

# KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Maidstone Area Committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils held at Maidstone Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone at 7pm on Monday 17 June 2019.

**Present:** Councillors: Geraldine Brown (Chairman) Yalding, Cheryl Taylor Maggio (Vice Chairman) Langley, Helen Anderson (Secretary), Fay Gooch and Bryan Vizzard Barming, Richard Ash Bearsted, Robert Turner and Ron Galton Boughton Malherbe, Andy Humphryes Boughton Monchelsea, Ivor Davies Boxley, Chris Webb Chart Sutton, Lloyd Porter East Farleigh, Fred Stanley Harrietsham, Bob China and Lesley Martin Leeds, Richard Greenwood Lenham, Lesley Mannington and Kate Tippen Marden, Sam Lain-Rose Staplehurst, Eve Poulter and Gary Ward Sutton Valence, Peter Coulling and Chris Douglass Teston.

**Apologies.** Councillors: Pat Marshall Bearsted, Tina Clark and Steve Lakin Broomfield & Kingswood, Kim Chaplin Langley, Tony Oliver and Tim Oliver Loose, Robin Gardner Otham, Paddy Riordan Staplehurst and Peter Titchener Ulcombe.

- 1. Minutes.** The minutes of the 15 April 2019 meeting were taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2. Matters Arising.** Cllr Brown reported that she had received an explanation from John Edwards of MBC re why various background colours were used on street name plates. If any parishes had any particular concerns regarding their name plates, they should contact him directly to discuss.

Cllr Coulling reported that further to the poor connectivity issues experienced with the local Post Office Outreach Service, he had managed with the help of Helen Grant MP to obtain the email address of the External Affairs Manager at the Post Office. Once a dialogue has been established, Cllr Coulling will be urging other parishes who have issues with their outreach service to also make contact.

### 3. Election of Representatives

**4.1 Chairman:** Councillor Geraldine Brown was re-elected as Chairman for the year 2019-2020.

**4.2 Vice Chairman:** Councillor Cheryl Taylor-Maggio was re-elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2019-2020.

**4.3 KALC County Executive:** Councillors Geraldine Brown and Cheryl Taylor-Maggio were elected to serve as representatives for the year 2019-2020.

**4.4 Joint Transportation Board:** Councillors John Wilson and Geraldine Brown were elected as representatives for the year 2019-2020. Councillor Taylor-Maggio was duly elected as substitute member for the year 2019-2020.

**4.5 KALC/MBC Liaison Group:** Councillor Geraldine Brown (Yalding), Councillor Cheryl Taylor-Maggio (Langley), Councillor Peter Coulling (Teston), Cllr Kate Tippen (Marden) and Cllr Eve Poulter (Sutton Valence) were elected for the year 2019/2020.

**4.6 Audit, Governance & Standards Committee (MBC):** Councillor Peter Coulling was nominated for this role on behalf of the Maidstone Area Committee.

## 5. Reports from Representatives:

### 5.1 Parish Liaison Group.

**5.1.1 Parish/Maidstone Borough Council Liaison** The minutes were briefly reviewed again (previously discussed at 8 April meeting and circulated to all parishes). The next meeting is scheduled for 8 July and any items to be raised should be forwarded to Cllr Brown at [chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@yaldingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**5.1.2 Police Liaison Report** Cllr Brown reported that the meeting on 6 June was well attended with 19 parishes joining in. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated to parishes in due course. The next meeting will be in January 2020.

- 6 KALC Training Courses** – Councillors are reminded that there are a number of courses and conferences that are run by KALC and would be beneficial for members to attend at least one of two throughout their term in office.
- 7 Parish Council Insurance** – The chairman would be keen to hear of any problems experienced in relation to the seeking of a quotation from insurance companies, for example very high quotes, unwillingness to engage in providing a quote.
- 8 VE Day 75** (8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May). Councils should note that the Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May in order to incorporate VE Day celebrations. All Councils should have received a letter via KALC from ssafa outlining plans for VE Day 75.

### 9 Any Other Business

The Local Plan Co-ordinating team continue to meet to progress issues such as air quality, infrastructure, housing numbers etc with Maidstone Borough Council.

Speakers for future meetings are to be organised including:-

Compassionate Neighbour Scheme (Sarah Pugh)  
Environmental Air Quality (Stuart Maxwell)  
Fly Tipping

- 10 Time and date of the next meeting** This will be held on Monday 23 September 2019 at the Town Hall, Maidstone starting at 7pm. The subsequent meeting will be held on 11 November 2019.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Helen Anderson  
Secretary  
KALC Maidstone Area Committee