

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE ON 19 MAY 2018**

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

1. **MINUTE'S SILENCE**

The Council stood in silence for one minute in memory of Mr Morel D'Souza, a former Member of the Borough Council and Mayor of the Borough of Maidstone, who had passed away recently.

2. **PRAYERS**

Prayers were said by the Reverend Ian Parrish.

Councillors Garten and Hastie entered the meeting after the prayers.

3. **RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS**

It was noted that Georgie Grassom, the Council's Communications Manager, would be recording the proceedings.

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bartlett and Prendergast.

5. **DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

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. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

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

**RESOLVED:** That David Sandru Naghi, a Councillor of the Borough, be duly elected Mayor of the Borough of Maidstone until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

**\*\*THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR NAGHI) IN THE CHAIR\*\***

9. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAYOR

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

Henry Warby	Maidstone Grammar School
Lily Lowe	Maidstone Grammar School for Girls
Jack Sullivan	Valley Park School
Munashe Chinengo	East Borough Primary School

10. THE RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor D Burton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, supported by Councillors Mrs Wilson, Mrs Gooch, Harper and Powell, and

**RESOLVED:** That the hearty thanks of this Council be given to Councillor Malcolm Greer and Mrs Brenda Greer for the admirable discharge of their duties as Mayor and Mayoress during the past year, and for their courteous approach to all sections of the community.

11. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON 11 APRIL 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 11 April 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed.

13. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

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

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Marion Ann Ring be duly appointed Deputy Mayor for the Borough of Maidstone until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

14. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor and Councillors Harper, Mrs Blackmore, Mrs Wilson, J Sams and Powell, on behalf of their respective Political Groups, paid tribute to Mr Morel D'Souza, who had passed away recently.

The Mayor updated Members on his priorities for the year and the Charities he would be supporting. The Mayor also wished to congratulate HRH Prince Henry of Wales and Ms Meghan Markle on their wedding later that day.

15. APPOINTMENT OF MR MARK BRATTLE, FALCONRY AND WILDLIFE MANAGER AT LEEDS CASTLE, AS THE COUNCIL'S SWAN MASTER

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor English, and

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Mark Brattle, Falconry and Wildlife Manager at Leeds Castle, be appointed as the Council's Swan Master.

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

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gooch, that Councillor Cox be elected as the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, seconded by Councillor D Burton, that Councillor Perry be elected as the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Cox be elected as the Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

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

It was moved by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor J Sams, that Councillor Mrs Gooch be appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, seconded by Councillor D Burton, that Councillor Perry be appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs Gooch be appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

18. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL PARTNERSHIP AND MONITORING OFFICER - ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Gooch, seconded by Councillor Cox, that the amendments to the Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegations, be noted, and that the Constitution, as amended, be adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the amendments to the Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegations, be noted, and that the Constitution, as amended, be adopted.

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

In accordance with Sections 15 and 16 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.

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Perry, that the allocation of seats on Committees be as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Policy, Communications and Governance.

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

20. 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 Mrs Gooch, 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.

**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.

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

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

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Perry, that the allocation of seats on the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee be as follows:

Conservative 2  
Liberal Democrat 2  
Independent Group 1

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

Conservative 2  
Liberal Democrat 2  
Independent Group 1

22. APPOINTMENT OF THE COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Perry, that the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to the appointment of Members and Substitutes to serve on the Cobtree Manor Estate Charity Committee, as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting, be accepted.

**RESOLVED:** That the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to the appointment of Members and Substitutes 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**

23. 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

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Perry, 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  
Independent Group 1

**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  
Independent Group 1

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

It was moved by Councillor Cox, seconded by Councillor Perry, that the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to the appointment of Members and Substitutes 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.

**RESOLVED:** That the wishes of the Group Leaders with regard to the appointment of Members and Substitutes 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.

25. DURATION OF MEETING

9.00 a.m. to 11.10 a.m.