12)

C19/19. **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT TASK GROUP ANNUAL REPORT**

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

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

C19/20. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

C19/21. **NOTICE OF MOTION - TOWN COUNCIL FOR BEXHILL**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 consideration was given to the following Motion for Council; it was moved by Councillor Oliver and seconded that:

Council Motion – “In the light of the outcome of the Local Election results and the overwhelming support for candidates that support a Town Council for Bexhill-on-Sea this Council requests officers to report as to the required procedure to achieve this as early as possible but by 2021.”

It was moved by Councillor Mier, and seconded that the Motion, be amended as follows:

“In the light of the outcome of the Local Election results and the overwhelming support for candidates that support a Town Council for Bexhill-on-Sea this Council requests officers to report as to the required procedure with a view to the establishment of a Town Council for Bexhill by 2021.”

At the request of Councillor Prochak, supported by three other Members and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5(a) a vote by roll call for the Amendment was taken.

FOR the Amendment (24): Bayliss, Brewerton, Byrne, Clark, Coleman, Courtel, Dixon, Drayson, Earl-Williams, Errington, Field, Gray, Harmer, Jeeawon, Langlands, Madeley, Mier, Oliver, Osborne, Prochak, Stevens, Thomas, Timpe and Vine-Hall.

AGAINST the Amendment (0).

ABSTAIN the Amendment (12): J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, Bird, Browne, Carroll, Curtis, Ganly, Mrs Hart, Johnson, Mrs Kirby-Green, Maynard and Mooney.

The Amendment on being put, was declared **CARRIED**.

At the request of Councillor Prochak, supported by three other Members and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5(a) a vote by roll call for the substantive Motion was taken.

FOR the Motion (24): Bayliss, Brewerton, Byrne, Clark, Coleman, Courtel, Dixon, Drayson, Earl-Williams, Errington, Field, Gray, Harmer, Jeeawon, Langlands, Madeley, Mier, Oliver, Osborne, Prochak, Stevens, Thomas, Timpe and Vine-Hall.

AGAINST the Motion (0).

ABSTAIN the Motion (12): J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, Bird, Browne, Carroll, Curtis, Ganly, Mrs Hart, Johnson, Mrs Kirby-Green, Maynard and Mooney.

RESOLVED: That the Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED.**

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 7:38pm.