

23 JULY 2001

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 23 July 2001.

- p Cllr Miss P A Drake - Chairman
- p Cllr J M Hoy - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p Mrs S M Abernethy
- p K F Ault
- 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 Mrs J L Cleary
- p J E Coles
- p D E Cracknell
- p P H Cummings
- p B D Dash
- e J J Dawson
- p W H Dow
- e T J Droogleever
- p L T Dunsdon
- p B C Earwicker
- p M H G Fidler
- R L Frampton
- p Ms C F Gradidge
- p P C Greenfield
- e R C H Hale
- p L E Harris
- p F R Harrison
- p S A Hayes
- p J D Heron
- p Mrs M D Holding

Councillors:

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

Officers Attending:

D Yates, N Gibbs, Ms E Malcolm, C Malyon, D Atwill, Ms J Bateman, Miss G O'Rourke and Mrs R Rutins.

16. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2001, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**(a) Queen's Birthday Honours**

The Chairman was pleased to announce that two residents had been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mr Howard Speirs of Linford, Ringwood had been awarded the OBE for services to trade relations with China. Mr Speirs worked for Barclays Bank in Hong Kong and Beijing and was subsequently recruited by the Department of Trade and Industry to promote British exports.

Mr David Jones of Fordingbridge, the former Chief Executive of the National Grid, had been awarded the CBE for services to the Electricity Supply Industry.

(b) Introduction of CCTV

The Chairman was pleased to confirm that the Home Office Minister had announced that the Council was to receive a grant to introduce CCTV to Lymington, Totton and Ringwood. The grant also provided for the provision of a CCTV Control Room to be located at Appletree Court. Members joined the Chairman in thanking all the Council's partners who had supported the application.

18. CORPORATE AND FINANCE REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 21 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted:-

(a) Work Programme

A member commented that it would be helpful in future for opposition portfolio holders to be involved in discussions on the formulation of the Panel's Work Programme.

The Leader of the Council responded that he felt there was a need to look at work programmes' generally and he did not believe that Panels' were currently working in the way the Constitution intended. It was noted that there would be a Seminar later in the year to look at the operation of Review Panels and to improve their challenge of the Cabinet's decision making process.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

19. CRIME AND DISORDER REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 19 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted:-

(a) **Community Safety Audit**

In response to a question the Chairman agreed to provide the member with a written response as to why the report contained no mention of anti-social behaviour orders and associated funding implications.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

20. ECONOMY AND PLANNING REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 20 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

21. ENVIRONMENT REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meetings held on 20 April and 14 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

22. HOUSING REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 23 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

23. LEISURE REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 12 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) **'On Your Marks' – Work Programme 2000/01 and 2001/02**

A member commented that whilst she was pleased to see the Work Programme published on the Council's website, as it was a public document, it should also be circulated in a paper form.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

24. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 2 July 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:-

(a) Housing Strategy and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2002/07

A member expressed concern that the level of social housing funding was reducing and was insufficient to meet the Council's strategic housing target of 200 homes per year. The Chairman of the Committee replied that the Council sought supplementary credit approvals wherever possible. The sale of Stillwater Park was still an issue and could provide reinvestment to areas of housing need, however the Council now needed to look at alternative ways of providing social housing.

The Chairman of the Housing Review Panel commented that the target of 200 homes per year had been set after the last Housing Needs Survey had been commissioned. A new survey was currently being undertaken and there would be a full opportunity for all members to consider the result.

The Housing Portfolio Holder commented that funding was having to be taken from elsewhere in the Council's budget to fund the shortfall in the Social Housing Grant. In response to a question the Housing Portfolio Holder replied that the Council was working with partners to ensure that when empty homes were taken up in accordance with the empty homes strategy this was carried out as smoothly as possible.

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group expressed regret that this had been the last meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee and that it was regrettable that decisions were now taken by such a small number of people. She expressed the view that serious consideration should be given to the future role of full Council.

The Chairman of the Committee agreed that the role of the Council within the new Constitution needed to be addressed and again it was noted that issues such as that would be covered at the proposed seminar later in the year.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

25. BY-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL MARCHWOOD WARD – RETURNING OFFICERS' REPORT (REPORT A).

Members were advised that Councillor N L T Smith had been elected to fill the vacancy for the Marchwood Ward of New Forest District Council.

26. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the changes in membership of committees and panels as detailed in Appendix 1 to these minutes be agreed:-
- (b) That Councillor N L T Smith be appointed in place of Cllr Kendal to the Marchwood Junior School Management Committee for Community Use; and
- (c) That Councillor N L T Smith be appointed in place of Cllr Bright to the Dibden Bay Steering Group.

CHAIRMAN

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COUNCIL – 23 JULY 2001

POLITICAL GROUP NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE/PANEL PLACES

APPEALS COMMITTEE**Conservative
Councillors:**

Ault
Abernethy
Burdle
Holding
Heron
Scott

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Gradidge
Humber

**Independent
Councillor:**

Cracknell

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**Conservative
Councillors:**

Abernethy
Ault
Catt
Dow
Frampton
Hoy
Hutchins
Kidman
Woods

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Fidler
Harris
Howe
Locock
M S Wade
S S Wade

**Independent
Councillor:**

Bowring

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**Conservative
Councillors:**

Ault
Bright
Burdle
Catt
Dow
Drake
Droogleever
Holding
Scott
Woods
Wyeth

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Coles
Earwicker
Fidler
Gradidge
Hale
Harris
Harrison
Maynard

**Independent
Councillor:**

Bowring

STANDARDS COMMITTEE**Conservative
Councillors:**

Hoy
Hutchins
Tipp
Wise

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Robinson
Shand
Snashall

**Independent
Councillor:**

Spikins

CORPORATE AND FINANCE REVIEW PANEL**Conservative
Councillors:**

Heron
Kidman
Russell
Scott
N Smith
Tipp

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Dash
Robinson
Snashall
S S Wade

**Independent
Councillors:****CRIME & DISORDER REVIEW PANEL****Conservative
Councillors:**

Abernethy
Austin
Brooks
Dow
Russell
Tipp

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

McLean
Shand
M S Wade

**Independent
Councillor:**

Spikins

ECONOMY & PLANNING REVIEW PANEL**Conservative
Councillors:**

Ault
Bright
Burdle
Scott
N Smith
Wyeth

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Dunsdon
Earwicker
Gradidge
Harrison

**Independent
Councillors:**

ENVIRONMENT PANEL**Conservative
Councillors:**

Brooks
Dow
Hoy
Hutchins
Woods
Wyeth

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Dunsdon
Shepherd
Smith

**Independent
Councillor:**

Spikins

HOUSING REVIEW PANEL**Conservative
Councillors:**

Abernethy
Cleary
Kidman
Rice
Rule
Russell

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

McLean
Humber
Robinson
Smith

**Independent
Councillors:****LEISURE REVIEW PANEL****Conservative
Councillors:**

Brooks
Catt
Frampton
Heron
Hoy
Hutchins

**Liberal Democrat
Councillors:**

Coles
Dawson
Howe

**Independent
Councillor:**

Cracknell

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