

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2014

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

Also Present: Councillor Mrs Parvin

33. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Chittenden.

34. **NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

It was noted that Councillor Mrs Joy was substituting for Councillor Chittenden.

35. **NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS**

Councillor Mrs Parvin was in attendance, but indicated that she did not wish to speak on any items on the agenda and that she would leave the room when the report of the Head of Policy and Communications relating to appointments to outside bodies was discussed as she had put her name forward to fill one of the vacancies.

36. **DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor D Mortimer stated that at a previous meeting of the Group when an appointment to the Cutbush and Corral Charity was discussed, he had disclosed a pecuniary interest and left the meeting. He had reconsidered his position and now intended to remain in the meeting and participate in the discussion and voting when another appointment to the Charity was considered.

Debbie Snook, Democratic Services Officer, stated that she was the Clerk to the Trustees of the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities, but she had no interest in the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy which had arisen in the Office of Trustee of the Charities.

37. **DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING**

The Group was asked whether it wished to see a letter sent to the Chief Executive by the Chairman of the Trustees of the Cutbush and Corral Charity in support of the reappointment of Councillor Mrs Parvin as a Trustee of the Charity. The Group indicated that it wished to see the letter.

All Members stated that they had been lobbied.

38. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

39. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

40. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Parvin left the meeting when this item was discussed.

The Group considered the report of the Head of Policy and Communications regarding appointments to outside bodies.

RESOLVED:

- a) That Councillor Cuming be appointed to the vacancy on Maidstone Sea Cadets Management Committee from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2018.
- b) That Councillor Mrs Parvin be appointed to the vacancy on the Cutbush and Corrall Charity with effect from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2018.
- c) That Councillor Daley be appointed to the vacancy on the Maidstone Area Arts Partnership with effect from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2015.
- d) That Councillor Daley be appointed to the vacancy on the Maidstone Relief in Need Charities with effect from 9 April 2014 until 8 April 2018.
- e) That the change in the governance arrangements relating to Voluntary Action Maidstone be noted, and that this organisation be taken off the list of outside organisations to which the Council makes appointments.

41. DURATION OF MEETING

10.00 a.m. to 10.10 a.m.