

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE ON MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs Gooch (Mayor) and  
Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Bryant, Burton, Cooke,  
Cooper, Cox, English, Munford, Parfitt-Reid, Perry,  
Purle, Round, Trzebinski and Young

#### 132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor said that since a quorum approach was being taken for Covid safety reasons, the apologies of all Members not in attendance would be recorded as follows:

Councillors Bartlett, Brice, Brindle, Cannon, Clark, Coates, Cuming, Daley, Eves, Fissenden, Forecast, Fort, Garten, Mrs Grigg, Harper, Harwood, Hastie, Hinder, Holmes, Mrs Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, McKay, McKenna, Mortimer, Naghi, Newton, Mrs Ring, Mrs Robertson, D Rose, M Rose, Russell, J Sams, T Sams, Spooner, Springett, R Webb, S Webb, de Wiggondene-Sheppard and Wilby.

#### 133. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications for dispensations.

#### 134. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

#### 135. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

#### 136. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

#### 137. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor updated Members on recent engagements and activities including the opening of a new restaurant in Week Street. The Mayor said that she had continued to promote and support local charities such as Dandelion Time, which worked with vulnerable children and families, and Council initiatives such as the Winter Bills Support and Advice events. On 2 February she would be joining the Clean Up Maidstone Earl Street blitz.

138. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

139. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

140. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

There were no questions from Members of the Council to the Chairmen of Committees.

141. ORAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRACY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2022 - APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON FOR THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

It was moved by Councillor Purle, seconded by Councillor English, that the recommendation of the Democracy and General Purposes Committee relating to the appointment of an Independent Person to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel for the review taking place in February 2022 be approved.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Derek Butler be appointed as an Independent Person on the Independent Remuneration Panel for the review taking place in February 2022.

142. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 6.40 p.m.