

13 MAY 2002

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 13 May 2002.

Councillors:

p Mrs S M Abernethy
p K F Ault
p K E Austin
p G C Beck
p E R Bowring
e F J Bright
e 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 B D Dash
p J J Dawson
p W H Dow
p Miss P A Drake
p L T Dunsdon
p B C Earwicker
p M H G Fidler
p Mrs L C Ford
p R L Frampton
p Ms C F Gradidge
p P C Greenfield
p R C H Hale
p L E Harris
p F R Harrison
p S A Hayes
p J D Heron
p P E Hickman

Councillors:

p Mrs M D Holding
p Mrs A M Howe
p Mrs M Humber BA
p J M Hoy
p J A G Hutchins
p M J Kendal
p G N D Locock
p Mrs B M Maynard
p Mrs M McLean
p B M F Pemberton
p A W Rice TD
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 N L T Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
p G Spikins
p M H Thierry
p D B Tipp
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
p C A Wise
e P R Woods
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

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

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Miss Drake (in the Chair)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Holding moved that Cllr Hoy be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Dow and a number of members spoke in support.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Hoy 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.

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

Cllr Miss Drake invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented Mrs Hoy, the Chairman's lady, with a basket 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

The Chairman commented that his chosen charity for the year would be "Forest Bus" a New Forest Charity that was first started in 1993. Forest Bus provided a service to young people, children and adults and families living in hard to reach urban and rural communities in the New Forest and Romsey. The aim of the Charity was to enable all age groups to make changes in their own lives and that of their community by taking part in projects, socialising and having fun.

The Chairman said that he would use his year in office to promote the Council to ensure that the utmost was being done to improve the lives of the residents of the New Forest.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR DRAKE.

The Chairman of the Council moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman Cllr Drake. A number of members spoke in support of the motion.

Members congratulated Cllr Drake on the magnificent way in which she had carried out her duties as Chairman. She had been an excellent ambassador for the Council and had performed the role with dignity and good humour.

It was seconded and

RESOLVED:

That the best wishes of the Council be recorded to Cllr Drake for her service during her term of office as Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Drake thanked her fellow councillors for their kind words and said that the past year had been the most varied and interesting of her life. She detailed a number of engagements that she had found particularly enjoyable. During her year she had raised a total of £3,574 for her Charity, Canine Partners for Independence. In particular the Plant Hunters Fair had raised £2,370 and Cllr Drake thanked all those involved in the organisation of and who had assisted at that event.

Cllr Drake thanked members for their support and friendship over her year as Chairman and gave special thanks to all those who had been kind enough to officially escort her at the many different events she had attended.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Drake that Cllr Hutchins be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

Members spoke in support of the motion.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Hutchins 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.

Cllr Hutchins made the declaration of acceptance of office which was formally witnessed by the Chief Executive. The Chairman invested Cllr Hutchins with his Badge of Office and presented Mrs Hutchins, the Vice-Chairman's Consort, with a basket of flowers.

4. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Hayes be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

5. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2002 be signed as a correct record.

6. COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

RESOLVED:

That the following changes in membership of panels be agreed:-

Economy & Planning Review Panel – Cllr Drake appointed in place of Cllr Scott;

Environment Review Panel - Cllr Thierry appointed in place of Cllr Hutchins; and

Housing, Health and Social Exclusion Review Panel - Cllr Drake appointed in place of Cllr Abernethy

7. POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the position in relation to the representation of political groups on committees and panels be noted.

8. CONSTITUTION OF CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS.

RESOLVED:

That the number and content of Cabinet Portfolios and members to be appointed to the Cabinet be as detailed below and as shown at Appendix 1 to these minutes:-

Policy and Strategy – Cllr Hayes

Crime and Disorder – Cllr Heron

Economy and Planning – Cllr Russell

Environment – Cllr Kendal

Finance and Support – Cllr Wise

Housing – Cllr Greenfield

Health and Social Exclusion – Cllr Holding

Leisure – Cllr Rickman

CHAIRMAN

Attachment: Minute No. 8 – Appendix 1

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

1. The functions of the Cabinet shall be divided into Portfolios agreed by the Council.
2. The Leader shall allocate responsibility for each Portfolio to a Member of the Cabinet who shall be known as a Portfolio Holder.
3. The Portfolio Holder shall provide the political vision and leadership for each of the services contained within his/her Portfolio.
4. The responsibilities of the Portfolio Holders for the functions and services contained within each of the Portfolios approved by the Council, and referred to below, shall be as described in the Annexes to this Chapter:-

Policy and Strategy

Functions and Services included:

- Corporate and Community Plans
- Best Value
- Political and Management Structures
- Financial Strategy and Budget Targets
- Public Relations
- Human Resources

Crime and Disorder

Functions and Services included:

- Crime and Disorder
- Community Safety
- Emergency Planning
- Road Safety
- Service Specific Grants

Environment

Functions and Services included:

- Environmental Health Services
- Sustainability co-ordination
- Refuse Collection
- Street Cleaning
- Grounds Maintenance
- Recycling
- Public Conveniences
- Cemeteries
- Pest Control
- Dog Wardens
- Coastal Protection
- Land Drainage and Sewerage

Housing

Functions and Services included:

- Housing Strategy
- Housing Investment Programme
- Housing Service Delivery
- Improvement Grants

Economy and Planning

Functions and Services included:

- Planning Strategy
- Development Plans
- Economic Development
- Building Control
- Transportation
- Car Park Management
- Concessionary Travel
- Highways Agency and Highways Development Control Advice
- Street Naming and Numbering
- Local Land Charges

Leisure

Functions and Services included:

- Arts
- Play
- Sport
- Recreation
- Tourism
- Museums
- Galleries
- Libraries
- Adult Learning
- Youth Work
- Open Space
- Leisure related and other non-service specific and core funding grants
- Eling Tide Mill/Toll bridge

Finance and Support

Functions and Services included:

- Information and Communications Technology
- Land and Buildings Asset Management
- Commercial Services – including catering services
- Capital and Revenue Budgets
- Council Tax and Benefits
- National Non-Domestic Rates – including Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Relief
- Service Specific Grants

- Central Support Services, including –
Accountancy
Information Services
Legal and Democratic Services
Exchequer Functions
Chief Executive's Administration

Health and Social Exclusion

Functions and Services included:

- Personal Health
- Social Exclusion
- Service Specific Grants

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