

# Swale Borough Council

## Outside Bodies Reports

2011



### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Dave Banks
Name of outside body: Murston Early Years Project-Management Committee
Number of meetings held and number attended:
Purpose of outside body: No one has contacted me about any meeting or sent anything to me about a meeting I have had no newsletter or any letters from them.  So I have nothing to report , sorry.
What you contributed:
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'. Yes No
Date: 14/4/2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Dave Banks

Name of outside body:

Smeed Charities Murston Church

Number of meetings held and number attended:

Purpose of outside body:

It is the same as last year and the year before, nothing to report.  
I have asked Ian and Heather Thompson from the Murston church for report on it and again like last year and years before nothing.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

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Yes

No

Date: 14/4/2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Rick Barnicott
Name of outside body:  Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee
Number of meetings held and number attended:  Six formal meetings Four attended
Purpose of outside body:  Appointed by Swale B C as a trustee to oversee the management of the Swimming Pool and to ensure that the grant money from the Borough Council is correctly used for the provision of swimming for the residents.
What you contributed: Having been involved in the provision of the pool first serving on the fund raising committee and then on the management committee of the pool when built in 1964 – many of those years spent as Chairman of the Trust. Attending at the pool on most days of the week to have regular discussions With the manager on the day to day administration.  My attendance at the pool since giving up the chair is now less but still once or twice a week in particular for the signing of cheques – prompt payment achieves discount from many suppliers
What you learnt:  A good knowledge on all aspects of marketing and management in this particular sphere of leisure provision by being hands on.  *Something you can never gain by sitting in an office chair continually requesting staff to spend time in preparing graphs, interesting as they might be, which prohibits the time available for them to be getting on with the function they were primarily engaged for and therefore will inevitably increase administration costs. Already signs are showing (in management) some slippage in their normal working practices.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes      Yes – See * above
No
Date      :March 12 <sup>th</sup> 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: George Bobbin
Name of outside body: Kent Rural Community Committee
Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held - 2 Meetings attended – 0
Purpose of outside body:  Unable to state the purpose of this group as I was unable to attend any meetings due to commitments elsewhere on the dates of the meetings held.
What you contributed:  Nothing – Please see above.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 19/3/2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: George Bobbin
Name of outside body: Benstead's Charity Faversham
Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held – 2 Meetings attended - 2
Purpose of outside body:  The purpose of this body is to look at "needy" cases that apply for funding to help their causes.
What you contributed:  I attended these meetings and either agreed or disagreed with the application.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 19/03/2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: George Bobbin
Name of outside body: Boughton Village Hall
Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held – 10 Meetings attended - 6
Purpose of outside body:  The purpose of this body is to look at ways to raise capital for the upkeep of the Village Hall and to make it accessible to hirers.
What you contributed:  I attended these meetings and supplied my input for fundraising events.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19/3/2011



### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: George Bobbin
Name of outside body: Faversham Swimming Pool Management Committee
Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held - 4 Meetings attended – 4
Purpose of outside body:  The purpose of this group is to manage the upkeep of both the inside and outside pools at Faversham.
What you contributed:  I attended these meetings and agreed with proposals put forward by the committee. We also discussed and approved an update to the Service Level Agreement.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19/3/2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: George Bobbin

Name of outside body: Oare Gunpowder Works Advisory Group

Number of meetings held and number attended: Meetings held – Unsure  
Meetings attended – 2 + Green Flag Day

Purpose of outside body:

The purpose of this group is to raise awareness of and funds for the Gunpowder Works at Oare.

What you contributed:

I listened to proposals to promote this site as a tourist attraction and agreed with the proposals put forward plus I agreed with the fund raising ideas that were mentioned.

What you learnt:

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 19/3/2011

## Outside Body Report

Councillor's Name: Andrew Bowles
Name of outside body: Local Government Association.
Number of meetings held and number attended: Attended all Plenary including Annual Conference.
Purpose of outside body:  Co-ordinate Local Government family views and convey to Central Government.
What you contributed:  Full participation. Also attend Executive as observer when possible (once as sub). Member LGA Councillors Forum. Chairman LGA Rural Commission (see separate sheet).
What you learnt:  Insight into Government Policy. Also best practice across Local Councils.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19 April 2011

## Outside Body Report

Councillor's Name: Andrew Bowles
Name of outside body: LGA Rural Commission
Number of meetings held and number attended: 2 Plenary and Annual Conference
Purpose of outside body:  Spread best practice around Local Authorities. Liaise with Defra Ministerial Team and Civil Servants.
What you contributed:  Chairman of Commission and Policy Review Group. Led at meetings with the Minister.
What you learnt:  Good insight into Government Policies present and future.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19 April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Andrew Bowles
Name of outside body: Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board
Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 of 5 attended.
Purpose of outside body:  Land drainage in flood area. Consultee on Planning Applications.
What you contributed:  Liaison with Environment Agency Flood Defence Committee and Association of Drainage Authorities National Executive.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19 April 2011

### Outside Body Report

Councillor's Name: Andrew Bowles
Name of outside body: Swale LSP (Non Swale Locality Board)
Number of meetings held and number attended: All 3 meetings attended.
Purpose of outside body: Joint working with County Council, other Public Sector Agencies and voluntary and private sectors.
What you contributed: Leadership – Chaired all meetings. Represented LSP on Kent Partnership and S E Rural Forum (Chairman)
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19 April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Andrew Bowles
Name of outside body: South East England Councils
Number of meetings held and number attended: 3 of 3 Full Meetings. 1 of 2 Executive Committee.
Purpose of outside body:  Co-ordinate views of 74 member Councils
What you contributed:  Elected to Executive Committee. Substituted for Chairman at 1 LGA Executive Committee.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19 April 2011

## Outside Body Report

Councillor's Name: Andrew Bowles
Name of outside body: Thames Gateway Kent Partnership
Number of meetings held and number attended: All meetings of TGKP (3) and TGK Leaders (6) now merged.
Purpose of outside body:  Liaison with Central Government, SEEDA and Thames Gateway Essex and Thames Gateway London.
What you contributed:  Vice-Chairman TGKP (Private Sector Chairman) Chairman Thames Gateway Leaders' Board
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 19 April 2011



## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Derek Conway
Name of outside body: Amicus Horizon Limited (Mid-Kent Area Panel)
Number of meetings held and number attended: 5 attended out of 7
Purpose of outside body:  Consider data regarding management and deployment of housing stock together with servicing/refurbishment thereof. A considerable quantity of closely recorded and statistical information is provided in advance of regular meetings to stimulate discussion upon a wide range of issues generated by social housing in Swale. Meetings cover neighbourhood inspections, area manager's report and area panel report. Panel comprises active residents, Council Member working closely with Amicus officers.
What you contributed:  I have attended local and area meetings, engaging fully with Members and contributing to discussion upon the issues raised upon the various agenda. During this session I also participated in an area community event, assisting with organised community activities. On another occasion, time was spent at a residential call centre where I was able to monitor and later comment upon concerns/repair requests called in by residents.
What you learnt:  With the above opportunities of engagement and arranged development sessions I feel that my performance and effectiveness as a Councillor have been considerably advanced.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 28th April 2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Derek Conway
Name of outside body: Citizens' Advice Bureau Swale Trustee Board (Vice-Chair)
Number of meetings held and number attended: 4 attended out of 6
Purpose of outside body:  CAB in Swale provides a wide range of free and independent advice to the residents of Swale. The Board meets to receive updates re development and progress through the year. Reports are available from the manager, finance and staffing sub-committee. A business plan and risk analysis is also made available and a review of progress against strategic objectives is discussed. Trustees also receive for discussion, a report on social policy activity for sections of the financial year. A review of complaints and the bureau anti-harassment policy is also reported by the manager.
What you contributed:  I have contributed fully upon regular agenda topics and more recently upon the 2010/2011 income/expenditure v budget paper before the board. There is to be a significant increase in monthly and quarterly monitoring within the revised service level agreement with SBC. Due to earlier engagement with SBC officers upon these issues I have been able to contribute to discussion within committee. Also of significance is the recent production of a consultation document produced by CAB in relation to a new network of structure. The main thrust of which is a new service strategy which is to become the main gateway for anyone wanting advice and information. It is proposed that a CAB hub will take a strategic and leading role in achieving this. Trustees on the Board are currently required to consider detail of the document for individual comment/report.
What you learnt:  Through this medium/body there is a further opportunity to discover what issues most concern the residents of Swale and the strategy and means which are in place to ensure that the best service is provided by CAB. This is achieved with considerable contributions from SBC and other partners.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 28th April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Mike Cosgrove
Name of outside body: Faversham Creek Consortium
Number of meetings held and number attended: 8 of 8
Purpose of outside body: To coordinate actions and consultation on Faversham Creek and its footprint to ensure improvement and regeneration
What you contributed: Helped shaped thinking and strategy together with useful progress on a number of key issues See attached report
What you learnt: General agreement about the vision for The Creek How the planning process can be supported in giving greater local involvement
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes /
No
Date:



## **Faversham Creek Consortium- A.G.M Progress Report for 2010-2011**

### **Introduction**

This report sets out progress over the last year. It has been compiled with the help of members of the Management Group. The Faversham Creek Consortium was formed in 2005 to progress and champion the navigation and regeneration of the Creek and its immediate area. This is the fifth full year it has been in operation.

It brings together in a partnership local organisations and individuals with a strong interest in its aims. It provides a platform for discussion and action, but does not constrain participants in undertaking individual activities. An example of this is Eric Green and Bob Berk's use of their small tug to assist agitation.

Before its existence nothing had been done to change the dereliction of the creek for many years. Effectively dredging had ceased and the planning process was piecemeal. Thus the Creek Consortium has focussed attention on the Creek and has successfully drawn in the statutory authorities and supported public involvement.

This last year has seen three significant areas of progress. Firstly Medway Port has undertaken work to repair the lock gates to the inner basin to ensure that the tidal waters can be channel to enhance creek sluicing. Secondly the Committee has produced a comprehensive review of The Fullwood Report. Finally a strong endorsement was received from the Faversham Society to offer further assistance

These activities and others detailed below have required much work from members of the management Group who have given considerable amounts of their time.

### **Key Issues**

Progress has been achieved. There remains inevitably much work to be done. The Group is always concerned with the speed of progress. Given the scale of this project, a legitimate criticism is that actions on each issue take time, and engaging the statutory organisations can be cumbersome. This is frustrating for all, particularly members of the Management Group. The issue of Standard Quay is mentioned later.

Press coverage is always positive. The Consortium may need greater publicity and better communication than it currently delivers. Improved visibility at [www.faversham.org](http://www.faversham.org) is much appreciated

There has been little dissent about the Consortium's overall approach, and generally it is met with strong agreement from many quarters. The Consortium is not an organisation in its own right and does not have funding, thus it has to influence through the work of others. But with

action from the Management Group, a number of initiatives have been started because partner organisations have been encouraged to action specific initiatives.

Whilst everyone has been affected by the economic downturn, the number of craft using the creek has remained constant or risen slightly.

### **Policy Framework**

Very seldom have voluntary organisations changed a council's policy. The effect the Consortium has had on planning policy can not be underestimated. Without a coherent local policy framework, The Creek would be left in limbo. The last year has seen Swale Borough Council place significant investment in time and money in the Creek DPD. The subsequent Fullwood report contains many positive approaches that the Consortium would endorse but some need further tightening and substantial revision. The report itself is a topic for presentation at this AGM.

The new national planning regulations are complex, and frustrating! But during this year we have seen concerted effort being invested in this process that gives real support to The Consortium's initial views, that now have a large measure of agreement across Faversham.

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### **Medway Port**

Understandably the economic recession has affected everyone, Medway Port included. Nevertheless during the late autumn of 2010 work was undertaken to assess the problems of the bridge and the obstructions to opening the gates. Mention has been previously made of planned work in this year. Once achieved the full operation of the sluice gates will make a significant difference to the flows of water along the creek if deployed with other measures.

Over the previous two years Medway Ports undertook some useful sluicing along the creek and ventured into the basin with excellent results. Also Individuals began to fund some specific site sluicing for individual moorings.

### **Standard Quay**

As a focus for barges and repair work Standard Quay together with Goldfinch and Hucksteps wharves form an iconic location. The Committee has given considerable thought to the issue of the expiry of the current tenant's lease, and the statement from the landowner. Whilst debate has been considerable, it was agreed that the policy of The Consortium would remain that it could not intervene in a legal issue between two parties, nor should it take sides. It has been the Consortium's policy to work collaboratively with creek side landowners. But it remains unfortunate that a long existing tenancy arrangement was proven not to have legal validity. A month ago we all read that a "Creek Trust" had been formed. The chairman and vice chair met with three representatives of this group. The discussion whilst useful resulted in the new group rejecting our offer to join the consortium and become part of the network.

## **Local Partnerships**

Faversham Town Council has a long and significant relationship with the creek. It is represented with one place on The Management Committee. During the year relationships have strengthened to enable some concerted action and agreement about a range of creek related issues including a joint application for local planning support. We thank Cllr Geoff Wade for his support.

Faversham Municipal Charities has been a strong supporter of the Consortium because of its historic links with the creek and its charitable aims. It has on a number of occasions pumped funding for key initiatives, the latest being funding for footpaths extension and environmental surveys.

The Faversham Society remains an excellent research resource and supporter. Each year its representative provides The Society with an annual report that enables a wide readership to keep in touch with developments.

Friends of Faversham Creek remain fully committed and provide considerable help in many practical and advisory ways.

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## **The Cambria Trust**

The Cambria barge restoration project is a living representation of the Creek and its history. Throughout this year work on restoration has continued and the project has gained considerable momentum and pace with a widening range of partners. The energy and determination of all associated with The Cambria is an example of what can be achieved against odds. This is all the more visible as the historic re-launch last week has shown. We offer our congratulations and many thanks to Bill Collard

## **Footpaths**

The Creek can not be appreciated fully unless there is a waterside network of footpaths running around it. This view is now part of the policy framework. Faversham Municipal Charities has provided some initial funding to progress this the three statutory authorities KCC, SBC and FTC are working in concert to extend the footpath network.

## **The Swing Bridge**

It has been a long term ambition that the bridge and lock gates should be restored to working condition because of their role in making the creek basin the centrepiece of maritime activity. The bridge and highway aspects are the responsibility of Kent County Council. Following the retirement of their bridge engineer, Highways have undertaken some minor works to the structure and some repainting. The bridge is the only main route to the Front Brents, hence many local residents and businesses depend upon it. Restoration of the existing bridge is

technically feasible as it is sound, and The Consortium is further pressing KCC to consider positive action.

### **The Environment Agency**

The Environment Agency met with Swale Borough Council to discuss their concerns about pollution in the creek and from the silt entering the creek. The Management Committee has spent considerable time considering this issue. It is our view that within the creek pollution is minimal and decreasing. Discussion and studies are continuing to provide sample evidence and resolve this. We were heartened by the letter from the Minister of The Environment in late 2010.

### **Guests and Opportunities**

During the year The Management Consortium have invited a number of guests to its meetings including Mark Meade of Medway Port and Tony Fullwood. Some three years ago the committee discussed the option of a Creek Trust, and this may be an option to again consider.

### **Conclusion**

This brief overview gives an indication of the complexity of the issues in which The Faversham Consortium Management Group has been involved. We have been fortunate in having sound advice and excellent secretarial support. We are looking forward to 2011/2012. Thanks are due to all who have contributed and given their time so generously.

Our ambition and that of the majority of the community, remains to see a vibrant working creek and enjoyable inner basin where barges and a range of craft can be seen. Faversham Creek is a priceless asset, and one that must be at the heart of revitalising The Town. It takes little imagination to see a host of masts along the creek and in the inner basin with a vibrant sailing community and many tourists drawn from far a field to support local businesses; and giving pleasure to many who can stroll along its footpaths.

**2/3/2010**



### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Mike Cosgrove
Name of outside body: South East Employers
Number of meetings held and number attended: 6 of 8
Purpose of outside body: To provide regional advice and support on HR issues and Member development
What you contributed: Helped shape business plan, and decisions regarding strategy together with two reviews of councils' member charter application
What you learnt: General agreement throughout the region on pay and conditions How to strip out unproductive meetings from annual cycle
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes /
No
Date:

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Duncan Dewar-Whalley
Name of outside body: Health & Safety Committee
Number of meetings held and number attended: 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 13 <sup>th</sup> December & 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Committee) Attended all these meetings and 5 other meetings concerning various health & safety issues
Purpose of outside body: To ensure that Swale BC complies with the various fire and health & safety requirements and advise all staff of their responsibilities.
What you contributed: Advice on all fire safety issues.  Survey of Swale House in relation to Fire Extinguishers and Fire safety signage and health & safety.  Advice on Evacuation Chairs.  Suggestions on issues found whilst visiting the building.  For detailed information see minutes of meetings.
What you learnt:  Kept up to date with changes to health & safety legislation  t
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes it is very important that a Member and Portfolio Holder sits on this Committee
Date: 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Duncan Dewar-Whalley
Name of outside body: Queenborough Fishery Trust & Swale Recreation Trust
Number of meetings held and number attended: Five meetings held. I could only attend three due to portfolio holder for Finance & Budget Management commitments
Purpose of outside body: The charity is to be used to help the poor, sick or disabled people and to help provide recreational and educational facilities. In addition monies may be granted to what is considered to be a worthy cause.
What you contributed: My opinion on the applications for grants requested.
What you learnt: More about the needs of the community in Sheppey & Sittingbourne
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes
Date: 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Trevor Fentiman

Name of outside body:

Faversham swimming pool

Number of meetings held and number attended:

6 held and 6 attended

Purpose of outside body:

To help with the right decisions made regarding the swimming pool as Swale borough Council pays A small sum of money to help with the repairs and running of the asset.

What you contributed:

Help with discussions to determine the correct outcome for both the pool and Swale Borough Council

What you learnt:

How little Swale contributes towards the running of Faversham Swimming Pool which is a major asset to the town especially with obesity on the increase; it can only help towards a healthy life style.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 14-04-2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Sue Gent

Name of outside body: Charity of Sir William Stede

Number of meetings held and number attended:

3

3

Purpose of outside body:

Is to look at all cases that apply for funding from the Charity.

What you contributed:

I attend these meetings and I am involved in who has the money.

What you learnt:

That there are people that really do need help with essential things that most of us take for granted.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 4th April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Sue Gent	
Name of outside body: United Charities of Milton Regis	
Number of meetings held and number attended:	
3	3
Purpose of outside body: Is to look at all cases that apply for funding from the Charity.	
What you contributed: I attend these meetings and I am involved in who has the money.	
What you learnt: That there are people that really do need help with essential things that most of us take for granted.	
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.	
Yes ✓	
No	
Date: 4th April 2011	

### Outside Bodies Report

<p>Councillor's Name:</p> <p>Cllr Nicholas Hampshire</p>
<p>Name of outside body:</p> <p>Borden United Charities</p>
<p>Number of meetings held and number attended:</p> <p>3 meetings out of 3 attended in addition to various e-mail/telephone exchanges</p>
<p>Purpose of outside body:</p> <p>Trustees, at their discretion, use the Charity's annual income to make payments for the benefit of the elderly. Grants are also considered for education and any other persons who apply for assistance within the parish of Borden.</p>
<p>What you contributed:</p> <p>I have continued to work with the Charity's trustees and clerk at maximising investment income so as to allow Borden United Charities to continue its function of supporting Borden's residents during their time of need.</p> <p>I have promoted our activities to local residents and the parish's Parish Council which has led to increased requests for support being received from parishioners. Trustees have been pleased with the additional requests received for support in addition to its annual Christmas donations to the elderly.</p> <p>Trustees continue to manage 1 property in Borden for the benefit of providing affordable rented accommodations and remain sympathetic to the effects of the current economic situation on individuals.</p>
<p>What you learnt:</p> <p>I have continued to build on the working relationships established when a trustee in previous civic years and appreciate the diverse range of opinion expressed by Trustees regarding the Charity's activities.</p> <p>Borden continues to be a ward with differing degrees of deprivation and I have been struck by the impact small local charities can have on the everyday lives of ordinary people.</p>
<p>Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.</p>
<p>Yes ✓</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Date: 15 April 2011</p>

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Cllr Nicholas Hampshire
Name of outside body: Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale
Number of meetings held and number attended: 3 out of 4 Trustee Board meetings and the AGM
Purpose of outside body:  The Charity's objectives are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in Swale and the neighbourhood thereof by the advancement of education, the protection and preservation of health and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.  Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale belongs to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, all of whose members adhere to the following aims and principles:  <b>Aims</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that individuals do not suffer through lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available to them or through an inability to express their needs effectively; and equally</li> <li>• To exercise a responsible influence on the development of social policies and services both nationally and locally.</li> </ul> <b>Principles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The service is confidential, impartial, free and independent.</li> </ul>
What you contributed:  I have continued to work with the Charity's trustees at maximising income opportunities and controlling costs so as to allow Citizens Advice Bureau in Swale to continue its philanthropic objectives of helping Swale's community.  The Charity, however, continues to face significant challenges. For example, how the organisation can continue to deliver the quality and breadth of service it provides when facing the prospect of reduced grants and ever increasing financial constraints. The impact of reduced FiF funding is likely to threaten the amount of residents than can be seen regarding debt advice. This is not conducive with the effect of the recession on Swale's residents which has certainly increased demand for the organisation's services relating to debt advice.  It is these challenges that form the basis of discussions for Trustees at board meetings and seeking ways to improve the situation will no doubt be a key aspect of future meetings.  Trustees, however, have welcomed no cut in absolute terms of Swale Borough Council's to the charity.
What you learnt: I have continued to be impressed with the work of the Charity's volunteers, full-time staff and Trustees who work relentlessly and tirelessly to uphold the aims and purpose of the Charity. Advisors continue to deal with a range of diverse issues from Swale's residents on a day-to-day basis; receiving high satisfaction ratings from clients for their personal and plain English delivery of advice. This is even more impressive given the challenges the Bureau has faced.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 15 April 2011



### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: ANGELA HARRISON
Name of outside body: AMICUS HORIZON KENT AREA GATEWAY
Number of meetings held and number attended: I attended all except one meeting – it clashed with a Full Council meeting. I have also attended all day training sessions on Saturdays for topics such as the budget and local area choices.
Purpose of outside body:
What you contributed:  Apart from contributing as a member of the committee with my previous knowledge of housing, I have acted as a conduit when areas present themselves for possible joint working with SBC – Handyman Service springs to mind.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes    ✓
No
Date: 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:	ANGELA HARRISON
Name of outside body:	LGA URBAN COMMISSION
Number of meetings held and number attended:	2 MEETINGS HELD – NONE ATTENDED.
Purpose of outside body:	<p>These meetings have been useful in the past for networking and information gathering. However, they take up a whole day as they are in London. On the two dates this year it was not possible for me to attend.</p>
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.	
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date:	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Mike Henderson

Name of outside body:

Oare Gunpowder Works Development Group

Number of meetings held and number attended:

5 held, 4 attended - no action by SBC since Sheila Smith retired.

Purpose of outside body:

- To continue restoration of area
- To maintain Green Flag Award
- To develop and extend visits to area
- To assist work of Groundwork and Friends of Oare Gunpowder Works

What you contributed:

1. Enthusiasm and encouragement
2. Progress of Health and Safety requirements
3. Finance for Friends' Group
4. Ideas for marketing
5. Balance of industrial archaeology, nature conservation and visitor attraction
6. Achievement of Green Flag

What you learnt:

1. Benefit of work with schools
2. Natural history of area

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 14th April 2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Mike Henderson
Name of outside body: The Alexander Centre Trust
Number of meetings held and number attended:  Since joining 6 meetings, 4 attended
Purpose of outside body:  To run the Alexander Centre as an independent body, improve it and develop its use for the benefit of the people of Faversham.
What you contributed:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assist in negotiations with SBC for hand over of Alexander Centre</li><li>2. Contribute to financial success of TACT</li><li>3. Contribute to pricing for use of centre</li><li>4. Provide links to WFCA</li><li>5. Contribute to improvement of the Centre</li></ol>
What you learnt:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. TACT as part of history of Faversham</li><li>2. Costs of operating commercially rather than as part of SBC</li><li>3. Maintenance and restoration of old buildings</li></ol>
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 14th April 2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Ken Pugh
Name of outside body: Sheppey Matters
Number of meetings held and number attended:  14 Meetings held 12 attended
Purpose of outside body:  To serve the people of the Island and promote Public Health Wellbeing. To manage the Healthy Living Centre and various community projects across the Isle of Sheppey.
What you contributed:  I have been instrumental in shaping the strategy (next 3 years) of the Charity. I have supported the staff and taken a keen interest in several of the programmes that Sheppey Matters run. Namely Sheppey Wheels where I have used some of my highways fund in the start up of a mini bus service that runs from Leysdown, stopping at Warden, Eastchurch, Minster, Sheerness and Blue Town. It's a daily service that runs when the Commercial Busses stop leaving some of the residence with out a service.  The is a Drug & Alcohol misuse project that targets the young by listening to them and gathering local data that has up to now not been available. This project was run in conjunction with a local research worker, (managed by Sheppey Matters) and several academics from the Health and Social Care faculty of Greenwich University. The results, analysis and sustainable action will be disseminated and presented to KCC.
What you learnt:  The loyalty and commitment of the Staff. The ideas that have come forward from staff to improve the performance and efficiency of Sheppey Matters.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 20/04/2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Gareth Randall
Name of outside body: Gore Court (Westlands) Ltd
Number of meetings held and number attended: 1 since the last report, but unfortunately I was unable to attend due to unexpected work commitments.
Purpose of outside body:  The outside body manages a sports pitch, located on the grounds of Westlands School in Sittingbourne, but jointly owned and operated by the school and the Gore Court sports club. Swale Borough council is a represented party on the management company, which is Gore Court (Westlands) Ltd.
What you contributed:  I have previously contributed ideas to increase advertising revenue for the pitch, which is needed to fund repairs, as well as helped with negotiations between the school and the sports club.  I have kept in contact with the key people in Gore Court (Westlands) Ltd.
What you learnt:  The club has many enthusiastic members and generous volunteers. The main tasks for Gore Court (Westlands) Ltd are to raise funds for future renewals of the pitch, and also to progress agreements with the school in order to renew the ownership of the pitch in the future.
Date: 14-4-2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Pat Sandle
Name of outside body: AGE CONCERN
Number of meetings held and number attended:  I attended all but two scheduled monthly meetings during the year and the AGM.
Purpose of outside body:  Age concern are going through many changes at the moment, KCC are changing their payment methods to them and they are having to collaborate with other Age concerns in East Kent for the budget is being distributed differently.
What you contributed:
What you learnt:  As Sheppey Age Concern is very important to our older population and is always very well attended It is important for a member of the Borough Council to attend the meetings to ensure the service continues for the benefit of the ageing population and feed back to the Borough Council the importance of the service which is provided.
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Yes ✓
No
Date: 15th April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Pat Sandle

Name of outside body:

SWALE VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Number of meetings held and number attended:

I have been able to attend two out of four meetings due to other meetings and found it very interesting.

Purpose of outside body:

The meetings are well attended and community interest is very evident.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

With the Localism Bill promoting working with the voluntary sector I would recommend continuing representation on the board by SBC.

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Yes: ✓

No

Date: 15th April 2011



## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:

Pat Sandle

Name of outside body:

SWALE YOUTH FORUM

Number of meetings held and number attended:

I attended all three meetings and find them very interesting.

Purpose of outside body:

The youth of Swale are well worth listening to as shown at the Local democracy week question times and the forums encourage them to get involved in their local area.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

They are innovative and show a great deal of common sense. I would certainly recommend all Councillors to visit at least one meeting if they can

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 15th April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Adam Tolhurst
Name of outside body: Charity of Sir William Stede & United Charities of Milton Regis
Number of meetings held and number attended: Two held, one attended
Purpose of outside body:  Position - Trustee.  To distribute funds to those in financial hardship living in and around the area of Milton Regis.
What you contributed:  Decision making with regards to the how funds are allocated.
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes
Date: 11/4/2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Adam Tolhurst
Name of outside body: Milton Regis Court Hall Management Committee
Number of meetings held and number attended: None held
Purpose of outside body:  To maintain and run the Court Hall Museum to the benefit of the council taxpayers of Swale and ensure that the building is kept in good repair..
What you contributed:  There is currently no management committee in place. In February a local group of enthusiasts met to discuss the future of the Court Hall, and with the support of the Council, they will hopefully be able to help protect the building and its contents, with a target of re-opening the building to the public.
What you learnt:  This Grade 2* listed building must, in law, be protected and maintained by the Council. This new group of volunteers will hopefully help to ensure that the building is kept in a safe condition and will eventually be put back into use as a local tourist attraction.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes
Date: 11/4/2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:  
Anita Walker

Name of outside body:  
Oare Gunpowder Works Advisory Group

Number of meetings held and number attended:  
I am aware of only 3 meetings held, although there may have been more. I only attended 1 because the other 2 were on SBC sub-committee evenings.

Purpose of outside body:  
This has never actually been made clear to me.

What you contributed:  
Very little as I am unable to attend many meetings.

What you learnt:  
Very little - no minutes received on any of the meetings so I am unaware of what went on.  
The Gunpowder Works seem to be running smoothly, although they do have problems with vandalism.

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes

No ✓ this facility seems to be running smoothly

Date: 10th April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: Ted Wilcox
Name of outside body: Age Concern Faversham
Number of meetings held and number attended: 8 held 7 attended plus several extra visits
Purpose of outside body:  Looking after older and vulnerable people
What you contributed: I believe I have been able to offer meaningful advice at the meetings and in particular I have offered advice on buying computers and setting up a training facility with several computers at Age Concern in Faversham. I held discussions with staff and with computer suppliers in order to get the right facility within the specified budget that came with a grant. I have also offered follow up advice now the facility is in place.
What you learnt: I have certainly learnt the dedication of the staff and I now know more about their facilities and I am better able to offer advice to older people.
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 11-4-2011

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name:  
Jean Willicombe

Name of outside body:

Age Concern - Sittingbourne

Number of meetings held and number attended:

Executive meetings I attended, all but one on the 8th July 2010 due to being away on holiday.

Purpose of outside body:

Like most charitable organisations, we face difficult times ahead. Facing up to the cuts imposed on us also having trouble with our PCT funding not coming forward on time and the extra challenge of having to amalgamate with Age UK and partners, something we really need to get right.

We have had a lot of problems with our near neighbours, the Swallows Leisure Centre and with SBC over shared bills and the proportions paid. The latter still being discussed and will be ongoing for some time to come.

Piling of rubbish by the Swallows Leisure Centre is a problem that is not going away. Sacks of rubbish piled high against the skips, bottles left lying around litter and leaves under the stair wells and card board blowing around. This is being reported on a regular basis, gets partially cleared, then a week later it's back again. Not a good advert for the Swallows or SBC.

The staff at Sittingbourne Age Concern is excellent, the needs of the clients are uttermost, they have given up their free time to take clients out for the day. During Christmas I helped staff serve the Christmas meals; the staff went out of their way to ensure all clients needs were met.

The Benefits sector has helped many of the clients at Age Concern, also visiting residents homes.

Finally, credit should be paid to all the staff, Chief Officer, Chairman, Trustees and most of the volunteers, without them we would not be able to provide the excellent service we aspire to.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 14th April 2011

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright

Name of outside body: Adjudication Joint Committee Parking

Number of meetings held and number attended: This meets once a year for Annual General Meeting at the national motor museum nr Birmingham.

Purpose of outside body: We automatically are members as they mediate car parking fine judgements and service. they send annual report which I place in the Members Room. I do not attend as it involves a long journey a short meeting and a long lunch. A friend who sits on the Committee attends and I hear what goes on although all can be seen in the annual report.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

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Yes

No

Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright

Name of outside body: Drainage Forum

Number of meetings held and number attended: In nine years of sitting on this forum it has never been called although I do see the Environment Agency, Kent County Council and sit on the Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board.

Purpose of outside body:

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

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Yes

No

Date: 09.04.11



### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright
Name of outside body: Faversham Enterprise Partnership
Number of meetings held and number attended: I attend regularly although come this financial year we will not be making any financial contribution to this group.
Purpose of outside body: It has drawn in partnership funding of 50 k from Leader funding. It has launched the retail loyalty card scheme. It does liaise with Faversham Retailers, website, etc. Have given it direction. I would still recommend someone sits on this body to contribute and communicate.
What you contributed:
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright
Name of outside body: Kent Transport Board
Number of meetings held and number attended: I attend when called or sent deputy once.
Purpose of outside body: Strategic transport issues aired for Kent including rail issues. Will continue to attend.
What you contributed:
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright

Name of outside body: Leader Cabinet Board

Number of meetings held and number attended: Have attended regularly.

Purpose of outside body: Distributes £4 million European fund to the leader area, Swale has had a number of successful bids. In process of changing their business plan to accept bids from learning and skills providers to rural areas. This is a two year appointment which I believe ends this year for another district to take-up.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright

Name of outside body: Local Childrens Trust

Number of meetings held and number attended: Have attended all meetings.

Purpose of outside body: Prioritises local childrens commissioning of services early years primary secondary. Has little money to run this new body but feeds into county body. Under new directives will continue to attend.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright

Name of outside body: Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board

Number of meetings held and number attended: Attended most meetings.

Purpose of outside body: Sets drainage rate for boards area, cleans and maintains ditches and drains. Will continue to attend.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

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Yes ✓

No

Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright
Name of outside body: Queenborough Fisheries Trust
Number of meetings held and number attended: Attended most meetings.
Purpose of outside body: I have persuaded the board to look in depth at their assets and what return they are attaining. To implement an investment strategy for the long-term so that the fund does not dwindle away in value. Legally the Council places trustees to the board.
What you contributed:
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 09.04.11

## Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright

Name of outside body: Sittingbourne Retailers Association

Number of meetings held and number attended: Attend most meetings.

Purpose of outside body: Very poorly attended by Sittingbourne retailers just a hard core of regular people who do most of the work for events in the town. Have tried to engage with more retailers to get them to attend and participate but I believe a new approach is required particularly with Sittingbourne's regeneration in the starting blocks. Will continue to engage with this group.

What you contributed:

What you learnt:

Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.

Yes ✓

No

Date: 09.04.11

### Outside Bodies Report

Councillor's Name: John Wright
Name of outside body: Swale Recreation Trust
Number of meetings held and number attended: Attend most meetings as is held at the same time as the Queenborough Fisheries Trust.
Purpose of outside body: To distribute funds to the poor and needy of Swale.
What you contributed:
What you learnt:
Would you recommend that the Council continues to make an appointment to the same Outside Body for the following Municipal Year? Please add a ✓ in either of the rows below and add comments if you have selected 'No'.
Yes ✓
No
Date: 09.04.11