

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CLIVE EMSON BUILDING, KENT EVENT CENTRE, KENT SHOWGROUND, DETLING ON 13 APRIL 2022

Present: Councillor Mortimer (Deputy Mayor in the Chair) and Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Brindle, Burton, Cannon, Coates, Cooke, Cooper, Cox, Cuming, Daley, English, Eves, Fort, Garten, Harper, Hastie, Hinder, Holmes, Mrs Joy, Khadka, Kimmance, McKenna, Naghi, Newton, Parfitt-Reid, Perry, Mrs Ring, D Rose, M Rose, Russell, J Sams, T Sams, Springett, Trzebinski, R Webb, S Webb and Young

166. **CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

In the absence of the Mayor (Councillor Mrs Gooch), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mortimer) chaired the meeting.

167. **PRAYERS**

Prayers were said by the Very Reverend John S Richardson of All Saints Church.

168. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from the Mayor (Councillor Mrs Gooch) and Councillors Bartlett, Bryant, Clark, Fissenden, Forecast, Mrs Grigg, Harwood, McKay, Munford, Mrs Robertson, Round, Spooner and Wilby.

169. **APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

170. **DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

171. **DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING**

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

172. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

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

173. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

174. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

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

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

176. NOTICE OF MOTION - HONORARY ALDERMAN - MRS WENDY HINDER

The following motion was moved by Councillor Mrs Blackmore, seconded by Councillor Brindle, supported by Councillor English, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Cox, the Leader of the Maidstone Group, Councillor J Sams, on behalf of the Leader of the Independent Group, and Councillor Harper, the Leader of the Labour Group:

Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that a Council may confer the title of Honorary Alderman on any person who, in the opinion of the Council, has rendered eminent services to the Council as a past Member of that Council, but who is no longer a Member of the Council. It brings no special rights but is intended to reflect the esteem of the Council and of the wider community. Maidstone Borough Council adopted a Protocol for such an appointment in September 2018 and on 29 September 2021 the Council agreed to allow an exception to that Protocol for Mrs Wendy Hinder. It is therefore proposed that Mrs Wendy Hinder should receive such an honour.

Mrs Wendy Hinder was a Member of Maidstone Borough Council representing Boxley Ward for almost 16 years. In addition, Wendy was a Boxley Parish Councillor too. She was a Member of many Scrutiny Committees including Heritage and Culture, but her passion and expertise laid with Licensing. Wendy served on the Licensing Committee for more than a decade including several years as Vice-Chairman and ultimately Chairman.

It is fitting that the first Conservative Councillor upon whom Maidstone Borough Council bestows the title of Honorary Alderman will be Mrs Wendy Hinder.

I therefore propose that in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon Mrs Wendy Hinder in recognition and acknowledgement of her eminent services rendered to the Council.

RESOLVED: That in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman upon Mrs

Wendy Hinder in recognition and acknowledgement of her eminent services rendered to the Council.

Councillor Bob Hinder thanked the Council for conferring the title of Honorary Alderman upon Mrs Wendy Hinder.

The Deputy Mayor then presented a badge and certificate to Councillor Bob Hinder to mark the award of the honour.

Note: Councillors Eves and Khadka entered the meeting during the speeches on this item (6.50 p.m. and 6.55 p.m. respectively).

177. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 6.58 p.m.