

COUNCIL

15 APRIL 2015

Present: The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Bruce Dowling) in the Chair, Councillors Rogers, Batsford, Birch, Cartwright, Chowney, Clark, Cooke, Davies, Forward, Hodges, Howard, Poole, Pragnell, Sabetian, Scott, Sinden, Street, Turner, Webb, Westley, Wincott, Beaver (from 6.30pm), Charman, Lee, Fitzgerald, Beaney and Edwards

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Charlesworth, Roberts and Atkins

30. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2015, THE BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING ON 25 FEBRUARY 2015 AND THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 11 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 February 2015, the Budget Council meeting on 25 February 2015 and the Special Council meeting on 11 March 2015 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared their interest in the minutes indicated: -

Councillor	Committee	Minute	Interest
Chowney	Cabinet – 30 March 2015	76 – Proposed Discretionary Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Rented Homes in Hastings	Prejudicial – he owns a tenanted property in the town
Clark	Cabinet – 30 March 2015	76 – Proposed Discretionary Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Rented Homes in Hastings	Prejudicial – he owns a tenanted property in the town
Forward	Cabinet – 30 March 2015	76 – Proposed Discretionary Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Rented Homes in Hastings	Prejudicial – she owns a tenanted property in the town
Hodges	Cabinet – 30 March 2015	76 – Proposed Discretionary Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Rented Homes in	Prejudicial (if charity fee exemptions are discussed – he is a trustee of

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		Hastings	Magdalen and Lasher charity
Poole	Cabinet – 30 March 2015	76 – Proposed Discretionary Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Rented Homes in Hastings	Prejudicial (if charity fee exemptions are discussed – she is a trustee of Magdalen and Lasher charity

32. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS UNDER RULE 12

Questions to the Leader, Deputy Leader and other Lead Members were asked and answered in accordance with rule 12.1 as follows: -

Question and Councillor	Subject	Reply Given by Councillor
Pragnell	<p><u>Hastings Pier</u> is there an update on the restoration of Hastings Pier?</p> <p>Councillor Chowney replied that Hastings Pier Charity were due to hold a press conference on 16 April 2015, when they would announce the opening date of the refurbished pier. He added that, due to extensive damage caused by recent storms, the opening of the pier had been delayed until 2016. However, portions of the pier may be opened for specific activities before then, once the structural works had been completed.</p>	Chowney
Turner	<p><u>Ore Valley Road Doctors Surgery</u> will the Leader of the Council write to NHS England again highlighting the need for a new Doctor's surgery in Ore Valley Road?</p> <p>Councillor Birch thanked Councillor Turner for continuing to bring this matter to the council's attention. He explained that new Doctor's surgeries had originally been planned for Station Plaza, Ore Valley Road and north St Leonards. He had previously written to NHS England emphasising the need for a new surgery in the area, due to the lack of existing surgeries and high levels of health need. A site in Ore Valley Road had also been identified for the new surgery. Councillor Birch agreed to contact the local MP after the election to raise this matter with them, before writing to NHS England again.</p>	Birch

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33. MOTION - TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (TTIP)

Councillor Davies moved approval of the Motion, as set out in the resolution below, which was seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald.

RESOLVED (by 23 votes to 4 against with 0 abstentions) that this council is concerned that the Investor-State Dispute Mechanism (ISDS) of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) currently being negotiated by the USA and the European Union will threaten our ability, as an elected local council to:

- 1) Pursue interventionist policies promoting social equity and community cohesion;
- 2) Choose the most effective way to provide contractual services;
- 3) Foster environmental protection or protect the public health to the benefit of the citizens of Hastings and St Leonards

The European Commission's proposal on "regulatory co-operation" will further jeopardise Hastings Borough Council's powers to implement an autonomous regulatory framework for procuring, managing and guaranteeing best social and commercial value from our most important outsourced contracts.

Specifically, Hastings Borough Council seeks guarantees that the implications of this are not to give powers to companies to dictate terms favourable to themselves at the expense of the public interest.

We therefore resolve to:

- 1) Write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills, our MP and MEPs raising our concerns about TTIP;
- 2) Contact the local governments of our twin towns within the EU with a copy of this Motion, with the objective of making a joint statement to the EU Trade Commission and to urge our MEPs to lobby on our behalf;
- 3) Write to the Local Government Association to urge them to lobby on behalf of all local authorities on the potential impact of the TTIP

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34. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Mayor having called over the minutes set out in the agenda, the under mentioned minutes were reserved for discussion.

RESOLVED under rule 13.3 that the reports and minutes of committees set out in the agenda be received. Only those items which were reserved were discussed, as follows: -

Meeting	Minute	Councillor
Cabinet, 30 March 2015	75 – Review of the Hastings Houses in Multiple Occupation Additional Licensing Scheme	Batsford
Cabinet – 30 March 2015	76 – Proposed Discretionary Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Rented Homes in Hastings	Webb

Councillors Chowney, Forward and Clark, having declared a prejudicial interest in minute number 76 of Cabinet on 30 March 2015, left the chamber while this matter was discussed. The fee structure of the proposed discretionary selective licensing scheme for private rented home sin Hastings was not discussed, and it was therefore not necessary for Councillors Hodges and Poole to leave the chamber during the debate.

No motions for reference to an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or reference back to Cabinet were approved in respect of the items reserved for discussion and they were, therefore, received and agreed.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 7.01 pm)