

15 MAY 2000

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the annual meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 15 May 2000.

**Councillors:**

p Mrs S M Abernethy  
p K F Ault  
p K E Austin  
p E R Bowring  
p F J Bright  
p Mrs D M Brooks  
p D S Burdle  
p W R Catt  
p J E Coles  
p D E Cracknell  
p P H Cummings  
e B D Dash  
p J J Dawson  
p W H Dow  
p Miss P A Drake  
p T J Droogleever  
p L T Dunsdon  
p B C Earwicker  
p M H G Fidler  
p R L Frampton  
p Ms C F Gradidge  
p P C Greenfield  
e R C H Hale  
e L E Harris  
p F R Harrison  
p S A Hayes  
p J D Heron  
p Mrs M D Holding  
p Mrs A M Howe

**Councillors:**

p J M Hoy  
p Mrs M Humber BA  
p J A G Hutchins JP  
p M J Kendal  
p M C Kidman  
p G N D Locock  
p Mrs B M Maynard  
p Mrs M McLean  
p A W Rice TD  
p G K Richardson  
p B Rickman  
p Mrs M J Robinson  
p B Rule  
p T M Russell  
p D N Scott  
p M J Shand  
p S A Shepherd  
p Mrs B Smith  
p Mrs L P Snashall  
p G Spikins  
p M H Thierry  
p D B Tipp  
p J Waddington  
p M S Wade  
p S S Wade  
p Mrs D Wilson  
p C A Wise  
p P R Woods  
p Mrs P A Wyeth

**Officers Attending:**

D Yates, N J Gibbs, K Ireland, Ms E Malcolm, Ms J Bateman, C Malyon, Ms G O'Rourke, Mrs R Rutins and T R Simpson.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Wyeth (in the Chair)

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

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

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

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Rice 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 14 May 2001.

Cllr Rice took the Chair and made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Chief Executive.

Cllr Wyeth invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office. Cllr Wyeth also invested the Chairman's Consort with her Badge of Office and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

On behalf of the employees, the Chief Executive 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.

**2. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCILLOR WYETH.**

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the Best Wishes of the Council be recorded to Cllr Wyeth for her tremendous service during her term of office as Chairman of the Council.

Members spoke of the way in which Councillor Wyeth had undertaken her duties on behalf of the District. She had carried out her duties with great dignity, good humour and a sense of purpose. She had earned the respect of every member and was an inspiration to the newer members of the Council.

On behalf of all the employees, the Chief Executive expressed his thanks and good wishes to Cllr Wyeth.

Cllr Wyeth thanked her fellow Councillors for allowing her the privilege of undertaking the role of Chairman for the year. She commented that the year had been hard work but a lot of fun and thanked her husband for his support throughout the year. The Chairman presented Cllr Wyeth with a past Chairman's badge, a photograph album depicting events from her year of office, a Civic Plaque and bouquet of flowers. He then presented her Consort with a past Consort's Badge and a gift.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

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

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Drake 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 14 May 2001.

Cllr Drake made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Chief Executive. The Chairman invested Cllr Drake with her Badge of Office and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Cllr Drake thanked members for her appointment.

**4. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2000, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**(a) Charity Tandem Ride**

Cllr Wyeth thanked John Ward and Sheila Page who had just returned from riding a tandem from Lands End to Orkney. They had raised £230 for her two charities by challenging employees and members to pay £1 to guess how many miles they would cover.

With guesses ranging from 2.2 miles to 8,592 the final distance was 1,078 miles, 1,426 yards. The person with the closest guess was Louise Evans of the Environment Services Directorate. She won three months free entry to a Recreation Centre. Two runners up, who each won a bottle of champagne, were Elsie Tilburn and Kay Youngberg.

**(b) Cllr Delia Wilson**

Councillor Wyeth announced with great pleasure that Cllr Wilson was soon to be married. Cllr Wilson would step down from the Council in May 2001. All members of the Council joined Councillor Wyeth in congratulating Cllr Wilson on her forthcoming marriage.

**(c) Questionnaire – New Political Structures**

As part of the consultation progress for the adoption of new political structures, a questionnaire had been sent to every household and business in the District.

Respondents, excluding Councillors, employees and their families, who correctly answered a question about how much money the Council spent each year were entered into a prize draw.

The Chairman conducted the electronic draw and announced the winning numbers as 371 – Miss M Wills of Calshot who won one year's five day membership to Dibden Golf Centre or one year's membership of the Health Suite at one of the Council's Recreation Centres. The second winning number was 97 – Mr R Froud of Lymington who won six month's five day membership to Dibden Golf Centre or six months' membership of the Health Suite at one of the Council's Recreation Centres. The third winning number was 55 - Mr N Blacker of Hythe Marina Village who won one year's family membership of one of the Council's Recreation Centres.

**6. POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.**

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Cllr Kidman replace Cllr Rice as a member of the Direct Services Contracts Committee;
- (b) That Cllr Wise replace Cllr Kidman as a member of the Housing Committee; and
- (c) That Cllr Heron replace Cllr Wise as a member of the Leisure Services Committee.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.**

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Hayes be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee to hold office until the Annual Meeting in 2001.

**8. TIME OF MEETINGS.**

**RESOLVED:**

That in 2000/2001 ordinary meetings of the Council continue to be held at 6.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN