

21 MAY 2007

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 21 May 2007.

Councillors:

p G C Beck
p D A Britton
p Mrs D M Brooks
p Mrs F Carpenter
p Mrs J L Cleary
p D E Cracknell
p G F Dart
p S P Davies
p W H Dow
p L T Dunsdon
p Ms L C Ford
p P C Greenfield
p C J Harrison
p D Harrison
p E J Heron
p P E Hickman
p Mrs A J Hoare
p Mrs M D Holding
p J A G Hutchins
p Mrs P Jackman
p M J Kendal
p C Lagdon
p Mrs M E Lewis
p Mrs K J Lord
p Mrs P J Lovelace
p B D Lucas
p Mrs A E McEvoy
p Mrs M McLean
p G J Parkes
p Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton

Councillors:

p J Penwarden
p L R Puttock
p M P Reid
p A W Rice
p B Rickman
p W S Rippon-Swaine
p Mrs M J Robinson
p Mrs A M Rostand
p D J Russell
p R F Scrivens
p Lt Col M J Shand
p A E J Shotter
p Mrs B Smith
p Mrs S I Snowden
p A J Swain
p M H Thierry
p A R Tinsley
p D B Tipp
p C R Treleaven
p F P Vickers
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
p R A Wappet
p J G Ward
p A Weeks
p Dr M N Whitehead
p C A Wise
p P R Woods
p Mrs P A Wyeth
Vacancy

Officers Attending:

D Yates, J Mascall, C Malyon, D Atwill, Mrs D Bailey, Mrs M Dunsmore, Miss G O'Rourke and Mrs R Rutins.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr D N Scott, in the Chair.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Kendal moved that Cllr Dow be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Wise.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Dow 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 Dow took the chair and made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Chief Executive.

Cllr Scott invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented Mrs Dow, the Chairman's consort, 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.

The Chairman announced that one of his chosen charities for the year would be Oakhaven Hospice. Working with his wife, officers, and a team of fundraisers, he was hoping to raise as much money as possible for the hospice which was an extremely worthwhile community facility. He had still to select another organisations as one of his charities for the year.

Congratulating Cllr Dow on his election, Members said that he and his wife Brenda would work hard for the District and would be a credit to the Council. Members wished them well for the year ahead.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO FORMER CLLR SCOTT.

The Chairman of the Council moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, former Cllr Scott.

The Chairman, in paying tribute to former Cllr Scott, said that he had enjoyed his year as Vice-Chairman, and thanked Cllr Scott for his support and advice.

The Chief Executive expressed his thanks to former Cllr Scott for his service during his year as Chairman and wished him well for the future.

A number of members spoke in support of the motion. They said that Cllr Scott had been a fair Chairman and they wished him and his wife Rosemary best wishes for the future.

It was seconded and

RESOLVED:

That the thanks and best wishes of the Council be recorded to former Cllr Scott for his service during his term of office as Chairman of the Council.

Former Cllr Scott thanked Councillors for their tributes and for their assistance over the last year. He expressed his gratitude to those members and officers who had attended and helped at the recent Civic lunch held at Marchwood Military Port on 16 May. The lunch had been attended by eleven past and present NFDC Councillors including Mrs Maynard and former Councillor Hoy's wife, Mrs Shirley Hoy. Amongst other dignitaries, the event had included the Lord Lieutenant Mrs Mary Fagan.

Particular thanks were also expressed to the Head of Communications and the Civic Administration Assistant for their help and advice during the last year.

Former Cllr Scott also thanked those who helped to raise over £5000 for the Chairman's charities. He went on to say that this year's Planthunters Fair had helped to increase the charity monies by £2000. The funds raised would be donated to his three chosen charities; namely: - Bramshaw Riding for the Disabled; the Minstead Lodge Training Project; and Stanley's Own Scouts at Copythorne.

Former Cllr Scott expressed the view that the District Council should take steps to be able to elect a Mayor rather than a Chairman of the Council as this would result in the District being accorded greater status to the overall benefit of the area.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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

It was

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Woods thanked members for their support and said that he was looking forward to his year as Vice-Chairman.

4. WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS.

As this was the first meeting of the new municipal year, the Chairman welcomed the new members of the Council to their first meeting.

5. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

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

6. MINUTES (PAPER A).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2007, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were none.

8. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER (REPORT B).

Members were advised that the following Councillors had been elected to serve on the New Forest District Council at the elections held on 3 May 2007, and that each had made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Members noted with sadness the untimely death of a candidate for the Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead District Ward and the Totton North Town Ward and thanked officers for dealing with this matter sensitively.

Members also thanked the Returning Officer and his staff for their efforts to ensure a successful election.

WARD NAME	CANDIDATE ELECTED
Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh	L R Puttock D B Tipp
Barton	G C Beck J A G Hutchins
Bashley	A W Rice TD
Becton	Mrs F Carpenter P R Woods
Boldre and Sway	B Rickman C A Wise
Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead	Poll Abandoned
Bransgore & Burley	P C Greenfield J Penwarden
Brockenhurst & Forest South East	Mrs M D Holding F P Vickers
Buckland	A J Swain
Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu	Mrs B Smith M S Wade
Dibden & Hythe East	C J Harrison S S Wade
Downlands & Forest	E J Heron
Fawley, Blackfield & Langley	Mrs A E McEvoy R A Wappet
Fernhill	Mrs J L Cleary Mrs S I Snowden
Fordingbridge	Lt Col M J Shand Dr M N Whitehead
Forest North West	W H Dow

WARD NAME	CANDIDATE ELECTED
Furzedown & Hardley	G J Parkes
Holbury & North Blackfield	L T Dunsdon Mrs K J Lord
Hordle	Mrs P J Lovelace A R Tinsley
Hythe West & Langdown	Mrs M McLean Mrs M J Robinson
Lymington Town	Mrs M E Lewis Mrs A M Rostand
Lyndhurst	Mrs P A Wyeth
Marchwood	Mrs A J Hoare A E J Shotter
Milford	M J Kendal B M F Pemberton
Milton	S P Davies J G Ward
Pennington	P E Hickman Mrs P Jackman
Ringwood East & Sopley	C R Treleaven
Ringwood North	Mrs L C Ford M H Thierry
Ringwood South	D E Cracknell W S Rippon-Swaine
Totton Central	B D Lucas R F Scrivens
Totton East	D A Britton C Lagdon
Totton North	G F Dart M P Reid

WARD NAME	CANDIDATE ELECTED
Totton South	D Harrison A Weeks
Totton West	Mrs D M Brooks D J Russell

9. POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the appointments to committees and panels be made in accordance with the principles for the allocation of seats to political parties as set out in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, except in those cases where it is decided without any member voting against, not to apply the principles of proportionality; and
- (b) That proportionality be not applied to the Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters Review Panel and the Licensing Sub-Committee.

10. 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 Resources – Cllr Kendal

Crime and Disorder – Cllr Beck

Employment, Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Mrs Holding

Environment – Cllr Thierry

Finance and Efficiency – Cllr Wise

Housing – Cllr Mrs Cleary

Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters – Cllr Rickman

Planning & Transportation – Cllr Treleaven

11. COMMITTEES, PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that Councillors Mrs Holding, Rickman, S S Wade and Mrs Wyeth be appointed as the Councils representatives on the New Forest Nation Park Authority;
- (b) that Councillors Britton, Mrs Brooks, Russell and Shotter be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Eling Tide Mill Trust Ltd; and
- (c) That committees and review panels be appointed with the membership as set out in appendix 1 to these minutes.

CHAIRMAN

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**CABINET, COMMITTEE AND REVIEW PANEL MEMBERSHIP
MAY 2007**

CABINET:

Councillors:

M J Kendal	Policy & Resources Portfolio Holder (Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Cabinet)
B Rickman	Leisure, Culture & Youth Matters Portfolio Holder (Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet)
G C Beck	Crime & Disorder Portfolio Holder
Mrs M D Holding	Employment, Health & Wellbeing Portfolio Holder
M H Thierry	Environment Portfolio Holder
C A Wise	Finance & Efficiency Portfolio Holder
Mrs J L Cleary	Housing Portfolio Holder
C R Treleven	Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder

New Forest District Council/Test Valley Borough Council Commercial Services Joint Committee

Councillors:

G C Beck
M H Thierry

Councillors:

C A Wise

plus three members of the Executive of Test Valley Borough Council (Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected)

COMMITTEES:

Appeals Committee:

Councillors:

P R Woods (Ch)
R A Wappet (V/Ch)
Ms L C Ford
D Harrison
E J Heron
J A G Hutchins
Mrs K Lord
C Lagdon
Mrs A E McEvoy
L R Puttock

Councillors:

Mrs A M Rostand
D J Russell
Lt Col M J Shand
Mrs S I Snowden
A R Tinsley
F P Vickers
S S Wade
A Weeks
C A Wise
Mrs P A Wyeth

Final Accounts Committee:

Councillors:

C A Wise (Ch)
J G Ward (V/Ch)
A R Tinsley

Councillors:

F P Vickers
S S Wade

General Purposes and Licensing Committee

Councillors:

L R Puttock (Ch)
A E J Shotter (V/Ch)
G C Beck
J A G Hutchins
Mrs P Jackman
Mrs M McLean
J Penwarden
M Reid

Councillors:

A W Rice TD
W S Rippon-Swaine
R F Scrivens
Mrs B Smith
M S Wade
S S Wade
P R Woods

Industrial Relations Committee

Councillors:

Mrs D M Brooks
Mrs M D Holding
J A G Hutchins
M J Kendal
plus 8 members nominated by the Employee Side
(Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected)

Councillors:

Mrs M J Robinson
F P Vickers
J G Ward
A Weeks

Planning Development Control Committee

Councillors:

Mrs P A Wyeth (Ch)
Mrs A J Hoare (V/Ch)
Mrs F Carpenter
G F Dart
P E Hickman
Mrs M D Holding
C Lagdon
Mrs M E Lewis
G J Parkes
J Penwarden

Councillors:

A W Rice TD
W S Rippon-Swaine
Mrs A M Rostand
R F Scrivens
A E J Shotter
Mrs B Smith
A J Swain
S S Wade
R A Wappet
Dr M N Whitehead

Standards Committee:

Councillors:

C J Harrison
J A G Hutchins

Independent Member:

Mr J Giltrow

plus two representatives of Parish/Town Councils (to be nominated by the New Forest Association of Parish and Town Councils)
(Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected)

Councillors:

D B Tipp
J G Ward

Independent Member:

Mr A T J Lander

REVIEW PANELS:

Corporate Overview Panel:

Councillors:

J G Ward (Ch)
A R Tinsley (V/Ch)
Ms L C Ford
C J Harrison
E J Heron
J A G Hutchins
Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton

Councillors:

J Penwarden
A W Rice TD
Mrs M J Robinson
Mrs B Smith
F P Vickers
Dr M N Whitehead
Mrs P A Wyeth

Crime & Disorder Review Panel

Councillors:

J Penwarden (Ch)
Mrs A E McEvoy (V/Ch)
D A Britton
S Davies
Mrs P Lovelace

Councillors:

B D Lucas
D J Russell
Lt Col M J Shand
D B Tipp
M S Wade

Employment, Health & Wellbeing Review Panel

Councillors:

A W Rice TD (Ch)
E J Heron (V/Ch)
Mrs M E Lewis
B D Lucas
Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton

Councillors:

Mrs M J Robinson
Mrs A M Rostand
R F Scrivens
A J Swain
Dr M N Whitehead

Environment Review Panel:

Councillors:

Ms L C Ford (Ch)
P R Woods (V/Ch)
Mrs F Carpenter
G F Dart
P E Hickman

Councillors:

W S Rippon-Swaine
A J Swain
D B Tipp
A Weeks
Mrs P A Wyeth

Housing Review Panel:

Councillors:

Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton (Ch)
P C Greenfield (V/Ch)
S Davies
E J Heron
P E Hickman

Councillors:

Mrs P Jackman
Mrs K Lord
B D Lucas
Mrs M McLean
D J Russell

Leisure, Culture & Youth Matters Review Panel

Councillors:

J A G Hutchins (Ch)
Mrs D M Brooks (V/Ch)
D E Cracknell
D Harrison
Mrs M E Lewis

Councillors:

Mrs K Lord
Mrs A E McEvoy
L R Puttock
Mrs S I Snowden
J G Ward

Planning and Transportation Review Panel

Councillors:

F P Vickers (Ch)
W S Rippon-Swaine (V/Ch)
G F Dart
L T Dunsdon
G J Parkes

Councillors:

Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
A W Rice TD
D J Russell
D B Tipp
Mrs P A Wyeth

New Forest District Council/Test Valley Borough Council Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Councillors:

Ms L C Ford
Mrs B Smith

Councillors:

P R Woods

plus three members of Test Valley Borough Council
(Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected)

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