

KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the Maidstone Area Committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils held at Maidstone Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone at 7pm on Monday 15 April 2019.

Present: Councillors: Geraldine Brown (Chairman) Yalding, Helen Anderson (Secretary), Bryan Vizzard Barming, Richard Ash Bearsted, Robert Turner and Ron Galton Boughton Malherbe, Ivor Davies Boxley, Chris Webb Chart Sutton, Keith Woollven and John Wilson Coxheath, Malcolm Ireland East Sutton, Fred Stanley Harrietsham, Nigel Pyman and Lyn Selby Headcorn, Bob China Leeds, Lesley Mannington and Kate Tippen Marden, Rory Silkin Staplehurst, Lorraine Cook Sutton Valence, Chris Douglass and Peter Couling Teston, Peter Titchener Ulcombe, Malcom Moy West Farleigh and John Perry Maidstone Borough Council.

Apologies. Councillors: Cheryl Taylor Maggio (Vice Chairman) & Langley, Pat Marshall Bearsted, Andy Humphreys Boughton Monchelsea, Steve Bowring Bredhurst, Tina Clark and Stephen Lakin Broomfield and Kingswood, Chris Webb Chart Sutton, David Goff Collier Street, John Clayton Detling, Jill Williams Langley and Fiona Kenward Ulcombe.

2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2019 meeting were taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to 6.4 Parish Liaison meetings where the dated was incorrect and should have read 21 March 2019.

3. **Matters Arising.**

Post Office Outreach Issues – Cllr Couling reported that an unsatisfactory response had been received from the Post Office relating to the issues raised regarding failing IT equipment. Any parishes who have an outreach service and have issues are encouraged to keep a log of incidents so that a bigger picture of the scale of the problem can be taken up further with local MP's and the Post Office.

Housing Supply – Cllr Wilson reported that KALC Planning Advisory Committee are taking up with NALC the issue of housing supply methodology.

Air Quality Tubes – These have all now been correctly positioned and the first readings have been collected and taken for data analysis.

HGV Pilot Scheme – Cllr Wilson reported on this pilot scheme which will run in the south of Maidstone from Leeds/Langley to Yalding. KCC has agreed to support the scheme and Kent police have now confirmed that they will enforce.

4. **Reports from Representatives:**

4.1 **Parish Liaison Group.**

4.1.1 **Parish/Maidstone Borough Council Liaison** The minutes of a meeting held on 8 April 2019 are attached. The next meeting will be held on 8 July 2019 and any items for discussion should be forwarded to Cllr Geraldine Brown at chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk.

5. **Police** A Parish/Police Liaison meeting has been arranged for 6 June in Maidstone Police Station at 7pm.

6. **Enforcement** Please see Parish Liaison minutes attached.

7. **Parish Council Elections** It was noted that MBC are one of the few district authorities who do not charge parishes for costs towards term elections. By-elections are still charged for.

8. Parish Council Email addresses. All clerks should have an email address for Parish Council business and it is advised that the Chairman also has a dedicated address. It is not a requirement for all councillors to have dedicated addresses as long as they are not involved in any external correspondence on behalf of the Council. Correspondence should always be sent via the Parish Clerk's office.

9. Notice to Secretary of KALC Representatives – Following Parish Council AGM's, please kindly advise the secretary at maidstonekalc@gmail.com of your representatives standing on this committee.

10. Any other Business

Teston Parish Council highlighted the requirement for tree surveys to be done on Parish Council owned land.

Yalding Parish Council highlighted that one of their defibrillators had been seized by the Coroners Office following a recent house death. It is now proving extremely difficult to track the defibrillator and it was highlighted that the equipment should be marked as to who they belong to. It was also noted that a defib should only be seized unless a crime is suspected.

11. Time and date of the next meeting This will be the AGM and will be held on Monday, 17 June 2019 at the Town Hall, Maidstone starting at 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 8:10pm

Helen Anderson
Secretary
KALC Maidstone Area Committee