

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE ON 18 MAY 2019

Present: Councillor Naghi (The Mayor) and Councillors Adkinson, Bartlett, Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, D Burton, M Burton, Chappell-Tay, Clark, Cox, Cuming, Daley, English, Eves, Fissenden, Fort, Garland, Garten, Mrs Gooch, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harvey, Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Mrs Hinder, Mrs Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, Lewins, McKay, McLoughlin, Mortimer, Munford, Newton, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Powell, Purle, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, D Rose, M Rose, Round, J Sams, T Sams, Spooner, Springett, Vizzard, Webb, de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Wilby and Young

1. PRAYERS

Prayers were said by the Reverend Ian Parrish.

2. RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

It was noted that the Kent Messenger Newspaper would be taking photographs during the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

4. DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications for dispensations.

5. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

6. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

7. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, seconded by Councillor Mrs Joy, supported by Councillors Mrs Gooch, Harper and Powell, and

RESOLVED: That Marion Ann Ring, a Councillor of the Borough, be duly elected Mayor of the Borough of Maidstone until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

****THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR MRS RING) IN THE CHAIR****

Note: Councillor Wilby entered the meeting during the speeches on this item.

8. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor received congratulations on her election from scholars representing schools as follows:

Jonah Diomede	Maidstone Grammar School
Bethany Sinclair	Maidstone Grammar School for Girls
Layla-Mae Hamlett	Oaks Primary Academy

9. THE RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor English, seconded by Councillor Newton, supported by Councillors Mrs Gooch, Round and Adkinson, and

RESOLVED: That the hearty thanks of this Council be given to Councillor David Naghi and Ms Angela Vincent for the admirable discharge of their duties as Mayor and Mayor's Escort during the past year, and for their courteous approach to all sections of the community.

10. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 APRIL 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 10 April 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed.

12. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gooch, supported by Councillors Mrs Joy, Harper and Powell, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wendy Barbara Hinder be duly appointed Deputy Mayor for the Borough of Maidstone until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements on this occasion.

14. ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor English, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gooch, that Councillor Cox be elected as the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, seconded by Councillor Brice, that Councillor Perry be elected as the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cox be elected as the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

15. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor English, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Gooch be appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

Note: Councillors Fissenden and Wilby left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

16. ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION INCLUDING THE SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS AND RECENT UPDATES - DATED APRIL 2019

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor English, and

RESOLVED: That the Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegations and Recent Updates, dated April 2019, be adopted.

17. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNANCE - REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

In accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council considered the allocation of seats to each Political Group in relation to its various Committees.

The Head of Policy, Communications and Governance said that since the publication of the agenda for the meeting, there had been a change in the composition of the Council, and it was now proposed that the allocation of seats on Committees be as set out in amended Appendix 1 to her report.

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor English, and

RESOLVED: That the allocation of seats on Committees be as set out in amended Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance circulated at the meeting.

18. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

In accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council considered the appointments to its Committees and Substitutes.

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Brice, and

RESOLVED: That the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to appointments to Committees and Substitutes, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting, be accepted with the following amendment:

Joint Transportation Board

Delete Councillor Springett as a Member of the Board and insert Councillor Brindle

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACTING AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE OF THE CHARITY KNOWN AS THE COBTREE MANOR ESTATE

19. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNANCE - REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON THE COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY COMMITTEE

The Head of Policy, Communications and Governance said that since the publication of the agenda for the meeting, there had been a change in the composition of the Council, and it was proposed that the allocation of seats on the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee be as follows:

Conservative	2
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	1

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gooch, and

RESOLVED: That the allocation of seats on the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee be as follows:

Conservative	2
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	1

20. APPOINTMENT OF THE COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor English, and

RESOLVED: That that the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to the appointment of Members and Substitute Members to serve on the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting, be accepted.

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACTING AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE
OF THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT MUSEUM
TRUST**

21. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNANCE
- REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST
KENT REGIMENT MUSEUM TRUST COMMITTEE

The Head of Policy, Communications and Governance said that since the publication of the agenda for the meeting, there had been a change in the composition of the Council, and it was proposed that the allocation of seats on the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust Committee be as follows:

Conservative	2
Liberal Democrat	2
Labour	1

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor McKay, and

RESOLVED: That the allocation of seats on the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust Committee be as follows:

Conservative	2
Liberal Democrat	2
Labour	1

22. APPOINTMENT OF THE QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT
MUSEUM TRUST COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Garland, and

RESOLVED: That that the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to the appointment of Members and Substitute Members to serve on the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum Trust Committee, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting, be accepted.

23. DURATION OF MEETING

9.30 a.m. to 11.05 a.m.