

16 APRIL 2012

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday 16 April 2012.

- p Cllr J Penwarden – Chairman
- p Cllr Mrs A E McEvoy – Vice-Chairman

**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 A J Hoare
- p Mrs M D Holding
- ap Mrs P Jackman
- p M J Kendal
- A N G Kilgour
- p C Lagdon
- p Mrs M E Lewis
- p Mrs P J Lovelace

**Councillors:**

- p B D Lucas
- p Mrs M McLean
- p A D O'Sullivan
- ap Sqn Ldr B M F Pemberton
- p N S Penman
- p L R Puttock
- 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 Miss A Sevier
- 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
- ap Mrs B M Woodfield
- p P R Woods
- ap Mrs P A Wyeth

**Officers Attending:**

D Yates, J Mascall, Miss G O'Rourke, Mrs R Rutins and Ms M Stephens.

**51. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with any agenda items.

**53. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Chairman's engagements undertaken since the last meeting of the Council had been reported in the monthly Information Bulletins.

The Chairman thanked Councillors who had attended his charity dinner on 3 March at Shorefields. The event raised a total of £805 which would go towards his two chosen charities Victim Support and Bransgore Community First Responders. The Chairman thanked Donna Miller for her hard work which made the event such a success. He also thanked Councillors and officers who had purchased raffle tickets, which had raised a large portion of the proceeds from the event.

The Chairman also thanked all those who had attended his Civic Service on Sunday 25 March at St John the Baptist Church, Burley. The event had been attended by the Deputy Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and a large number of civic dignitaries from Hampshire and Dorset.

**54. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were none.

**55. REPORTS OF CABINET.**

Cllr Rickman, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Cabinet, presented the reports of the Cabinet held on 7 March and 4 April 2012.

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

**Proposals for a New Housing Strategy to Meet the New Council Housing Finance Regime**

In response to a question as to whether Right to Buy receipts would be retained locally and what mechanisms the Council would put in place to ensure it received its fair share of the national Right to Buy receipts, the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Communities understood that the Council did not have an automatic right to retain the Right to Buy receipts. Further guidance from the Government on this issue would be circulated to all members of the Council when it was received.

**RESOLVED:**

That the reports of the Cabinet dated 7 March and 4 April 2012 be received and the recommendations adopted.

**56. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22.**

There were none.

**57. QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A.**

There were none.

**58. NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.**

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Mrs A E McEvoy be nominated as Chairman and Cllr Mrs L C Ford as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the following Municipal year.

**59. STANDARDS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011/12 (REPORT B).**

Cllr Woods, Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, presented the annual report of the Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be received and noted.

**60. REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS FOR 2011/12 (REPORT C).**

The Council considered the report of the Overview & Scrutiny Panels for 2011/12.

Cllr Ward, Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel, said that that Panel had focused their work thus far on pre-decision scrutiny but he saw a need to move this work forward by concentrating efforts on monitoring decisions taken by the Executive arising from the recommendations of the Task and Finish Groups. Cllr Ward said that he had been delighted with the new scrutiny arrangements. The Task and Finish Groups had created more opportunities for members to get involved in the scrutiny process.

Cllr Mrs Ford, Chairman of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel said that she was very pleased to be Chairman of the Panel. The Panel had enthusiastic members with an excellent attendance rate. She thanked members and officers for their work and input into the Panel and to the Task & Finish Groups which were proving to be a great success.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be received and noted.

**61. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.**

No changes to committees or panels were proposed by the political groups.

**62. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

**RESOLVED:**

That a special Council meeting be held on Monday 18 June 2012 at 6.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

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