

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 MAY 2011

Present: **Councillor Mrs Hinder (Chair), and
Councillors Black, Mrs Joy and Mrs Stockell**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chittenden and Vizzard.

2. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

RESOLVED: That the following substitution be noted:-

Councillor Mrs Joy for Councillor Chittenden

3. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Hinder be elected Chairman for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Chittenden be elected Vice Chairman for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

6. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

7. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

8. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

10. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP SPOKESPERSONS

RESOLVED: That the Political Group spokespersons be appointed as follows:-

Conservative – Councillor Mrs Hinder
Liberal Democrat – Councillor Chittenden

11. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Group considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding nominations to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED:

- i) That the following nominations to Outside Bodies be agreed:-
 - a) Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Councillors Nelson-Gracie and Paine for a term of 1 year from 1 September 2011.
 - b) Kent County Playing Fields – Councillor FitzGerald for a term of 2 years from 1 October 2011.
 - c) Local Government Association Rural Commission – Councillor Mrs Blackmore (Voting Member) and Councillor Parvin (Non-Voting Member) for a term of 1 year from 31 March 2011.
 - d) Local Government Association Urban Commission – Councillor Burton (Voting Member) and Councillor Mrs Springett (Non-Voting Member) for a term of 1 year from 31 May 2011.
 - e) Rochester Bridge Trust – Mr P Oldham for a term of 3 years from 1 June 2011.
 - f) Town Centre Management Advisory Group – Councillors FitzGerald, Greer and Mrs Wilson for a term of 1 year from 31 May 2011.
 - g) Vinters Valley Park Trust – Councillor Parvin for a term of 2 years from 7 September 2011.
 - h) Voluntary Action Maidstone – Councillors Ash and Vizzard for a term of 2 years from 7 September 2011.

- ii) That nominations continue to be sought for the following vacancies:-
 - a) Maidstone/Beauvais Twinning Association – 1 x Committee Member
 - b) Relate West and Mid Kent – 1 x Committee Member
 - c) South East Employers – 1 x Substitute Member
 - d) Tourism South East – 1 x Substitute Member

12. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 6.43 p.m.