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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the Council for the District of Dover held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday, 17 September 2014 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor S R Nicholas

Councillors:

P S Le Chevalier	J A Cronk	K E Morris
J S Back	M R Eddy	M J Ovenden
B W Bano	R J Frost	A S Pollitt
T J Bartlett	D Hannent	M A Russell
P M Beresford	P J Hawkins	F J W Scales
T A Bond	P G Heath	A R Smith
P M Brivio	S J Jones	C J Smith
B W Butcher	L A Keen	J M Smith
P I Carter	N S Kenton	R J Thompson
S S Chandler	S M Le Chevalier	R S Walkden
N J Collor	G Lymer	P Walker
M D Conolly	S C Manion	P M Wallace
G Cowan	K Mills	P A Watkins

Officers: Head of Democratic Services
Chief Executive
Director of Finance, Housing and Community
Director of Governance

38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Gardner, J H Goodwin, G J Hood, J A Rook and J F Tranter.

39 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor K Mills declared a Voluntary Announcement of Other Interest in Minute No.45 by reason of his wife's employment.

41 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations were extended to Deal who had come second out of 400 entries and been awarded Silver in the South East in Bloom competition.

LEADER'S TIME

The Leader of the Council, Councillor P A Watkins, included the following matters in his report:

- (a) Thanks to Councillors Eddy and Lymer for their part in the decision reached by KCC Highways to prevent the White Cliffs Business Park being used as a lorry park.
- (b) A public enquiry would commence on 30 September relating to the Compulsory Purchase Order for Dover Town Investment Zone. Following this a decision would be made by the Secretary of State.
- (c) The closure of Manston Airport being of strategic importance to Dover particularly in view of its proximity to Dover Enterprise Zone.
- (d) A meeting to be held later in the month relating to GP Practices following the removal of services by Concordia. Representations were being made on behalf of the Community by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- (e) Kent Chamber of Commerce assisting businesses to understand the EU Funding bidding processes for ERDF and Interreg schemes
- (f) Port of Dover meeting on how the Community Fund will be dealt with. A decision on the Harbour Revision Order is still awaited.
- (g) Work of the East Kent Spatial Development Company. A number of forward funded Regeneration Projects are coming to fruition. Money is being recycled with £2.6m available.
- (h) Visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner where issues such as funding for the Community Safety Unit were discussed.

The Leader of the Opposition Group, Councillor M R Eddy, included the following matters in his report part of which was delivered by Councillor J A Cronk:

- (a) Whitfield parking by Lorries.
- (b) St James and other regeneration issues to be welcomed.
- (c) Visit by Andy Sawford, Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government.
- (d) Shortage of GP's and the 5 years taken to train them.
- (e) Councillor Cronk raised concerns over the process adopted at the Planning Committee meeting recently when two large applications were presented together but were required to be decided individually of the merits of each application.

In response the Leader of the Council advised that he had attended the Planning Committee referred to by Councillor Cronk and shared his concerns. He further advised that he had taken the matter up with the Chief Executive.

43 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, Ms Anne Morgan asked the Portfolio Holder for Access and Waste Management, Councillor N J Collor, the following question:

"Could you please tell me what is being done to ensure that the residents living adjacent to Cooting Road in Aylesham can live in peace and free from noise, refuse and human waste caused by the lorry drivers who park in Cooting Road overnight just yards from our homes, especially at weekends. The situation is becoming intolerable?"

44 SEAT ALLOCATION AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS

There were no changes made to the existing allocations and appointments.

45 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

In accordance with Rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules Members of the Executive responded to the following questions:

- (1) Councillor P J Hawkins asked the Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management, Councillor N J Collor:

"Local residents have raised concerns about the lack of progress in bringing the Regent Cinema on Deal Seafront back into use, seemingly caused in part by objections raised by KCC. Will the appropriate Cabinet Member clarify the current situation, including any action being taken by this Council to ensure the building is open and available for community use as soon as possible?"

- (2) Councillor B W Bano asked the Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management, Councillor N J Collor:

"Will we ever see the introduction of 20 mph speed limits around our local schools?"

- (3) The question from Councillor L A Keen to the Portfolio Holder for Access and Property Management, Councillor N J Collor was withdrawn.

- (4) Councillor A S Pollitt asked the Portfolio Holder for Health, Well-being and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

"Can the Portfolio Holder for Health, Well-Being and Public Protection inform the Council of how the usage of foodbanks has developed month by month over the last two years?"

- (5) Councillor M R Eddy asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor P A Watkins which was responded to by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources and Performance, Councillor M Conolly:

“Is the Leader comfortable with the standard of service that East Kent Shared Services provides to this Council in the collection of Council Tax?”

- (6) Councillor P M Brivio asked the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

“Now that local authorities have a responsibility for public health, is it not time for the Portfolio Holder for Health and Well-Being to consider adopting a "Cumulative Impact Policy" regarding applications for licences in certain parts of the district (as adopted by Canterbury City Council)?”

- (7) Councillor P Walker asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning, Councillor N S Kenton:

“In March this year, it was agreed that a working group should be set up to examine the impact of Mr Pickles’s changes to the process of determining the award of costs in planning appeals. When is this group actually going to meet?”

- (8) Councillor B W Bano asked the Portfolio Holder for Health, Well-being and Public Protection, Councillor P G Heath:

“Can the Portfolio Holder for Health and Well-Being outline what actions he has taken to ensure that the safe and effective services required of the East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust, following the recent CQC inspection, will be supported by adequate funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group?”

46 MOTIONS

- (a) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor K Mills gave notice of his intention to move the following Motion:

"This council agrees to identify what impact the changes imposed on the Young Person’s Travel Pass compared to the Freedom Pass have on young people within the district accessing youth provision, be it provided by CXC or the voluntary sector. These findings should be reported back to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee.”

The Motion was duly seconded.

AMENDMENT moved by Councillor D Hannent and duly seconded that

The Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee be asked to look in detail at the process to identify what impact the changes imposed on the Young

Person's Travel Pass compared to the Freedom Pass have on young people within the district accessing youth provision, be it provided by CXK or the voluntary sector.

On being put to the meeting, the Amendment was CARRIED.

On being put to the meeting the Substantive Motion was CARRIED and

RESOLVED that

The Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee be asked to look in detail at the process to identify what impact the changes imposed on the Young Person's Travel Pass compared to the Freedom Pass have on young people within the district accessing youth provision, be it provided by CXK or the voluntary sector.

- (b) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor G Cowan gave notice of his intention to a move a Motion but declined to do so at the meeting.

47 URGENT BUSINESS TIME

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm