

14 DECEMBER 2009

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 14 December 2009.

- p Cllr L R Puttock - Chairman
- p Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p G C Beck
- p D A Britton
- p Mrs D M Brooks
- e Mrs F Carpenter
- p Mrs J L Cleary
- p G F Dart
- p S P Davies
- p W H Dow
- L T Dunsdon
- p Ms L C Ford
- p H F Forse
- P C Greenfield
- p C J Harrison
- p D Harrison
- p E J Heron
- p J D Heron
- p P E Hickman
- 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
- e Mrs K J Lord
- p Mrs P J Lovelace
- p B D Lucas
- p Mrs A E McEvoy
- p Mrs M McLean

Councillors:

- p G J Parkes
- p Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
- p J Penwarden
- e 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
- e R F Scrivens
- p Lt Col M J Shand
- p A E J Shotter
- p Mrs B Smith
- p Mrs S I Snowden
- e A J Swain
- e 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
- e R A Wappet
- p J G Ward
- p A Weeks
- e Dr M N Whitehead
- p C A Wise
- p P R Woods

Officers Attending:

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascall, Mrs R Rutins and Ms M Stephens.

32. MINUTES (PAPER A).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2009, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllrs Kendal and Weeks in Minute No 35.

Cllrs Kendal and Rice in Minute No 37.

34. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Halloween

The Chairman had been pleased to see so many families attend the Frights 'n' Fun event on 31 October. The event had been well attended. The event provided an opportunity for young people to have fun and learn about the work of the Council. The Chairman thanked officers who organised the event.

Lymington Health and Leisure Centre

Lymington Health and Leisure Centre had celebrated its 20 anniversary on Saturday 5 December and the Chairman had been proud to attend an event held at the Leisure Centre to mark the occasion.

The event had included free exercise class and swim classes and a tour where there had been a chance to see the centre's newly refurbished gym.

Charity Walk

On Sunday 6 December the Chairman joined fellow walkers on the Winchester Christmas Walk to raise funds for one of his chosen charities, the Stroke Association. Over 40 people took part on the walk and approximately £1,000 had been raised.

Volunteers Christmas Reception

The Chairman had been delighted to host a Christmas reception here at Appletree Court on Wednesday 9 December for representatives of 35 dedicated volunteer groups in the New Forest. The event had provided an opportunity to thank the volunteers for all their good work.

The New Forest Veterans' Christmas Party

The Chairman had had the pleasure of welcoming 70 of the New Forest veterans to a special Christmas Party at Dibden Golf Centre on Friday 11 December.

Christmas

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

35. REPORT OF CRIME AND DISORDER REVIEW PANEL.

Cllr Kendal declared a personal interest as a member of the Hampshire Police Authority. He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Weeks declared a personal interest as the Fire Authority's representative on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting and voted.

Cllr Mrs McEvoy, Chairman of the Review Panel, presented the report of the meeting held on 17 November 2009.

On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

36. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

Cllr Woods, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report of the meeting held on 13 November 2009.

On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:

Item 2 – Amendment to Standing Orders for Meetings

Cllr Mrs Robinson moved that the recommendation be amended to read as follows:

That Standing Order 34 of the Standing Orders for Meetings be amended to provide for announcements by the Leader of the Council on matters concerning New Forest District Council, with a time limit of five minutes, after which members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Leader on the topics which have been the subject of his announcement.

The Leader of the Council seconded the motion.

Cllr Mrs Robinson's motion was put and was carried.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations be adopted subject to the recommendation at item 2 being amended to read as follows:

That Standing Order 34 of the Standing Orders for Meetings be amended to provide for announcements by the Leader of the Council on matters concerning New Forest District Council, with a time limit of five minutes, after which members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Leader on the topics which have been the subject of his announcement.

37. REPORTS OF CABINET.

Cllr Rice declared a personal interest in Item 1 of the Report of the Cabinet dated 13 November as a member of the National Park Authority. He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Kendal declared a personal interest in Item 9 of the Report of the Cabinet dated 2 December 2009 as the Environment Portfolio Holder for the Hampshire County Council. He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting.

Cllr Rickman, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Cabinet, presented the report of the meetings held on 4 November and 2 December 2009.

On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:

(a) Item 2 - Port of Southampton Master Plan 2009 – Consultation Paper

The Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder reported that the Department of Transport had now published its draft national ports policy (NPS). The document would have significant bearing on proposals for a Dibden Bay. The closing date of the consultation was 15 February 2010. Local Authorities had also been given the opportunity to send comments to be taken into account by the Transport Select Committee in its own consideration of the NPS. Comments to the Committee had to be submitted by no later than Friday 15 January.

The Planning and Transportation Review Panel would consider the draft policy at their meeting on 20 January. Likewise the Cabinet would also consider this matter at their meeting on 3 February.

In order to pass on the Council's interim comments to the Transport Select Committee before 15 January, the Portfolio Holder would respond on behalf of the Council by way of Portfolio Holder decision.

Members supported this course of action.

(b) Item 3 - Poole & Christchurch Bays Draft Shoreline Management Plan

Cllr Kendal complimented to Cllr Mrs Carpenter for her input into the plan and for arranging a public meeting for residents of Barton on Sea to explain its implications.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations be adopted.

38. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22.

There were none.

39. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' QUESTION TIME.

There were none.

40. THE COUNCIL TAX 2010/2011 SETTING THE TAX BASE (REPORT B).

The Council considered the proposed tax base for 2010/11.

RESOLVED:

That, in so far as the Council is empowered to do so by law:

- (a) The calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2010/11 be approved; and
- (b) Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, the amount calculated by this Council as its council tax base for the year 2010/11 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report B to the Council.

PARISH/TOWN	TAX BASE 10/11
Ashurst & Colbury	926.8
Beaulieu	513.3
Boldre	1048.2
Bramshaw	345.1
Bransgore	1866.6
Breamore	185.0
Brockenhurst	1854.7
Burley	784.0
Copythorne	1235.2
Damerham	239.5
Denny Lodge	158.0
East Boldre	395.3
Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	601.5
Exbury & Lepe	108.2
Fawley	4888.8
Fordingbridge	2386.2
Godshill	219.6
Hale	265.0
Hordle	2468.6
Hyde	511.3
Hythe & Dibden	7818.5
Lymington & Pennington	7201.1
Lyndhurst	1411.0
Marchwood	2127.9
Martin	192.6
Milford on Sea	2757.2
Minstead	362.6
Netley Marsh	832.2
New Milton	10971.9
Ringwood	5481.0
Rockbourne	169.6
Sandleheath	281.7
Sopley	307.7
Sway	1691.7
Totton & Eling	9860.7
Whitsbury	103.1
Woodgreen	254.6
Whole District	72826.0

41. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

No changes were proposed by the political groups.

CHAIRMAN

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