

KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Maidstone Area Committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils held at Maidstone Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone at 7pm on Monday 11 June 2018.

Present: Councillors: Geraldine Brown (Chairman) Yalding, Cheryl Taylor Maggio (Vice Chairman) Langley, Helen Anderson (Secretary), Richard Ash Bearsted, Andy Humphryes Boughton Monchelsea, Ivor Davies Keith Woollven Coxheath, John Clayton Detling, Tim Turnill East Sutton, Caroline Carmichael Headcorn, Kate Tippen Marden, Eve Poulter Sutton Valence, Peter Couling and Chris Douglass Teston, Peter Titchener Ulcombe and Martin Moy West Farleigh.

Apologies. Councillors: Pat Marshall Bearsted, Anne Brindle Boxley, Chris Webb Chart Sutton, David Goff Collier Street, John Wilson East Farleigh, Malcolm Ireland East Sutton, Fred Stanley Harrietsham, Lyn Selby and Nigel Pyman Headcorn, Gary Thomas Hunton, Jill Williams Langley, Bernard Cresswell Linton, Lesley Mannington Marden, Robin Gardner Otham, Rory Silkin and Sam Lain-Rose Staplehurst, Fiona Kenward Ulcombe.

2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the 16 April 2018 meeting were taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising.** Cllr Brown reported that she hoped to have further clarity on the issue of Farmers Markets and Ancient Woodlands at the next meeting.

4. Election of Representatives

4.1 Chairman: Councillor Geraldine Brown was re-elected as Chairman for the year 2018-2019.

4.2 Vice Chairman: Councillor Cheryl Taylor-Maggio was re-elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2018-2019.

4.3 KALC County Executive: Councillors Geraldine Brown and Cheryl Taylor-Maggio were elected to serve as representatives for the year 2018-2019.

4.4 Joint Transportation Board: Councillors John Wilson and Geraldine Brown were elected as representatives for the year 2018-2019. Councillor Taylor-Maggio was duly elected as substitute member for the year 2018-2019.

5. Reports from Representatives:

5.1 Parish Liaison Group.

5.1.1 Parish/Maidstone Borough Council Liaison The next meeting is scheduled for 9 July. The following topics are to be raised:-

- Reminder to Parishes to ensure that on any planning applications where deferment to the planning committee is required that this must be included within the text of the Parish Council response.
- Rural parishes would like to see the Bulky Refuse Freighter re-introduced.
- Changes to the Parking charges in Maidstone Town Centre/Park and Ride are not helping the local business economy or attracting rural shoppers.
- Support required to tackle anti-social behaviour in parishes that have seen a rise of local needs housing tenants through major developments.

5.1.2 Police Liaison Report No date has currently been set for the next meeting. Geraldine Brown is currently in negotiations with the Chief Constable regarding the format/requirement for this.

- 6. Allocation of S106 Monies (Headcorn)** The issue was raised regarding the identifying and claiming of S106 monies from local major development. It was noted that there is some £300m of unclaimed S106 monies still in the pot. It was agreed that this issue would be raised at the next Parish/Maidstone Liaison Group and it was felt that perhaps a database could be established to help parishes identify any money allocated and left unspent. It is unknown what will happen to the pot once CIL is introduced but it was also noted that a CIL workshop is being held by MBC Strategic Planning Team on 20 June and is open to one parish representative per parish.
- 7. Electoral Roll** The lack of post codes has now been rectified and will appear on the next issue.
- 8. Any Other Business**
1. Councils should be aware of 'Big Conversation' consultations on rural transport. There is a public meeting at KCC Sessions House on 19 July and a seminar for Parish Council reps at the Mecure Great Danes Hotel on the 18 July. Comments can be submitted from the 13 June.
 2. The co-ordinating team has recently responded to the government consultation on unauthorised gypsy sites.
 3. Five parishes have expressed an interest to explore air quality diffuser tubes further. Peter Coulling will be making contact with those parishes in due course. Any other Parishes still interested should contact the KALC Maidstone Committee at maidstonekalc@gmail.com
 4. Cllr Titchener (Ulcombe) circulated an article from a recent KM Maidstone edition regarding Maidstone Borough Councillor Harwood's idea to make the Greensand Ridge an AONB. Parish Councils are asked to consider placing this on their next agenda's and sending letters of support to both Alison Broom at MBC and cc'ing Cllr Tony Harwood into this.
 5. Attendance by Parish Council members at these quarterly meetings appears to be hit and miss. It was agreed for Cllr Ash to conduct a poll.
- 9. Time and date of the next meeting** This will be held on Monday 24 September 2018 at the Town Hall, Maidstone starting at 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 9pm

Helen Anderson
Secretary
KALC Maidstone Area Committee