

14 MAY 2012

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 14 May 2012.

**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  
ap 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  
ap 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  
p L R Puttock  
p A W Rice  
p B Rickman  
p W S Rippon-Swaine  
ap Mrs M J Robinson  
ap 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  
ap Mrs C V Ward  
p J G Ward  
p C A Wise  
p Mrs B M Woodfield  
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 Penwarden, in the Chair.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

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

**RESOLVED:**

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

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

Congratulating Cllr Mrs McEvoy on her election, Members expressed confidence that she would work hard in the interest of residents of the New Forest. Members wished her well for the year ahead.

On behalf of employees, the Chief Executive congratulated the Chairman on her election. He felt she would be a formidable ambassador for the Council and residents and would have an excellent year in office.

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for electing her as Chairman. She felt it an honour to have the opportunity to represent the Council and its residents in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year and in the year of the London Olympics. She announced that her charities would be Honey Pot House and Help for Heroes.

**2. VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR J PENWARDEN.**

The Chairman paid tribute and moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Penwarden, and his consort, his wife Michelle.

The Chairman said that both Cllr Penwarden and his wife had been excellent ambassadors for the Council. They had had a very busy year throughout which they had been hard working and dedicated.

The Chief Executive thanked Cllr and Mrs Penwarden for their work. He considered that the appreciation shown by local charities and organisers of local events supported by them demonstrated the value of the Chairman's office to local people.

It was seconded and

**RESOLVED:**

That the thanks and the best wishes of the Council be recorded to Cllr Penwarden for his service as Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Penwarden said that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Council. He thanked colleagues and officers for helping to raise £3,053 for his charities Victim Support, and the Bransgore Community First Responders. Representatives from both charities were in attendance and gratefully received their cheques from Cllr Penwarden.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

It was moved by Cllr Rippon-Swaine and seconded by Cllr Woods that Cllr Mrs Ford be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Mrs Ford 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 Ford made the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Chief Executive. The Chairman invested Cllr Mrs Ford with her badge of office.

**4. MINUTES (PAPER A).**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Kendal declared an interest in Minute No. 9.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were none.

**7. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Leader of the Council said that he had no changes to make to Portfolio Holders or to the content of portfolios.

**8. ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS (REPORT B).**

In response to a question, the Chief Executive confirmed that the political composition of the Council was 54 Conservative and 6 Liberal Democrat group members.

**RESOLVED:**

That the political proportionality for the membership of Committees and Panels as set out in Report B to the Council be noted.

**9. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.****RESOLVED:**

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

**(a) Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

That Cllr Mrs Wyeth be appointed to serve on the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel in place of Cllr Mrs McEvoy.

**(b) Environment Review Panel**

That Cllr Ms Bellows be appointed to serve on the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel in place of Cllr Swain.

**(c) General Purposes and Licensing Committee**

That Cllr M Wade be appointed to serve on the General Purposes and Licensing Committee in place of Cllr Mrs McLean.

**10. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL FOR HAMPSHIRE POLICE AREA (REPORT C).**

Cllr Kendal declared a personal interest in this item as a member of Hampshire County Council. He did not consider his interest was prejudicial and remained in the meeting. He abstained from voting on this item.

A member said that the establishment of the Police and Crime Panel was a fundamental change to the Police arrangements within Hampshire, and he hoped that the new scrutiny approach would help to ensure that policing was effective. He requested that the Council's representative and Deputy on the Panel worked to ensure that appropriate levels of policing within the New Forest were maintained.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the recommended terms on which the Police and Crime Panel is established be endorsed;
- (b) That the Panel Arrangements, as set out in the Agreement attached to Report E to the Cabinet on 2 May 2012, be approved;
- (c) That the Chief Executive be authorised to agree any further minor amendments to the Panel Arrangements necessary to ensure statutory compliance, once the Home Secretary's regulations and guidance have been published;
- (d) That Cllr Beck be appointed as the Council's Appointed Member to the Panel; and

- (e) That a Cllr Mrs Cleary be appointed to act as “Deputy Member” and, where the Appointed Member is temporarily unable to attend a Panel meeting or otherwise undertake Panel business, the Chief Executive be authorised to give notice of temporary change of membership for a period of up to 28 days, to enable the Deputy Member to deputise in the Appointed Member’s absence.

CHAIRMAN