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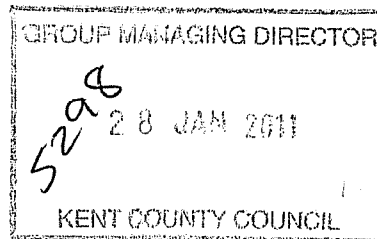
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The Rochester Bridge Trust
Registered Charity No. 207100

Our ref: SEPT/JHS 777

27th January 2011

Mrs. K. Kerswell,
Chief Executive,
Kent County Council,
County Hall,
Maidstone,
Kent ME14 1XQ



Andy Tait

Dear Mrs. Kerswell,

Rochester Bridge Trust – Nomination of Member

I am writing to give you early formal notice of the need to make a nomination to the Rochester Bridge Trust.

The Trust was founded in 1399 and is responsible for providing bridges over the Medway at Rochester. The Trust also has powers to provide funds for other crossings and is a major grant-maker in Kent.

The nomination of members is set out in the Rochester Bridge Act 1908 as amended by the Charity Commission Scheme 1999. This requires that Kent County Council shall nominate two members to the Trust.

Your current nominees are Mr. Michael Snelling and Mr. Frank Gibson.

Mr. Gibson's term expires on 31st May 2011 and I would be grateful to receive details of your new nomination at your convenience. If possible, the Trust would be particularly grateful to receive a nomination of someone with a financial investment background.

There has been some confusion over the nomination of members from Kent County Council and I have attached a copy of a recent letter to Mr. Tait which sets out the background and rules governing the process.

I have enclosed a copy of our illustrated booklet of the history of the Trust for background information. If I can be of any further assistance or you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Threader (Mrs)
Bridge Clerk

Mrs. S.E.P Threader BEng CEng MICE
Bridge Clerk (Chief Executive)

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31st March 2011

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Dear Mr. Tait,

**Appointment of Member to the Court of Wardens & Assistants
Rochester Bridge Trust**

Further to our earlier correspondence and our recent telephone conversation, I understand that the Council is conducting a review of its appointments to outside bodies.

I explained briefly that the Trust will shortly, as a result of retirement, be losing one or two of its most experienced members with a strong investment management background. All of the Trust's income and reserves arise from the original 14th century endowment of land and money and therefore effective investment management is vital to our continued work. We provide and contribute funding to crossings of the Medway along its entire length and make charitable grants across the whole of Kent at no cost to the public.

I would be very grateful if you would make the appropriate Council members aware that the Trust is particularly seeking a nomination of someone with a strong financial investment background, e.g. pension fund management or similar. If the Council is able to identify someone with such expertise, the Wardens and Assistants would be extremely grateful.

If you require any assistance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Threader (Mrs)
Bridge Clerk