

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

26 October 2021

Report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Following the deaths of Dr Gordon Court and Mr David Cure it is necessary for the Council to consider appointments to the Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls, Sir Thomas Smythe and the Petley and Deakins Almshouses charities.

It is also necessary to consider an appointment to the Hospital of the Holy Trinity, Aylesford

1.1 Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls

- 1.1.1 Correspondence has been received from the Clerk to the Town Wardens asking the Borough Council to consider appointing Mr Owen Baldock and emphasising the value of having a person with a good knowledge of the local area.
- 1.1.2 The terms of the Charity require the income to be applied for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Urban District of Tonbridge and persons appointed as Town Wardens to be residents or to have extensive knowledge of the area. They may be, but need not be, a member of the Council.
- 1.1.3 The Charity feels that Mr Owen Baldock would be an excellent appointment on the grounds that he was a long serving member of the Borough Council, representing Castle Ward, and is a long-time resident of Tonbridge.
- 1.1.4 Mr Baldock has indicated his willingness to accept this nomination.
- 1.1.5 The appointment would be until October 2024 which is when the four year term of office of Dr Court would have ended.

1.2 Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity

- 1.2.1 A vacancy has arisen due to the death of Mr David Cure.
- 1.2.2 In addition, the term of office of Councillor Pam Bates expired at the end of July 2021 which has created a further vacancy.

- 1.2.3 The Charity provides financial and pastoral support to individuals in need, usually older or disabled people living in various West Kent parishes.
- 1.2.4 The Leader of the Borough Council has nominated Councillor Vivian Branson and Councillor James Lark to serve as trustees for the Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity (St Peters and St Paul with St Saviour) and to fill the two vacancies.
- 1.2.5 The appointments would be for a four year term of office and would expire in October 2025.

1.3 Hospital of the Holy Trinity, Aylesford

- 1.3.1 A replacement is required for Councillor Des Keers who can no longer commit as much time to the Charity as it deserves.
- 1.3.2 Previously the Clerk to the Trustees has emphasised the value of having a person with local interests and contacts.
- 1.3.3 The Charity supports older persons by providing self-caring accommodation for individuals over 60 years of age and with some local connection to the village of Aylesford.
- 1.3.4 Councillor David Lettington has indicated his willingness to be appointed as a Trustee to the Board.
- 1.3.5 It is proposed that the term of office for this appointment is for 2 years (up to October 2023) which is when the term of office of Councillor Keers would have expired.

1.4 Petley and Deakins Almhouses

- 1.4.1 A vacancy has arisen due to the death of Mr David Cure.
- 1.4.2 In addition, the term of office for Mrs Maria Heslop expires at the end of December 2021.
- 1.4.3 The object of the Charity is 'to provide accommodation for poor persons of good character ordinarily residing the Ancient Parish of Tonbridge.'
- 1.4.4 The Leader has nominated Councillor Kim Tanner to serve as a trustee as part of her role as Cabinet Member for Housing.
- 1.4.5 The Charity has asked that the term of office for Mrs Maria Heslop be extended for a further 4 year term, which would expire in December 2025.

1.5 Legal Implications

- 1.5.1 N/A

1.6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.6.1 N/A

1.7 Risk Assessment

1.7.1 N/A

1.8 Equality Impact Assessment

1.8.1 N/A

1.9 Policy Considerations

1.9.1 Community

1.10 Recommendations

That:

- (1) Mr Owen Baldock be appointed as the Borough Council representative to serve on Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls until October 2024;
- (2) Councillors Vivian Branson and James Lark be appointed as Trustees to the Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity (St Peters and St Paul with St Saviour) for a four year term of office (until October 2025);
- (3) Councillor David Lettington be appointed as a Trustee to the Board of the Hospital of the Holy Trinity Aylesford until October 2023;
- (4) Councillor Kim Tanner be appointed as a Trustee to the Petley and Deakins Almhouses for a four year term of office (until October 2025); and
- (5) the appointment of Mrs Maria Heslop as a Trustee to the Petley and Deakins Almhouses be extended for a further four year term (until December 2025).

Background papers:

Nil

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