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## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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10 December 2001

## **Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No 6**

In respect of planning application TM/01/02732/FL: Application for change of use of site formerly the Star and Garter Public House for the use as a winter shelter for the homeless. Area Planning Sub-Committee No 1 resolved to move up this application with a recommendation for approval. As Chairman of Area 1 I move that the Council determines the application at its meeting on 18 December 2001.

Councillor O Baldock

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Notice of Motion to be moved at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council following the Council Meeting on 15 July 2003:

That in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon the following former Councillors in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough Council

Mr R Allen  
Mr T Barton  
Mrs J Cresswell  
Ms S Levett

Joint Proposers:

Councillor D Still

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Councillor D Thornewell

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Councillor M Worrall

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3 July 2003

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**This Council recognises that the Government Consultation Paper on “Local Government Finance: Formula Grant Distribution” will have substantial impacts on the grant allocated to all councils in Kent, and to the Police and Fire Authority’s, including possible losses in Formula Funding of £40 million.**

This Council notes that this Consultation Paper is based on out-of-date 1991 Census data which disadvantages Kent, by some £9 million per year.

This Council urges the Government to address realistically, the implications for funding of the extra houses it has imposed on Kent.

This Council believes that council taxpayers in Kent, should not have to pay for the shortfall in Government funding for Social Services, compared with other areas of the country. This Council acknowledges that there are areas of very high deprivation in Kent, comparable in severity to almost anywhere in England.

This Council emphasises that underfunding of public services in the South East, should not be used as an instrument of regional policy, that could and should be addressed by other substantial funding streams.

This Council is alarmed that the Treasury has announced its intention to give a Grant increase to local authorities in England of only 0.8% (excluding schools), whilst the Treasury Red Book assumes a Council Tax yield increase of 7.5%.

This Council therefore resolves to work with the County Council and other authorities in Kent, and independently, to draw attention to the deficiencies of the system, both as it presently operates and especially the further detriment to services, which would flow from the proposals in this latest Consultation Paper.

This Council demands fair and equitable Government support for the residents of this Borough and the county of Kent.

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## **Notices Of Motion Submitted Pursuant To Council Procedure Rule No 5.17**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Mrs Simpson and Thornewell pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.17:-

“That Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

- (i) expresses its concern at
- the decline of local services and facilities which affects local communities and in particular the elderly and people on the lowest incomes;
  - the resulting decline of local jobs and local economies and the resulting extra traffic and pollution caused by the need to travel further

(ii) and notes that this combination of factors increases people’s feelings of exclusion and lack of involvement; and so

(iii) supports measures to reverse this process and

(iv) supports the concept of local sustainability as envisaged in the Sustainable Communities Bill, namely;

- the promotion of local economies
- the promotion of local services and facilities
- the protection of the environment
- the reduction of social exclusion and
- measures to increase involvement in the democratic process

(v) and accordingly resolves to support the Sustainable Communities Bill which

- requires the government to assist councils and communities in promoting local sustainability in ways decided by them; and
- sets up a participative process whereby councils and communities can drive the way in which government uses its power and influence to assist with the promotion of local sustainability; and
- notes that this Bill is therefore fully in accord with current thinking in local government in that it impacts on central authorities and does not impose any new duties on councils but instead enables them to influence how government uses its resources and influence to help councils and communities; and
- specifically provides that where councils themselves decide to take action to promote local sustainability they should be given the resources to do so; and so

(vi) further resolves

- to inform the local media of this decision;
- to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and sign EDM (Early Day Motion) No. 641; and
- to write to Local Works, the Campaign behind the Bill, (at 94 White Lion Street, London N1 9PF) expressing its support.”

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## **Proposed motion to accompany the petition received from pupils of Trottiscliffe School**

“In passing on the petition handed to the Mayor, this Council calls upon the Kent County Council to abandon the proposal contained in the Kent Primary Strategy to close Trottiscliffe Church of England Primary School and urges the County Council to implement alternative measures to address the surplus capacity in the Malling Cluster such as increasing the number of schools within the cluster where a relatively small scale reduction in existing surplus capacity is to be made, thus avoiding the considerable adverse rural community and transport effects that closure of the school would generate.”

Cllr Matthew Balfour

12 July 2006

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## Motion to Council

Proposed by David Aikman  
Seconded by Mark Worrall

This Council notes the current work of the Board of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospital Trust in assessing the clinical effectiveness and costs of its various services as part of its effort to reduce its financial deficit. The Council further notes that this exercise includes a list of possible service changes which includes the down-grading of the A & E facility at Maidstone Hospital.

The Council is concerned about the potentially adverse consequences of such changes for the residents of the Borough. The lack of transport links between the Maidstone and Kent & Sussex/Pembury Hospitals are exacerbated by the **Government's refusal to sanction essential infrastructure improvements to both the A21 south of Tonbridge, and to the A228 at Colts Hill, which continue to cause difficulties for " blue light " trauma cases. The forthcoming upheaval and current uncertainty that surrounds the construction of a new hospital at Pembury is another factor.** This Council therefore urges the Board to ensure that it has considered all of the practical and operational consequences prior to any final decision in this matter.

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### **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.17**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Thornewell, seconded by Councillor Mrs Simpson:-

"This Council welcomes the Government's intention to enact a Climate Change Bill but urges Parliament to include a provision for national annual reduction targets for reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

The Council further asks that Sir John Stanley MP, Jonathan Shaw MP and the LGA be informed of our position and be asked to support the Council's position."

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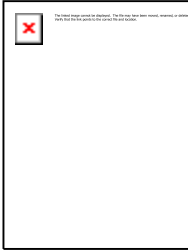
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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 7 August 2007:

That in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon the following former Councillors in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough Council

Mr George Chapman  
Mr Euan Munro  
Mr Russell Dorling

Joint Proposers:

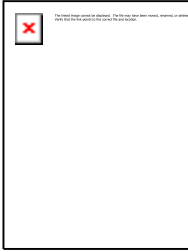
Councillor M Dobson .....

Councillor M Rhodes .....

Councillor D Thornewell .....

Councillor M Worrall .....

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 7 August 2007:-

- 1) That in recognition of her eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Miss Janice Browne be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 2) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mr Godfrey Horne MBE be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 3) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mr Derek Still be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 4) That in pursuance of Section 249(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable a casket to be presented to each of the Honorary Freeman of the Borough referred to in (1) to (3) above.

Joint Proposers:-

Councillor M Dobson .....

Councillor M Rhodes .....

Councillor D Thornewell .....

Councillor M Worrall .....

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## **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Rhodes:-

“Council notes that

(1) Giscard d'Estaing, the author of the original Constitution, has described the differences between his initial text and the "Reform Treaty", signed by Tony Blair on 23 June, as "few and far between" and "more cosmetic than real".

(2) The Leaders of nearly all EU partners publicly acknowledge that this new Treaty is virtually the same as the Constitution Treaty.

(3) The Constitution Treaty was rejected by France and The Netherlands.

(4) Many politicians across the political spectrum in Britain and many other organisations, including the Trades Union Congress, consider that a Referendum on the Treaty would be appropriate.

(5) the 2005 Labour Party manifesto, page 84, states " We will put [ the Constitution Treaty] to the British people in a referendum"

Council resolves to demand that the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, and the Government abide by the promise made to the British people, in the manifesto on which they were elected, to hold a Referendum on the European Treaty, signed by Tony Blair in June 2007.

Council agrees that, in addition to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Chairman and General Secretary of the Labour Party, copies of this resolution will be sent to the local MPs, MEPs, Leaders of the main Opposition Parties, and to the media.”

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## **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

Proposed amendment to Notice of Motion in respect of the Dualling of the A21 submitted by Councillor N Heslop, seconded by Councillor M Balfour.

"This Council :

welcomes the announcement that the Government has confirmed that the dualling of the A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury will now begin in 2011/2012;

expresses disappointment that this is still 12 months after the scheduled opening of the new Pembury hospital;

congratulates all those who have campaigned successfully for these works to be expedited;

indicates that it will continue to press the Government for the earliest possible completion of the works and will continue to do so until the works are completed;

recognises the need for improvements to the A21 from Kippings Cross to Lamberhurst and will continue to support the work of the reference group in this respect."

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**Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D Davis, supported by Councillors M Worrall and D Thornewell:-

“The Borough Council wishes to place on record its admiration and support for the professionalism and bravery shown by the officers and soldiers of the 36 Engineer Regiment during their 2008 tour of active service in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

The Borough Council also wishes to express its deep sympathy to 36 Engineer Regiment on the loss of two of its soldiers during this tour of duty. The Council is mindful of the immense dangers the Regiment faced and the unflinching courage shown on a daily basis by the officers and men of the 36 Engineer Regiment in accordance with the very highest traditions of the British Army.”

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## **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor N Heslop, seconded by Councillor M Balfour:-

### **A21 Improvements**

The Council will have been concerned to learn earlier this year that revised cost estimates for the proposed improvements to the A 21 between Tonbridge and Pembury and Kippings Cross and Lamberhurst had raised uncertainty over the funding and programming of these regionally important infrastructure projects.

These schemes are critical to the functioning of the A 21 as a part of the strategic road network linking the M 25 with the South Coast. Locally the continued uncertainty and delay in bringing forward the dualling of the Tonbridge to Pembury section causes significant levels of congestion that seriously harms the functioning of the network serving Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Most particularly the lack of investment on this part of the A 21 continues to give rise to poor traffic conditions in Tonbridge town centre and Hildenborough, inhibiting local efforts to improve accessibility and public transport services.

Tonbridge is defined as a Regional Transport Hub in the Regional Transport Strategy. Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells is also designated as a Regional Hub in the South East Plan where regional policy is to secure economic development and improved accessibility. In short any further delay in the implementation of the A 21 Tonbridge to Pembury improvements will significantly reduce the meaning and effectiveness of this policy. It will also hamper the strong local efforts being made by the Council, its partners and others to bring forward regeneration and redevelopment projects in the town centre and the accompanying transport strategy contained within the Local Development Framework which has been adopted by the Council following independent endorsement.

Although confirmed as regional priorities by the Regional Transport Board, latest information from the Department of Transport indicates that these schemes could now be subject to a further two year delay to 2012/13 and will need to go through a 'refresh' process involving further evaluation.

Recently an A 21 reference group has been formed including Council Leaders and Members of Parliament to co-ordinate a campaign to the Government for the funding to be made available to enable the early construction of these schemes. In line with these efforts it is recommended that the Borough Council provides the clearest and strongest message of support.

Accordingly the following motion is moved by Councillor Nicolas Heslop, Cabinet Member for Community Development and seconded by Councillor Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation:

“The Council strongly endorse the Regional Transport Board’s recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport that the proposed improvements to the A 21 should proceed as a matter of urgency in view of the strategic importance of the A 21 and the particular local significance of the dualling of the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury section to the future success of Tonbridge in view of its status as a Regional Hub.”

## **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D Aikman, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Anderson:-

“This Council notes that the Gurkhas have played an active front line part in the British Army’s activities in times of war and peace for nearly 200 years. In this period approximately 300,000 have fought alongside United Kingdom soldiers, with 45,000 of them being either killed or wounded.

This Council notes that the Government announced in September 2004 a change in immigration rules that allowed Gurkhas who had served in the British Army to settle in the United Kingdom with their families

This Council notes with concern however that this offer has only been extended to cover those Gurkhas who had served at least four years and been discharged after 1<sup>st</sup> July 1997.

This Council believes that, given the exceptional service they have given to the United Kingdom, Gurkhas and their families should be given fast track eligibility for either the right to remain or citizenship.

This Council:

- (1) Asks the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association asking them to lobby the Government on this matter.
- (2) Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister requesting that all retired Gurkhas who fought in the British Army, are given the right to citizenship, as well as a fair deal on pensions.”

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## **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D Thornewell seconded by Councillor Mrs E Simpson:

"The Borough Council notes the comments of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Chief Executive, Glenn Douglas to Maidstone Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to the effect he would prefer that the transfer of A&E Surgical Services from Maidstone should await the opening of the new Hospital at Pembury in 2011. The Council supports this view as it would avoid two changes - one to Tunbridge Wells and then another to the new hospital, and that the Trust be informed of the Council's view accordingly."

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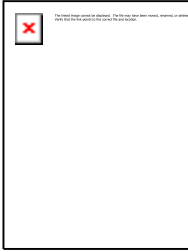
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To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D Aikman, seconded by Councillor M Dobson:

This Council requests the Chief Executive to write to His Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton in the following terms:

“The Members of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council extend their congratulations to you on the occasion of your marriage and wish you every possible joy and happiness in your life together.”

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 7 September 2011:

That in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon the following former Councillors in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough Council:

Mr David Aikman  
Mr John Clements  
Mr David Lettington

Joint Proposers:

Councillor O Baldock .....

Councillor P Bolt .....

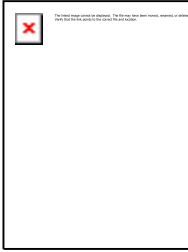
Councillor M Rhodes .....

Councillor Mrs E Simpson .....

Councillor A Sullivan .....

Councillor M Worrall .....

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 7 September 2011:

- 1) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Dr Gordon Court be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 2) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mr Michael Dobson be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 3) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mr David Thornewell be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 4) That in pursuance of Section 249(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable a casket to be presented to each of the Honorary Freemen of the Borough referred to in (1) to (3) above.

Joint Proposers:-

Councillor O Baldock .....

Councillor P Bolt .....

Councillor M Rhodes .....

Councillor Mrs E Simpson .....

Councillor A Sullivan .....

Councillor M Worrall .....

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## **Notices of Motion Submitted Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18**

To receive the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor x, seconded by Councillor y:

That this Council congratulates most warmly Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her Diamond Jubilee and approves the submission to Her Majesty of a Loyal Address as set out below.

Loyal Address

“TO THE QUEEN’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty

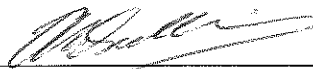
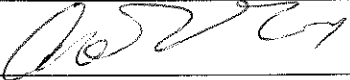
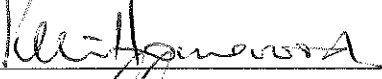


We the Mayor, Members and Officers of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council today assembled send Your Majesty this our most loyal address on the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of your Accession to the Throne and assure Your Majesty of our continued loyalty and devotion.

On behalf of the people of the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling we give thanks for Your Majesty’s sixty years of service and dedication and affectionately offer Your Majesty our most loyal and heartfelt congratulations.”

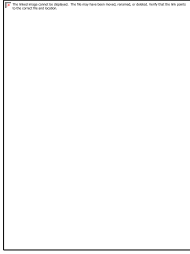
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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Pursuant to Rule 7.2 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, we hereby give notice of our intention to move a motion to grant the application for planning permission submitted under reference TM/11/03558/FL – Land at Well Street, East Malling (Construction of stables and outdoor sand manege) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure, at the meeting of the Area 3 Planning Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012, following a previous rejection of this motion at the meeting of the Area 3 Planning Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Name	Signature	Date
J. BALCOMBE		11/5/12
A. K. SULLIVAN		11/05/12
	ADOLF POLONZY	11/5/2012
PETER HOMEWOOD		12.5.2012
J Bellamy		12.5.2012
MIKE PARRY-WALLER		12.5.2012
C. GALE		12.5.2012
R. G. TAYLOR		12/5/2012
B. BROWN.		12/5/2012
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ATKINS		12.5.2012
Steven King		15/5/2012

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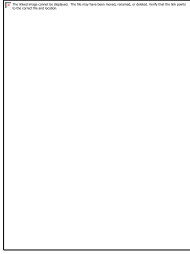
Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 21 November 2012:

- 1) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mark Worrall OBE be admitted posthumously as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2) That in pursuance of Section 249(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable an address to be presented.

Joint Proposers:-

- Councillor Mrs J Anderson .....
- Councillor O Baldock .....
- Councillor M Balfour .....
- Councillor M Coffin .....
- Councillor N Heslop .....
- Councillor Mrs S Luck .....
- Councillor B Luker .....
- Councillor Miss A Moloney .....
- Councillor M Rhodes .....
- Councillor Mrs E Simpson .....
- Councillor A Sullivan .....

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 14 July 2015:

- 1) That in recognition of her eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mrs Susan Murray be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 2) That in recognition of her eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mrs Elizabeth Simpson be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 3) That in pursuance of Section 249(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable an address to be presented to each of the Honorary Freemen of the Borough referred to in (1) and (2) above.

Joint Proposers:-

Councillor Mrs J Anderson .....

Councillor M Balfour .....

Councillor M Coffin .....

Councillor N Heslop .....

Councillor Mrs F Kemp .....

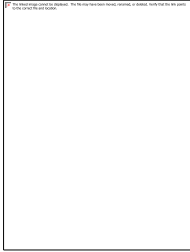
Councillor R Lancaster .....

Councillor Mrs A Oakley .....

Councillor A Sullivan .....

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 14 July 2015:

That in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon the following former Councillors in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough Council:

Mr Andrew Allison  
Mr David Evans  
Mr Peter Homewood  
Miss Anne Moloney  
Mrs Christine Woodger

Joint Proposers:

Councillor Mrs J Anderson .....

Councillor M Balfour .....

Councillor M Coffin .....

Councillor N Heslop .....

Councillor Mrs F Kemp .....

Councillor R Lancaster .....

Councillor Mrs A Oakley .....

Councillor A Sullivan .....

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## TO BANISH TIME LIMITED DEBATE

A MOTION: Our Wish to secure EQUAL STATUS for the (any) PETITION REPORT with ANY OTHER REPORT on the Council Agenda, and EQUAL OPPORTUNITY for any COUNCILLOR who may wish to speak upon it with No stated time limit on the length of debate.

From this above it follows that a statement made in THE PETITION SCHEME document under "FULL COUNCIL DEBATES" as "the petition will then be discussed by Councillors FOR A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES" SHALL BE EXPUNGED - allowing ONLY that the petition will be discussed by Councillors.

NOTE: Debate on ANY REPORT on the Agenda of the Council Meeting will be in conformity with the Constitution Procedure Rules Part 4 where NO TIME LIMITS on the Duration of Debates exist.

A reason for change:-

BY CLLR P.F. BOLT

The 15 minute limit as seen by public visitors to the Council Meeting resulted in their wide spread condemnation of the unexpected shortness of the debate which left people with the impression that "their" Report was rated as unimportant and Second Class together with the feeling that the Council had nothing to say about their concerns and just dismissed the Petition as quickly as possible. They talk of LOST DEMOCRACY and that the Council has lost their RESPECT.

THIS MUST CHANGE FOR FUTURE PETITIONS yet to come!

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 9 April 2019:

- 1) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Cllr Peter Bolt be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- 2) That in pursuance of Section 249(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable an address to be presented to the Honorary Freeman of the Borough referred to in (1) above.

Joint Proposers:-

Councillor N Heslop .....

Councillor Mrs A Oakley .....

Councillor .....

Councillor .....

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## **Motion to Council for Tuesday 9 July 2019**

Nicolas Heslop  
Martin Coffin  
Robin Betts  
David Lettington  
Vivian Branson  
Michael Base  
Frixos Tombolis  
Matt Boughton

We believe that a sustainable low-carbon future is essential for our own sake, and that of future generations – and is needed urgently to avoid the dangers of runaway climate breakdown.

A recent report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that in order for us to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5°C, worldwide CO2 emissions need to decline by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050. This target will allow us to support the international commitment to keep the planet's temperature rise below 1.5°C (above pre-industrial levels) as agreed under the Paris Agreement. We also note the recent Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services report on global species and habitat loss.

Further to this, Council resolves to:

1. Declare its recognition of global climate change and biodiversity emergencies;
2. Consider how the Council can strengthen local protection and enhance protection of species, habitats and ecosystems under available powers;
3. Review services and operations to ensure Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has policies that support climate change mitigation, for example the provision of electric charging points across the borough, so that it is one of the most welcoming places in the country for driving electric and hybrid vehicles;
4. Request an initial report is made to the Cabinet setting out how, in partnership with other agencies, the Council will be making positive contributions to combat climate change.

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## Motion to Council on behalf of Tonbridge and Malling Liberal Democrats

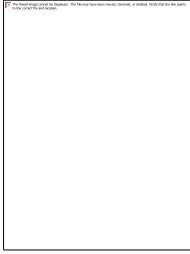
This council notes:

- the motion declaring a climate emergency which was passed on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019;
- that the biggest single contributor to climate change is the emission of carbon from fossil fuels;
- that trees have the ability to soak up carbon emissions and therefore tree planting can offset some of the carbon dioxide which is contributing to climate change.

This council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to prepare a tree planting strategy which:

- aims to increase considerably the tree cover within the borough by identifying council owned land that could be used for tree planting;
- sets out to create community orchards to help improve the supply of fresh, local produce and boost the health of residents;
- works with the voluntary sector and local parish councils to deliver tree planting plans;
- involves schools, colleges and Kent university and their pupils and students in carrying out tree planting and woodland maintenance.
- identifies sources of funding available to the council, parishes and voluntary organisations to pay for tree planting.

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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 21 April 2020:

- 1) That in recognition of his eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, Mr Owen Baldock be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2) That in pursuance of Section 249(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable an address to be presented to the Honorary Freeman of the Borough referred to in (1) above.

Joint Proposers:-

Councillor

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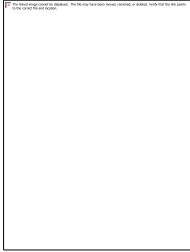
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# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Notice of Motion to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 21 April 2020:

That in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon the following former Councillors in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough Council:

Mr Matthew Balfour  
Mr Christopher Smith  
Mr Allan Sullivan

Joint Proposers:

Councillor

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## **Notice of Motion submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.27**

To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A Clark on behalf of the Green Party:

### ***Transparency and Accountability Motion***

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council has stepped up to the challenge of continuing to perform our duties and serve our community - including rapidly identifying, testing and executing a new system of meeting and voting online that meets current regulatory and constitutional requirements. It is a great credit to the Officers and all the Members who have demonstrated flexibility and versatility in order to ensure the success of this new way of working together.

We therefore propose that we amend the way that this Council records the business of its meetings beyond the pandemic response period, in order to continue to:

- encourage and enable the greatest possible participation in meetings and local democracy by Members and Residents alike,
- build trust between Residents and Members who represent them, and
- enable greater understanding of how the Council conducts its business and makes decisions.

The measures proposed are all designed to complement the Council's Digital Strategy, and to bring the meeting practices of the Council in line with many other local authorities that have already put such measures in place successfully. At such time as we find ourselves able to meet again in person, the investment already made in the microphone system in the Council Chamber at King's Hill, as well as a portable system available for meetings held in the Angel Centre, to provide a hearing loop, mean that only a small estimated additional investment will be required, if any, in order to put these measures in place. Electronic voting has also recently been tested by Members with positive feedback on the functionality and security of the system proposed.

We believe these measures will also ensure that we respond to the potential equality impact on residents who would like to observe and participate in meetings by asking questions, as well as Members. This especially applies to those with caring responsibilities, short- and long-term disabilities, pregnancy and post-natal care, unavoidable work commitments, illness or who are on low incomes without access to affordable transport in the evenings.

To ensure that the objectives above are addressed, this motion proposes that:

- (1) Every Council Meeting, Cabinet, Advisory Board and Committee Meeting be live streamed on a secure internet connection, as well as recorded, beyond the pandemic period. Recordings should be made available on the Council's website for members of the public to access within 2 working days of the meeting having taken place.

- (2) Electronic voting be introduced for every Council Meeting, Cabinet Meeting, Advisory Board and Committee Meeting.
- (3) Recorded votes be extended to every Council Meeting, Advisory Board and Committee Meeting on Member request.
- (4) As long as government regulation continues to allow (especially in the instance that the current concession introduced during the pandemic response period be made permanent), that the option for full remote participation in meetings, including remote voting for Members of Council, Cabinet and Advisory Boards, be continued.