

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE MOTE HALL, MAIDSTONE LEISURE CENTRE, MOTE PARK, MAIDSTONE ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor Mrs Gooch (Mayor), and
Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, Bryant,
Burton, Cannon, Clark, Coates, Cooke, Cooper, Cox,
Cuming, Daley, English, Eves, Fissenden, Forecast,
Fort, Garten, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harwood, Hastie,
Hinder, Holmes, Mrs Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, McKay,
McKenna, Mortimer, Munford, Naghi, Parfitt-Reid,
Perry, Purle, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, D Rose, Round,
Russell, J Sams, T Sams, Spooner, Springett, R Webb,
S Webb, Wilby and Young

46. PRAYERS

Prayers were said by the Reverend Fiona Haskett of Headcorn and The Suttons, a Benefice serving the people of Headcorn, Chart Sutton, East Sutton and Sutton Valence.

47. RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Councillor McKay reserved his right to record the proceedings.

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Newton, M Rose, Trzebinski and de Wiggondene-Sheppard.

49. DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications for dispensations.

50. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

51. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

52. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

53. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

54. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

55. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

There were no questions from Members to the Chairmen of Committees.

56. REPORT OF THE DEMOCRACY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2021 - WHOLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS - DECISION STAGE

It was moved by Councillor Purle, seconded by Councillor Burton, that the recommendation of the Democracy and General Purposes Committee relating to whole Council elections be approved.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 23.4, five Members of the Council requested that a named vote be taken on the motion. The voting was as follows:

FOR (29)

Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, Bryant, Burton, Cannon, Cooke, Cooper, Cuming, Eves, Forecast, Fort, Garten, Mrs Gooch, Hinder, Holmes, McKenna, Munford, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Purle, Mrs Ring, D Rose, Round, Russell, Spooner, Springett, S Webb and Young

AGAINST (21)

Councillors Clark, Coates, Cox, Daley, English, Fissenden, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harwood, Hastie, Mrs Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, McKay, Mortimer, Naghi, Mrs Robertson, J Sams, T Sams, R Webb and Wilby

ABSTENTIONS (0)

MOTION LOST

In order to adopt a scheme of whole Council elections, the legislation requires that the Council do so with a two thirds majority of those voting. The motion was lost because it did not achieve the necessary two thirds majority of those voting. The Democracy and General Purposes Committee previously agreed that, in the event of this happening, a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on further options such as a referendum.

Note: Councillors Forecast and McKenna joined the meeting during consideration of this item (6.40 p.m. and 6.49 p.m. respectively).

57. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.08 p.m.