

16 MAY 2011

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 16 May 2011.

Councillors:

p A R Alvey
p Mrs D E Andrews
p G C Beck
p Ms R Bellows
p Mrs S M Bennison
p J E Binns
p D A Britton
p Mrs D M Brooks
p S J Clarke
p Mrs J L Cleary
p G F Dart
p S P Davies
p W H Dow
p Ms L C Ford
p A T Glass
p M R Harris
p C J Harrison
p D Harrison
p E J Heron
p J D Heron
p Miss A J Hickman
p Mrs J A Hoare
p Mrs M D Holding
p Mrs P Jackman
p M J Kendal
p A N G Kilgour
p C Lagdon
p Mrs M E Lewis
p Mrs P J Lovelace
p B D Lucas

Councillors:

p Mrs A E McEvoy
p Mrs M McLean
p A D O'Sullivan
p Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
p N S Penman
p J Penwarden
e L R Puttock
p A W Rice
p B Rickman
e W S Rippon-Swaine
p Mrs M J Robinson
p Mrs A M Rostand
p D J Russell
p Ms A Sevier
p R F Scrivens
p M D Southgate
p A J Swain
p M H Thierry
p A R Tinsley
p D B Tipp
p F P Vickers
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
p R A Wappet
p Mrs C V Ward
p J G Ward
p C A Wise
e Mrs B M Woodifield
p P R Woods
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

D Yates, R Jackson, J Mascal, Miss D Miller, Miss G O'Rourke, Mrs R Rutins and A Rogers.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth, in the Chair.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

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

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Mrs Wyeth invested the Chairman with the chain and badge of office and presented Mrs Penwarden, the Chairman's consort, with a gift.

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for electing him as Chairman. He felt it an honour to have the opportunity to represent the Council, both within the District and across Hampshire and Dorset. As Chairman, he hoped to promote the Council's successes and to learn from other councils their solutions to common problems, which would be of benefit to this Council. He announced that his charities would be Victim Support, and the Bransgore Community First Responders.

The Chief Executive and members congratulated Cllr Penwarden on his election, and felt he would do an excellent job for the Council

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR MRS P A WYETH.

The Chairman paid tribute and moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Mrs Wyeth.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Wyeth and her husband Derek for their time and dedication in attending more than 100 events over the year and for her considerable charity fund-raising efforts. They had been excellent ambassadors for the Council.

Other members congratulated Cllr Mrs Wyeth on her successful year, and the caring and compassionate way in which she performed her duties. She was a natural Chairman who had set a very high standard. This was her second term as Chairman of the Council, and the past year had enhanced her excellent reputation. She had represented the District at the D-Day celebrations, had met royal visitors, and was at her best when meeting volunteers in the community.

Cllr Mrs Wyeth thanked members for their comments and for once again allowing her to represent the Authority as Chairman of the Council. She thanked members for their support throughout what had been an exceptional year. She and her husband had enjoyed the various locations they had visited, and the many people they had met. They had made good friends with their fellow mayors and chairmen, and were honoured to meet Prince Phillip when he visited Tile Barn in Brockenhurst for the Duke of Edinburgh awards. The Chairman's theme throughout the year had been to promote the many talents in the District and to support and encourage young people.

Mrs Wyeth paid tribute to the large number of volunteers from all sections of the community in the District who gave their time freely, without whom many clubs and organisations would not exist.

Her two main fundraising events in 2010, the Supper Dance and the Charity Dinner, had been very successful, and she was grateful for funds contributed by the Pro-Am golf tournament at Dibden and the Veterans' Christmas Party. She had raised £3,353, which had been divided between her two charities, the Oakhaven Hospice and the Basics Bank. She also thanked all those who had contributed food and other useful items for Basics Bank for distribution in the period before Christmas.

Cllr Mrs Wyeth wished to thank her husband Derek for all his support and help throughout the year, and to Donna Miller, her Personal Assistant, for her help.

Finally she thanked Cllr Penwarden and his wife for their support and wished them a happy and successful year.

RESOLVED:

That the thanks and the best wishes of the Council be recorded to Cllr Mrs Wyeth for her service as Chairman of the Council.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by Cllr Thierry and seconded by Cllr Mrs Brooks that Cllr Mrs McEvoy be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Mrs A E McEvoy 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 Mrs McEvoy made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Chief Executive. The Chairman invested Cllr Mrs McEvoy with her badge of office and presented the Vice-Chairman's Consort, Mr McEvoy, with a gift.

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 18 April 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman welcomed all members to the first Council meeting of the four year term, following the elections on 5 May. He particularly welcomed the 16 new members joining the Council for the first time. He was sure that returning councillors would be happy to assist their new colleagues.

7. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER, NUMBER AND CONTENT OF PORTFOLIOS AND APPOINTMENT OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

The Leader of the Council informed the Council that:

- (a) He had appointed Cllr E J Heron as Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet.
- (b) The number and content of the Portfolios and the name of each Portfolio Holder would be as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes. The new Portfolio Holders were:-

Leader's Portfolio – Cllr Barry Rickman

Finance and Efficiency – Cllr Colin Wise

Housing and Communities – Cllr Jill Cleary

Health and Leisure – Cllr Di Brooks

Environment – Cllr Edward Heron

Planning and Transportation – Cllr Paul Vickers

The Leader thanked the former members of the Cabinet, Cllrs Beck and Mrs Holding, for their hard work and commitment during their time as Portfolio Holders.

Cllr Rickman welcomed Cllr Vickers to the Cabinet as Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder.

8. REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER (REPORT B).

Members were advised that the following Councillors had been elected on the New Forest District Council at the Elections on 5 May 2011:-

WARD NAME	CANDIDATE ELECTED
Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh	L R Puttock D B Tipp
Barton	G C Beck A D O'Sullivan
Bashley	A W Rice TD

WARD NAME	CANDIDATE ELECTED
Becton	Mrs C V Ward P R Woods
Boldre and Sway	B Rickman C A Wise
Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead	Mrs D E Andrews
Bransgore & Burley	Miss A J Hickman J Penwarden
Brockenhurst & Forest South East	Mrs M D Holding F P Vickers
Buckland	A J Swain
Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu	J E Binns 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 J G Ward
Fordingbridge	Ms R Bellows Miss A Sevier
Forest North West	W H Dow
Furzedown & Hardley	M R Harris
Holbury & North Blackfield	A R Alvey A T Glass
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

WARD NAME	CANDIDATE ELECTED
Marchwood	Mrs S M Bennison Mrs A J Hoare
Milford	M J Kendal B M F Pemberton
Milton	S J Clarke S P Davies
Pennington	Mrs P Jackman A N G Kilgour
Ringwood East & Sopley	Mrs B M Woodfield
Ringwood North	Mrs L C Ford M H Thierry
Ringwood South	J D Heron W S Rippon-Swaine
Totton Central	B D Lucas R F Scrivens
Totton East	D A Britton C Lagdon
Totton North	G F Dart N S Penman
Totton South	D Harrison M D Southgate
Totton West	Mrs D M Brooks D J Russell

9. POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That appointments be made to committees and panels 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 Planning Development Control Committee, where the Conservative Group will have 19 places and the Liberal Democrats 1.

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON THE NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (REPORT C).

Cllr C Harrison referred to the Conservative Group's proposals for appointments to the New Forest National Park Authority and requested that consideration be given to the appointment of Cllr S S Wade in place of one of the Conservative Group members. He said that Cllr S S Wade had been a conscientious member of that Authority since its inception. As the National Park Authority was not run on party political lines, he could see no reason why Cllr Wade should not continue to represent the Council. Other members spoke in support of Cllr Mrs P Jackman.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the members of Committees and Panels for the four year period commencing May 2011 be as set out in Appendix 2 to these minutes be agreed.
- (b) That the following councillors be appointed to the New Forest National Park Authority for the four year period commencing May 2011:-

Cllr Mrs M D Holding
Cllr Mrs P Jackman
Cllr B Rickman
Cllr Mrs P A Wyeth

CHAIRMAN

Attachments: Minute 7 – Appendix 1
Minute 10 – Appendix 2



I, Barry Rickman, Leader of the New Forest District Council have decided on the following number and content of Cabinet Portfolios and have appointed the Portfolio Holders so named to those Portfolios:-

1) Leader's Portfolio - Portfolio Holder – Cllr Barry Rickman

- Corporate Plan and Financial Strategy
- Communications and Community Engagement
- Employment and Tourism
- Human Resources
- Performance and Risk Management
- Equality and Fairness
- Emergency Planning
- Political and Management Structures

2) Finance and Efficiency – Portfolio Holder – Cllr Colin Wise

- Asset Management/Property Services
- Council Tax and Benefits
- Customer Services
- Financial Services
- Information and Communications Technology
- Legal and Democratic Services

3) Housing and Communities – Portfolio Holder – Cllr Jill Cleary

- Housing Strategy
- Housing Service Delivery
- Crime and Disorder
- Improvement Grants
- Older Persons' Matters

4) Health and Leisure – Portfolio Holder – Cllr Di Brooks

- Leisure Services
- Children and Youth Matters
- Health and Wellbeing (other than Environmental Health)

5) Environment – Portfolio Holder – Cllr Edward Heron

- Refuse Collection
- Street Cleaning
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Cemeteries
- Coastal Protection and Drainage Issues
- Environmental Health Services
- Grounds Maintenance
- Public Conveniences
- Recycling
- Sustainability Co-ordination

6) Planning and Transportation – Portfolio Holder – Cllr Paul Vickers

- Planning Strategy
- Development Plans
- Building Control
- Local Land Charges
- Transportation and Car Parking
- Highways Matters

PORTFOLIO HOLDER - CLLR PAUL VICKERS

I hereby authorise the above Portfolio Holders to take any executive decision individually on any matter falling within the service areas as set out within their respective Portfolios subject to the procedures set out in Annexures 4 & 6 to the Council's Constitution.

Additionally, I have decided that the Scheme of Delegations to Officers relating to executive functions that existed prior to 8th May 2011 (with the deletion of the reference to the pre-existing Portfolios as they have subsequently changed) will become the new Scheme of Delegations to Officers relating to executive functions post 16th May 2011.

In respect of other executive functions or when an individual executive member or officer declines to or is unable to take an executive decision under their individual powers, such matters will be referred to Cabinet.

Further, I appoint Cllr Edward Heron as Deputy Leader of the Council.

I make the above decisions in accordance with Section 14 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended).

Signed

Date

COMMITTEE AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEMBERSHIP

MAY 2011

APPEALS COMMITTEE (20 members)

Conservative (18)

Councillors:

A R Alvey
Mrs S M Bennison
Ms L C Ford
A T Glass
Miss A J Hickman
A N G Kilgour
Mrs A E McEvoy
B M F Pemberton
N S Penman
L R Puttock
Mrs A M Rostand
A R Tinsley
D B Tipp
R A Wappet
Mrs C V Ward
C A Wise
P R Woods
Mrs P A Wyeth

Liberal Democrat (2)

Councillors:

C J Harrison
D Harrison

FINAL ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (5 members)

Conservative (4)

Councillors:

M R Harris
A R Tinsley
J G Ward
C A Wise

Liberal Democrat (1)

Councillor:

S S Wade

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 members)

Conservative (13)

Councillors:

G C Beck
S J Clarke
W H Dow
J D Heron
Miss A J Hickman
L R Puttock
A W Rice
W S Rippon-Swaine
R F Scrivens
M H Thierry
Mrs C V Ward
P R Woods
Mrs P A Wyeth

Liberal Democrat (2)

Councillors:

Mrs M McLean
S S Wade

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (16 members)
(Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed at first meeting)

Conservative (7)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Employee Side (8)

Councillors:

Mrs D M Brooks
A T Glass
J D Heron
Mrs M D Holding
B Rickman
F P Vickers
C A Wise
(Sub J G Ward)

Councillors:

Mrs M J Robinson
(sub C J Harrison)

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (20 members)

Conservative (19)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Councillors:

Mrs D E Andrews
Mrs S M Bennison
G F Dart
Mrs A J Hoare
Mrs M D Holding
C Lagdon
Mrs M E Lewis
B M F Pemberton
A W Rice
Mrs A M Rostand
R F Scrivens
Miss A Sevier
A J Swain
M H Thierry
R A Wappet
Mrs C V Ward
Mrs B M Woodfield
P R Woods
Mrs P A Wyeth

Councillors:

C J Harrison

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (10 members)
(Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed at first meeting)

Conservative (3)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Other Members (6)

Councillors:

D B Tipp
J G Ward
P R Woods

Councillor:

C J Harrison

Mr A Lander (Independent Representative)
Mr J Giltrow (Independent Representative)
Mrs Rosemary Gregory (Independent Representative)
Three representatives of Parish/Town Councils as nominated by the Association of Local Councils in the New Forest District

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (9)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Councillors:

Councillor:

A R Alvey
M R Harris
J D Heron
M J Kendal
Mrs A E McEvoy
Mrs A M Rostand
A R Tinsley
D B Tipp
J G Ward

Mrs M J Robinson

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (9)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Councillors:

Councillor:

J E Binns
D A Britton
S P Davies
Mrs P Jackman
Mrs P J Lovelace
B D Lucas
A D O'Sullivan
N S Penman
D J Russell

M S Wade

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (9)

Liberal Democrat (1)

Councillors:

Councillor:

Mrs D E Andrews
Mrs S M Bennison
S J Clarke
W H Dow
Ms L C Ford
A T Glass
W S Rippon-Swaine
M D Southgate
A J Swain

Mrs M McLean