

17 MAY 2010

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 17 May 2010.

Councillors:

p G C Beck
p D A Britton
p Mrs D M Brooks
p Mrs F Carpenter
p Mrs J L Cleary
p G F Dart
p S P Davies
e W H Dow
p L T Dunsdon
p Ms L C Ford
p H F Forse
e P C Greenfield
p C J Harrison
p D Harrison
p E J Heron
p J D Heron
p P E Hickman
p Mrs J A Hoare
p Mrs M D Holding
p J A G Hutchins
p Mrs P Jackman
p M J Kendal
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

Councillors:

p Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
p J Penwarden
p L R Puttock
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
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
e 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

Officers Attending:

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascal, Miss D Miller, Mrs R Rutins and Ms M Stephens.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr L R Puttock, in the Chair.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Puttock moved that Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Penwarden.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth be elected Chairman of the Council to continue in office until her successor becomes entitled to act as Chairman at the next annual meeting of the Council.

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

Cllr Puttock invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office and presented Mr Wyeth, the Chairman's consort, with his Badge of Office and a gift.

On behalf of employees, the Chief Executive congratulated the Chairman on her election.

The Chairman thanked her fellow members for her election. She said that it would be an honour to represent the Council, fellow Councillors and the residents of the New Forest District. The Chairman also thanked her husband, family and friends for their support and encouragement. She said that she would undertake the role of the Council's ambassador to the best of her ability. The Chairman announced that her charities for the year would be Oakhaven Hospice and Basics Bank, Lymington.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR L R PUTTOCK.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Puttock.

The Chairman, in paying tribute to Cllr Puttock, said that he and his wife had been hard working and dedicated in their roles. They had organised many worthwhile functions throughout their year in office.

The motion was seconded.

Members spoke in support of the motion. They said that Cllr Puttock and his wife had been gracious and enthusiastic in their roles as ambassadors for the Council. Others commented on the hard work and dedication of Cllr Puttock. They congratulated Cllr Puttock and his consort on a job well done.

The Chief Executive expressed his thanks to Cllr Puttock for his hard work during his year as Chairman.

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Puttock thanked members for their kind wishes. He said that it had been a great privilege to serve as Chairman of the Council. Cllr Puttock said that he could not have carried out his role efficiently without the help and support of fellow councillors and officers.

Councillor Puttock said that despite the recession, money had been raised for his two charities Simon Says and The Stroke Association through successful events such as the Golf Pro Am and Spinathons.

Cllr Puttock wished the Chairman and her consort a successful and enjoyable year. He paid particular thanks to his wife Jan for her support during his term of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Penwarden thanked the Council for his election.

4. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

It was moved by Cllr E Heron and seconded by Cllr Mrs Cleary that Cllr Rickman be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED:

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

5. MINUTES (PAPER A).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2010, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

RESOLVED:

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

(a) Corporate Overview Panel

That Cllrs Mrs Jackman and Weeks be appointed to serve on the Corporate Overview Panel in place of Cllrs Mrs Smith and Mrs Wyeth.

(b) Environment Review Panel

That Cllrs Mrs Smith and Woods be appointed to serve on the Environment Review Panel in place of Cllrs Weeks and Mrs Wyeth.

(c) General Purposes and Licensing

That Cllr Puttock be appointed to serve on the General Purposes and Licensing Committee in place of Cllr Mrs Wyeth.

(d) Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters Review Panel

That Cllr Puttock be appointed to serve on the Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters Review Panel in place of Cllr Mrs Lewis.

(e) Planning Development Control Committee

That Cllr Woods be appointed to serve on the Planning Development Control Committee in place of Cllr Mrs Wyeth.

(f) Planning and Transportation Review Panel

That Cllr Mrs Lewis be appointed to serve on the Planning and Transportation Review Panel in place of Cllr Mrs Wyeth.

7. CONSTITUTION OF CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS.

RESOLVED:

That the number and content of Cabinet Portfolios as shown in Appendix 1 to these minutes be agreed.

CHAIRMAN

Attachment: Minute No. 7 – Appendix 1

Policy and Resources

Functions and Services included:

- Corporate and Community Plans
- Performance Management
- Political and Management Structures
- Financial Strategy
- Risk Management
- Communications
- Human Resources Strategy
- Service Specific Grants
- Other Corporate Matters

Crime and Disorder

Functions and Services included:

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

Employment, Health and Wellbeing

Functions and Services included

- Economic Development
- Business Partnership
- Tourism
- Adult Learning
- Personal Health
- Social Inclusion
- Environmental Health Services
- The Council's Health and Safety Responsibilities as an Employer
- Service Specific Grants
- Meals on Wheels and Sheltered Housing Catering

Environment

Functions and Services included:

- Sustainability co-ordination
- Refuse Collection
- Street Cleaning
- Grounds Maintenance
- Recycling
- Public Conveniences
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Cemeteries
- Coastal Protection
- Land Drainage and Sewerage (other than in the public health context)

Finance and Efficiency

Functions and Services included:

- Value for Money
- Information and Communications Technology
- Asset Management
- Commercial Services
- Capital and Revenue Budgets
- Council Tax and Benefits
- National Non-Domestic Rates and Discretionary Non-domestic rate relief
- Central Support Services
- Employee and Civic Catering

Housing

Functions and Services included:

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

Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters

Functions and Services included:

- Arts
- Play
- Sport
- Recreation
- Museums
- Galleries
- Libraries
- Children and Youth Matters
- Open Space
- Leisure related and other non-service specific and core funding grants (but not CAB or Community First)
- Eling Tide Mill/Tollbridge
- Catering at Health and Leisure Centres and Dibden Golf Centre

Planning & Transportation

Functions and Services included:

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