

27 SEPTEMBER 1995

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Wednesday, 27 September 1995.

p Cllr S S Wade - Chairman
p Cllr Miss S A Cooke - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

p K E Austin
p Mrs O A M Badland
p S Bailey
p P A Baker
p Mrs P D Baker
e Major C Beeton MBE
p Mrs C A Bianchi
e E R Bowring
e D S Burdle
p J E Coles
p M R Cox
p D E Cracknell
p W F Croydon
p B D Dash
e G Dawson
p J J Dawson
p Miss P A Drake
e K W Drew
p B C Earwicker
p A S Emery
p Mrs L K Errington
e R K Goodridge
e W J Greer
p R C H Hale
p L E Harris
p D Harrison
p F R Harrison
p S A Hayes

Councillors:

p Mrs A M Howe
p J M Hoy
p J A G Hutchins JP
p M R Jones
p M J Kendal
p G N D Locock
e Mrs B M Maynard
p N D M McGeorge
p Mrs M McLean
p S M Noel
p R F Orton
p P G Pearce-Smith
p C G Ramsden
p A W Rice TD
p B Rickman
p Miss G M Rickus CBE
p Mrs M J Robinson
e D N Scott
p Lieut Col M J Shand
p S A Shepherd
p Mrs B Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
e G Spikins
p Mrs J K Vernon-Jackson MBE JP
p M S Wade
e Dr M N Whitehead
p Mrs D Wilson
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

P A D Hyde, D A Gurney, Mrs M Holmes, Miss J Debnam and, for part of the meeting, N J Gibbs, E S Johnson, I B Mackintosh, T R Simpson, Mrs C Bennett and Mrs J Hancock.

31. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of

Schedule 12A of the Act.

32. SELECTION PANEL.

Cllr Coles presented the minutes of the meeting of the Selection Panel held on 11 September 1995.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the job description and contract of employment for the post of Acting Head of Paid Service (to be undertaken in addition to the permanent existing role of Director) as attached as Annexes 1 and 2 to the minutes of the Panel respectively, be approved; and
- (b) That Mr I B Mackintosh be appointed Acting Head of Paid Service with effect on 1 October 1995 for a period of twelve months.

33. RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That the press and the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

34. ACTING HEAD OF PAID SERVICE.

On behalf of all members of the Council the Chairman congratulated Mr I B Mackintosh on his appointment as Acting Head of Paid Service.

The Chairman presented Mrs Mackintosh with a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion.

The Acting Head of Paid Service thanked members for his appointment and looked forward to working with the elected members and his fellow chief officers to meet the challenges which would come forward in the next year.

35. MONITORING OFFICER.

RESOLVED:

That the Acting Head of Paid Service be appointed as the Monitoring Officer for the Council with effect on 1 October 1995.

36. DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES.

RESOLVED:

That with effect on 1 October 1995 the Acting Head of Paid Service be authorised to exercise all powers, and undertake all duties ascribed to the Chief Executive in

all of the Council's formal and informal documents, and in particular Standing Orders, Standing Orders with respect to Contracts, Financial Regulations, the Proper Officer provisions and the Delegated Power provisions.

37. CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

The Chairman of the Council moved the following:-

"That the best thanks of this Authority be accorded to Peter Hyde for his service as Chief Executive, and previously Treasurer, of the Council, and he be wished every success and happiness in his retirement."

The Chairman recalled Peter Hyde's career in local government, and in particular with this Authority, which he had joined in March 1977 as Treasurer. He had been appointed as General Manager in 1989, the post subsequently being re-named as Chief Executive. His many successes included this Council winning the first award from CIPFA for its published accounts in 1980. This Council retained the original trophy. The Chairman also spoke of his leadership abilities. Peter Hyde valued his staff members and motivated them to work to their full potential. He had demonstrated, through his actions, his commitment to the values of openness and trust.

Peter Hyde had taken the lead in presenting this Council's case for unitary authority status. The Minister had been impressed by the New Forest case, although sadly it had failed for political reasons. The Chairman thanked Peter Hyde for the help and support that he gave to all members, and in particular to himself during his Chairmanship.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Errington who wished Peter Hyde a happy retirement.

A number of members expressed their thanks and appreciation for Peter Hyde's help and professionalism during his service with the Council.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Chairman presented Peter Hyde with a silver salver to mark his long service in local government and also with gifts and a card from members of the Council. The Chairman also presented Mrs Hyde with a basket of flowers.

Peter Hyde congratulated Mr Mackintosh on his appointment as Acting Head of Paid Service. He thanked his fellow Directors, employees, the unions, his Personal Assistant, the Chairman's Secretary and Members for their support. He also thanked the press for the manner in which they reported the Council's business. He looked forward to a varied and interesting retirement. Finally, he spoke of the unique character and quality of the area, where he believed that it was a

privilege to serve.

Peter Hyde thanked the Council for his gifts.

All those present stood and applauded in appreciation.

38. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

RESOLVED:

That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any orders, deeds or documents necessary to give effect to any decision made at this meeting.

CHAIRMAN