

19 MAY 1997

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 19 May 1997.

Councillors:

p K E Austin
p Mrs O A M Badland
p S Bailey
p P A Baker
p Mrs P D Baker
p Major C Beeton MBE
p Mrs C A Bianchi
p E R Bowring
p D S Burdle
p J E Coles
p Miss S A Cooke
p M R Cox
p D E Cracknell
p W F Croydon
p B D Dash
p G Dawson
p J J Dawson
p Miss P A Drake
p K W Drew
p B C Earwicker
p A S Emery
p Mrs L K Errington
p R K Goodridge
p 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
p 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
p D N Scott
p Lt Col M J Shand
p S A Shepherd
p Mrs B Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
p G Spikins
p Mrs J K Vernon-Jackson MBE JP
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
p Dr M N Whitehead
p Mrs D Wilson
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

I B Mackintosh, N J Gibbs, D A Gurney, Ms E Malcolm, Mrs A Allport, Mrs J Livesey and T Simpson.

The Chairman of the Council (Cllr Cooke) in the Chair.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Cooke moved that Cllr Hutchins be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Greer and a number of members spoke in support.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Hutchins be elected Chairman of the Council to continue in office until his successor becomes entitled to act as Chairman at the next annual meeting of the Council on 18 May 1998.

Cllr Hutchins took the Chair and made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Director of Finance and Administration.

Cllr Cooke invested the Chairman with the chain and badge of office. Cllr Cooke also invested the Chairman's consort with her badge of office and presented her with a basket of flowers.

On behalf of the staff, the Managing Director congratulated the Chairman on his election.

The Chairman thanked his fellow members for his election and pledged to uphold the respect and dignity due to the position, without allowing party politics to attach to the role.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR COOKE.

It was moved by the Chairman of the Council, seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the best wishes of this Council be recorded to Cllr Cooke for her outstanding service during her term of office as Chairman of the Council and that she be wished every success for the future.

Members spoke of the way in which Cllr Cooke had undertaken her duties on behalf of the District. She had earned universal respect and had proved to be a fair and impartial Chairman.

On behalf of all the staff, the Managing Director expressed his thanks and good wishes to Cllr Cooke. The staff had appreciated the interest she had shown in them.

Cllr Cooke thanked her fellow councillors for allowing her to undertake the role of Chairman during the preceding year.

The Chairman presented Cllr Cooke with a past Chairman's badge and, in the absence of her consort, a past consort's badge. He also presented her with a photograph album depicting events from her year in office, a civic plaque and a basket of flowers.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Coles that Cllr Howe be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Howe be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman at the next annual meeting of the Council on 18 May 1998.

Cllr Howe made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Director of Finance and Administration.

The Chairman invested Cllr Howe with her badge of office. He also presented Mr Howe with the consort's badge.

Cllr Howe thanked members for her appointment.

4. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 1997, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(a) Election Results

The Chairman extended his congratulations to those who were elected to Parliament and Hampshire County Council on 1 May 1997.

(b) Miss A Righton

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Miss A Righton, a Senior Environmental Health Officer in the Community Services Directorate, had had a successful kidney transplant.

(c) Hampshire County Structure Plan

It was with regret that the Chairman reported that some of the recommendations in the Panel's report of the Examination in Public into the review of the Hampshire County Structure Plan would have a serious impact on this District if approved. The recommendations would be very strongly resisted by the Council.

6. POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

RESOLVED:

That no change be made to the political representation on committees.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Coles be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee to hold office until the Annual Meeting in 1998.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Chairman allowed consideration of this item as a matter of urgency because it had a bearing on the annual meetings of committees which followed this meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Scott be appointed to Planning and Transportation Committee in place of Cllr Goodridge and that Cllr Goodridge be appointed to Policy and Resources Committee in place of Cllr Scott, until the normal day of retirement of councillors in 1999.

CHAIRMAN

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