

Note of meeting between representatives from Thanet District Council and Kent County Council

Friday 4th July 2014

Attendees

Cllr Iris Johnston, Leader, Thanet District Council
Cllr Richard Nicholson, Deputy Leader, Thanet District Council
Madeline Homer

Paul Carter, Leader, Kent County Council
Barbara Cooper
David Smith
Jacqui Ward

The meeting had been arranged to exchange views on a number of current topics.

The future of Manston Airport

Cllr Johnston and Mr Carter had both met (at separate meetings) the owner of Manston Airport, Mrs Gloag, on 3 July to discuss the future of the airport. Mrs Gloag had explained why she had taken the decision to close the airport: at these meetings, both Cllr Johnston and Mr Carter had expressed their dismay at this development. Mrs Gloag had said that the closure was irrevocable given the scale of financial losses she was incurring and although she had received a number of proposals for keeping open the airport, none were commercially viable in her view.

Cllr Johnstone outlined the timetable for TDC's consideration of the CPO.

Margate

The meeting noted the current position on the Rendezvous site, the Wintergardens, the Dreamland project, Live Margate and the Lido. It was agreed that there should be further meetings to progress these.

EuroKent

The meeting noted the anticipated timetable for the appeal hearing.

The Ramsgate Pavilion and the Royal Sands site

The meeting noted the position on the Ramsgate Pavilion lease and the Royal Sands site.

Expansion East Kent

The Expansion East Kent scheme had committed over £21 million funding to projects in East Kent. The scheme had another 20 months to run. Various publicity events were being organised for the rest of July to which TDC representatives would be invited.