

# **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2013**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs Hinder (Chairman), and  
Councillors Black, Chittenden, McKay, D Mortimer and  
Mrs Stockell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

4. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Hinder be elected Chairman for the  
Municipal Year 2013/14.

6. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Chittenden be elected Vice Chairman for the  
Municipal Year 2013/14.

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 25 March 2013 be  
approved as a correct record and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

At the last meeting, the Group resolved that Councillor J A Wilson and  
Councillor Yates only be appointed to Kent County Playing Fields

Association and the Maidstone/Beauvais Twinning Association respectively on re-submission of nomination forms of an appropriate standard to be approved by the Committee Members.

Members were informed that despite both Councillors being requested to re-submit nomination forms by both Officers and the Chairman of the Group, these had not been forthcoming.

The Group considered that there was a need for nomination forms to be completed to an appropriate standard so that the Council could be seen as selecting the appropriate person for the role, whether re-applying for a position or not.

RESOLVED:

1. That, as no nomination forms of an appropriate standard had been submitted, further nominations be sought for the vacancies on Kent County Playing Fields Association and the Maidstone/Beauvais Twinning Association.
2. That a letter from the Chairman and an example of a completed nomination form of an appropriate standard be circulated to all Members when seeking further nominations.

11. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP SPOKESPERSONS

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

Conservative – Councillor Mrs Hinder  
Liberal Democrat – Councillor Chittenden

12. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Group considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding nominations received for the vacancies on Outside Bodies.

A Member informed the Group that, following the concerns raised by the current representatives on Tourism South East, he had called Tourism South East and found out that they no longer meet and only hold a conference once a year. He had also spoken to the Visitor Economy Business Unit Leader who had informed him that the Council were currently considering whether or not to re-apply for Membership this year.

RESOLVED:

1. That the nomination of representatives to Tourism South East be deferred until the next meeting to allow Officers to find out further information as to whether the Council should continue to nominate representatives.
2. That Councillors Parvin (Non-Elected, Voting Member) and Mrs Parvin (Non-Elected, Non-Voting Member) be appointed as the Council's

nominated representatives to the Local Government Association Rural Commission for a term of 1 year with effect from 1 June 2013.

3. That Councillor Mrs Joy be appointed as the Council's representative to the Maidstone Street Pastors Management Committee for a term of 3 years with effect from 15 May 2013.
4. That Councillor D Mortimer be appointed as the Council's representative to the Maidstone YMCA for a term of 1 year with effect from 21 May 2013 and that further nominations be sought for the remaining vacancy.
5. That Councillor Pickett be appointed as the Council's representative to the Maidstone Area Arts Partnership Committee for a term of 1 year with effect from 21 May 2013 and that further nominations be sought for the remaining vacancies.
6. That Councillor Black be appointed as the Council's representative as a Substitute Member on South East Employers for a term of 1 year with effect from 23 July 2013.
7. That Councillors Ash and Mrs Parvin be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Mid Kent Downs Steering Group for a term of 1 year with effect from 21 May 2013.
8. That Councillor Mrs Parvin be appointed as the Council's representative on the Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee for a term of 1 year with effect from 21 May 2013.

13. DURATION OF MEETING

10.00 a.m. to 10.28 a.m.