

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye,
on Tuesday 15 May 2007**

PRESENT Councillors Granville Bantick, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Brian Elliott, Bernardine Fiddimore, Lorna Hall, Sonia Holmes, Jo Kirkham, Paul Osborne, Frank Palmer, Ian Potter, Shaun Rogers, David Russell, Sam Souster, Sylvia Willgoss, David Wright

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; 2 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 6.11.

14 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

15 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

16 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayoral announcements.

17 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Planning & Townscape

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 19 March 2007 (PT22), 2 April 2007 (PT23) and 16 April 2007 (PT24).

(b) Policy, Resources & GP

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the meetings of the Policy, Resources & GP Committee held on 2 April 2007 (PT24).

(c) Public Services

RESOLVED To adopt the Minutes of the meetings of the Public Services Committee held on 30 April 2007 (PS04).

18 RECORD OF ATTENDANCES

RESOLVED To receive and note the Record of Attendances for 2006-07 (as at 1.5.07) (Appendix A).

19 MEETINGS START TIME

Members were invited whether they wished to change the start time of meetings (traditionally 6pm).

Cllr Kirkham observed that currently it was often possible to attend another meeting in the town after the Council's meetings had concluded.

A number of Members considered that the present start time made it difficult to juggle work/family commitments.

RESOLVED That Rye Town Council's usual meeting start time be changed to 6.30pm.

20 COMMITTEE FORMATION

a) Number and title of Committees and number of Members appointed to each Committee

Given the interest in devolvement of services evident during the recent elections, Cllr Wright proposed the establishment of a committee/working group to consider the transfer of services/functions to RTC.

It was considered generally that a working group would offer greater flexibility, that it would need clear terms of reference and that it would be appropriate for it to be formed under the auspices of the PRGP Committee.

RESOLVED 1 (unanimous) **To recommend to the Policy, Resources and GP Committee that it establishes a working group to explore the devolvement of services/functions - and transfer of assets - to RTC from principal authorities. Clerk, PRGP**

RESOLVED 2 That the following Committees be adopted:

- (i) Policy, Resources & GP (13 places)
- (ii) Planning & Townscape (12)
- (iii) Leisure & Tourism (8)
- (iv) Public Services (9 + co-opted)

b) Members appointed to Committees

RESOLVED Appointment of Members to Committees as specified in Appendix B.

The meeting adjourned and each Committee convened and appointed Chairmen.

Policy, Resources and General Purposes

RESOLVED The election of Cllr Holmes as Chairman and Cllr Elliott as Vice Chairman.

Planning & Townscape

RESOLVED The election of Cllr Palmer as Chairman and Cllr Osborne as Vice Chairman

Leisure & Tourism

RESOLVED The election of Cllr Hall as Chairman and John Breeds as Vice Chairman.

Public Services Committee

RESOLVED The election of Cllr Bantick as Chairman and Wright as Vice Chairman.

21 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED 1 The appointment of representatives as recorded at Appendix C.

RESOLVED 2 To appoint Cllr Hall as the Council’s representative on the Rye Partnership’s proposed steering group to review its town management, marketing, and visitor & information management functions.

22 FIXED TERM/DETERMINED REPRESENTATION

RESOLVED 1 To note the fixed term/determined appointments as follows:

| Organisation/Committee | Representative/s |
|---|---|
| Cinque Ports Confederation Standing Committee | The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk |
| Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee | Roger Breeds* (10/2006) |
| Rye Grammar School Exhibition Foundation Governors | Jo Kirkham, Frank Palmer and the Mayor |

* The Clerk to ask Mr Breeds it would report anything of interest to the Council.

RESOLVED 2 To appoint Cllr John Breeds as the Council’s nominated trustee on the Board of Rye Art Gallery (to replace Peter Dyce). **Clerk**

23 DRAFT TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2007-08

It was noted that, if the Council wished to avoid clashing with Rother DC meetings (for the benefit of Rye’s District Councillors who are also Town Council Members), there would be more Tuesday – and some Wednesday – meetings.

RESOLVED To amend the Draft Timetable so that meetings scheduled for Wednesday are brought forward to the Tuesday and - save where a public holiday falls on the Monday - Tuesday meetings are brought forward to Monday. **Clerk**

24 FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Because of the short period of time between the Hastings public meeting and the deadline for comments (6 July), Members were asked to consider authorising the Public Services Committee to determine – and submit - the Council’s response on the *Fit For the Future* maternity services consultation.

RESOLVED To delegate the Council’s response to the consultation to the Public Services Committee.

25 URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items to consider.

The meeting ended at 7.26.

Date Chairman

C2 ITEM 18

18 RECORD OF ATTENDANCES 2006-07

(to 1 May 2007)

| Name | Policy | Planning | L&T | Public | Council |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Bantick | 6 | N/A | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| Breeds John | N/A | 21 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| Breeds Jonathan | 4 | 10 | N/A | 2 | 4 |
| Breeds Richard (a) | N/A | 0/3 | N/A | N/A | 1/4 |
| Breeds Roger | 7 | 23 | N/A | N/A | 11 |
| Carey | 5 | 21 | N/A | 4 | 10 |
| Dyce | 5 | 15 | N/A | N/A | 10 |
| Holmes | 7 | N/A | 4 | N/A | 10 |
| Izod | N/A | N/A | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Kirkham | 5 | 21 | N/A | N/A | 11 |
| Lyus (b) | N/A | 1/3 | 0/1 | N/A | 2/4 |
| Osborne | 7 | 22 | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| Palmer | 7 | 22 | 4 | N/A | 10 |
| Potter | 4 | 11 | N/A | N/A | 6 |
| Russell | 6 | 21 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| Souster | 6 | N/A | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Streeton (c) | N/A | 15/16 | 3/3 | N/A | 2/5 |
| Taylor (d) | N/A | 14/16 | N/A | 2/3 | 4/5 |

(a) Resigned 2.7.06

(b) Resigned 22.6.06

(c) Elected 31.8.06

(d) Elected 31.8.06

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APPENDIX B

C2 20b) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2007-08

| Policy (13) | Planning (12) | Leisure & Tourism (8) | Public Services (9 + co-opted) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Holmes (Ch) | Palmer (Ch) | Hall (Ch) | Bantick (Ch) |
| Elliott(VC) | Osborne (VC) | Breeds, John(VC) | Wright (VC) |
| Bantick | Breeds John | Bantick | Hall |
| Breeds, John | Breeds Jonathan | Elliott | Holmes |
| Breeds, Jonathan | Fiddimore | Holmes | Osborne |
| Fiddimore | Hall | Osborne | Rogers |
| Kirkham | Kirkham | Russell | Russell |
| Osborne | Potter | Souster | Souster |
| Palmer | Rogers | | Willgoss |
| Potter | Souster | | |
| Russell | Willgoss | | |
| Souster | Wright | | |
| Wright | | | |
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as at 15.7.07

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APPENDIX C

C2 21 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO ORGANISATIONS 2007-2008

| Organisation/Committee | Representative |
|---|---|
| Age Concern | John Izod* |
| Chamber of Commerce | Jonathan Breeds |
| Community Centre Association | John Izod* |
| Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour Forum | Shaun Rogers |
| East Sussex Community Rail Partnership (Marsh Link) | Granville Bantick |
| East Sussex CC Liaison Committee (SLR) | Clerk, Granville Bantick, Paul Osborne, Frank Palmer, Sam Souster |
| Festival Council | (John Izod) |
| Information & Visitor Management (Partnership) | Granville Bantick |
| Local Action Plan Steering Group | Sam Souster, David Wright, Mayor, Clerk |
| Marsh Link Action Group | Keith Taylor |
| Rother Assoc of Parish & Town Councils | Sam Souster, Clerk [sub: Mayor] |
| Rother DC Liaison Committee | Granville Bantick, Jo Kirkham, Paul Osborne, Frank Palmer, Sam Souster; Clerk |
| Rural Rother Youth Forum | Bernardine Fiddimore |
| Rye Area Police-Parishes Liaison Group | Shaun Rogers |
| Rye & District Council for Voluntary Service | (Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter) |
| Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee | Frank Palmer |
| Rye HotCats | Lorna Hall |
| Rye in Bloom | Clerk |
| Rye Local Action Team | Sonia Holmes |
| Rye Marketing Group (Partnership) | Lorna Hall |
| Rye Network | (Jo Kirkham) |
| Rye Partnership Members Meetings | Brian Elliott, Shaun Rogers, David Wright |
| Sports Hall Management | Sam Souster |
| Town Management Action Group | Granville Bantick, Clerk |

FIXED TERM/DETERMINED REPRESENTATION

| Organisation/Committee | Representative/s |
|--|--|
| Cinque Ports Confederation Standing Committee | The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk |
| Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee | (Roger Breeds) |
| Rye Art Gallery | John Breeds (5/2010) |
| Rye Grammar School Exhibition Foundation Governors | Jo Kirkham, Frank Palmer and the Mayor |

() appointed independently but Councillor has offered to report anything of interest to the Council.

* Non-Councillor appointed by the Council

as at 15.5.07