

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Outside Organisations Sub-Committee**
held on Wednesday, 20th March, 2013 at Room S1/2 - Westfields, Middlewich
Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Jones (Chairman)

Councillors J P Findlow, P Groves, S Hogben, D Marren and B Murphy.

Officers in attendance:-

Paul Jones – Democratic Services Team Manager

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute No 58 (Kings School Governors, Macclesfield) - Councillor Paul Findlow declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Governor at the School.

57 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

58 KING'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS - MACCLESFIELD

Councillor Paul Findlow had declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

Consideration was given to filling a vacancy on the Board of Governors of the King's School which had arisen due to the recent resignation of Councillor David Neilson.

In accordance with the established casual vacancy procedure the Leader of the relevant political group had been asked to provide a replacement; the Liberal Democrat Group had, however, indicated that it did not wish to provide a replacement at this time.

Following consultation with the remaining political groups a nomination had been received from the Independent Group for the vacancy to be filled by Councillor Brendan Murphy. It was agreed that additional time was needed for the matter to be fully considered by the remaining political groups.

RESOLVED

That any additional nominations be sought from the Conservative and Labour Groups and that the matter then be referred to the Constitution Committee for a decision to be made.

59 CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The Sub-Committee was asked to note that for some time Councillor Rhoda Bailey had been the elected member on the Cheshire Local Access Forum, a statutory advisory body to the Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Cheshire West and Chester Council had, however, given notice of their intention to withdraw from the joint Forum in order to set up their own which would match its geographic area. A Cheshire East Local Access Forum had, therefore, also been established to which it was intended to appoint less than 16 members. It was considered appropriate to appoint one Councillor from Cheshire East and the Leader of the Conservative Group had indicated that he wished Cllr Rhoda Bailey to continue as the Council's representative.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Rhoda Bailey be approved as this Council's representative on the newly formed Cheshire East Local Access Forum.

60 REQUEST FOR CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Consideration was given to a request from the Sandbach Traders and Retailers Association (STAR) to be added to the list of approved outside organisations, and for a member of the Council to be appointed to it.

The report set out the established procedure for considering such applications, including the approved criteria against which the aims and purpose of the organisation needed to be assessed. The Constitution and rules of STAR were appended to the report.

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that the organisation fulfilled (c) and (e) of the necessary criteria and that the Constitution Committee should be recommended to add it to the list of Category 2 organisations appointed by that Committee.

In addition STAR had requested that in the event of the application for inclusion being agreed Councillor Barry Moran should be the Council's representative; he had been attending meetings as a Ward Member, on an informal basis. The Sub-Committee supported this request and agreed that it be submitted to the Constitution Committee for approval.

RESOLVED

That the Constitution Committee be recommended to add Sandbach Traders and Retailers Association to list of Category 2 Outside Organisations and that Councillor Barry Moran be appointed as this Councils representative.

61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be arranged as and when necessary.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor S Jones (Chairman)