

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL held at COUNTY HALL, LEWES on TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2014 at 10.00 am.

Present Councillors Barnes, Belsey, Bennett, Bentley, Birch, Blanch, Buchanan, Butler, Carstairs, Charlton, Clark, Daniel, Davies, Chris Dowling, Claire Dowling, Elkin, Ensor, Field, Forward, Galley, Glazier, Hodges, Howson, Keeley, Lambert, Maynard, O'Keeffe, Phillips, Pragnell, Pursglove, Rodohan, Scott, Sheppard, S Shing, Shuttleworth, Simmons, Standley, Stogdon, St Pierre, Taylor, Tidy, Tutt, Ungar, Wallis, Webb, Whetstone and Wincott.

19 Minutes of last meeting

19.1 RESOLVED – to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 13 May 2014 as a correct record.

20. Apologies for absence

20.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Earl and D Shing

21. Chairman's Business

MUNICIPAL JOURNAL AWARDS

21.1 On behalf of the County Council, the Chairman congratulated staff in the Trading Standards Service as the National Scams Team, which was hosted by the County Council, had been highly commended at the Municipal Journal Awards for innovation in trading standards

CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITIES

21.2 I have attended a number of engagements since the last County Council meeting including: several Mayors' ceremonies and Civic Services, East Sussex Music Services events, D-Day Commemoration and Armed Forces Day events, the unveiling of a World War 1 memorial at Sussex County Cricket ground by the Lord Lieutenant, the Eastbourne Seniors Forum 1000th member celebration, visits by The Princess Royal and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen's awards ceremonies, the Let's Do Business event, visited a number of primary schools in the County, the Newhaven and Seaford Cadets, the Community Self Serve day and the Youth Offending Team's reparation sites. The Vice Chairman also attended a number of events. The Vice Chairman and I have undertaken a total of 56 engagements since the last County Council meeting.

21.3 The Chairman reminded all councillors that he was hosting an event for volunteers in early November and asked any councillor who wished to nominate individuals to receive invitations to this event to contact him with their details.

PRAYERS

21.4 The Chairman thanked the Right Reverend Richard Jackson for leading the prayers before the meeting.

PETITIONS

21.5 The Chairman informed the Council that immediately before the meeting he had received petitions from members as follows:

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| Councillor Blanch | - calling on the County Council to reconsider the withdrawal of funding for the crossing patrol service on The Hydneye, Hampden Park, Eastbourne |
| Councillor O’Keeffe | - calling on the County Council to make all residential areas of Lewes subject to a 20mph speed limit |
| Councillor O’Keeffe | - calling upon the County Council to stop buses using Crossway on the Neville Estate, Lewes |
| Councillor O’Keeffe | - calling upon the County Council to consider parking restrictions in Windover Crescent and North Way, Lewes in connection with the bus route of the 128/129 service |
| Councillor O’Keeffe | - calling upon the County Council to support engineering measures to reduce the speed of traffic on Kingston Road, Lewes |
| Councillor Rodohan | - calling upon the County Council to reduce the 66 metres of double yellow lines near Malborough Court, Southfields Road, Eastbourne |
| Councillor Ungar | - calling upon the County Council to provide a safe off-road or designated cycle route from the Cuckoo Trail in Polegate to the Seafront, linking 10 schools, together with 20mph zones on the route |
| Councillor Ungar | - calling upon the County Council to install traffic calming measures to Central Avenue, Old Town, Eastbourne |
| Councillor Wallis | - calling upon the County Council to |

apply a precautionary principle and refuse to allow any attempt at hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for hydrocarbons anywhere in East Sussex.

Councillor Wincott

- calling on the County Council to reconsider the proposed siting of a zebra crossing on Elphinstone Road, Hastings

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- calling on the County Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph, include school zone warning, upgrade the zebra crossing to a smart puffin crossing and extend the existing safety rails at Sandown Primary School, The Ridge, Hastings

22 Questions from Members of the Public

22.1 There were no questions from members of the public

23. Declarations of Interest

23.1 The following members declared personal interests in items on the agenda as follows:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Position giving rise to interest</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Whether interest was prejudicial</i>
Councillor Galley	Chair of Ashdown Forest Board of Conservators	Cabinet report, paragraph 2	No

24. Reports

CALLOVER

24.1 The Chairman of the County Council, having called over the reports set out in the agenda, reserved the following paragraphs for discussion:

Cabinet	- paragraphs 1, 2 and 3
Governance Committee	- paragraph 2

NON-RESERVED PARAGRAPHS

24.2 On the motion of the Chairman of the County Council, the Council ADOPTED those paragraphs in the reports of the Committees that had not been reserved for discussion.

25. Cabinet Report – Reserved Paragraphs

25.1 Councillor Glazier moved the reserved paragraphs of the Cabinet’s report.

25.2 The motions were CARRIED after debate.

26. Governance Committee – Reserved paragraph – Members’ Allowances Scheme – travel expenses

26.1 Councillor Glazier moved the reserved paragraph of the Governance Committee’s report.

26.2 The following amendment moved by Councillor Daniel seconded by Councillor Pursglove was LOST

To replace paragraph 2.7 with:

(1) To accept the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel to increase the mileage rate for home to County Hall journeys to 66p per mile;

(2) To agree that if her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs amended its guidance and home to County Hall journeys were no longer liable to tax then the mileage rate would revert back to 45p per mile; and

(3) representations should continue to be made to the Government and HMRC on this issue.

26.3 The following motion was moved by Councillor Glazier seconded by Councillor Elkin and CARRIED

(1) The mileage rate for home to County Hall journeys remains at 45p per mile; and

(2) representations continue to be made to Central Government in relation to this issue.

27. Questions from County Councillors

ORAL QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

27.1 The following members asked questions of the Lead Cabinet Members indicated and they responded:

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor Lambert	Councillor Elkin	Income generation opportunities arising from ICT provision for other organisations
Councillor Shuttleworth	Councillor Bennett	Restructuring of Special Educational Needs and Disability Services Team

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor Ungar	Councillor Bentley	Fast track authorities for Better Care Plan for Better Care Fund
Councillor Hodges	Councillor Maynard	Use of Government funding for pothole repairs
Councillor Birch	Councillor Glazier	Membership of Cabinet
Councillor St Pierre	Councillor Elkin	Installation of solar panels on Council buildings and provision of electric charging points for vehicles in council car parks
Councillor Lambert	Councillor Glazier	Opportunity for the Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG to use Council buildings, including Seaford Library to deliver therapeutic services

27.2 There were no written questions.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.43 pm

The reports referred to are included in the minute book
