

19 MAY 2014

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 19 May 2014.

- p Cllr Ms L C Ford – Chairman
- p Cllr Mrs M D Holding – Vice-Chairman

**Councillors:**

- p A R Alvey
- p Mrs D E Andrews
- p G C Beck
- p Mrs S V Beeton
- 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 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 P Jackman
- p M J Kendal
- p A N G Kilgour
- p C Lagdon
- p Mrs M E Lewis
- ap Mrs P J Lovelace
- ap B D Lucas

**Councillors:**

- p Mrs A E McEvoy
- p Mrs M McLean
- p A D O'Sullivan
- p N S Penman
- p J Penwarden
- p L R Puttock
- A W Rice
- p B Rickman
- p W S Rippon-Swaine
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- p Mrs A M Rostand
- D J Russell
- p R F Scrivens
- p Miss A Sevier
- p M D Southgate
- ap A J Swain
- ap M H Thierry
- ap A R Tinsley
- p D B Tipp
- ap F P Vickers
- p M S Wade
- ap 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
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

**Officers Attending:**

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

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Ms Ford, in the Chair.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

Cllr Ms Ford moved that Cllr Mrs Holding be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Tipp.

**RESOLVED:**

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

Cllr Ms Ford invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office and a bouquet of flowers, and presented Mr Holding, the Chairman's consort, with a gift.

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

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for electing her as Chairman. She said that she was looking forward to her year in office and hoped to serve the Council and its residents well.

**2. VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR MS FORD.**

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

The Chairman, in paying tribute to Cllr Ms Ford, said that Cllr Ms Ford had been held in high esteem by colleagues and residents alike during her term as Chairman. She had proved to be excellent ambassador for the New Forest, and had served the Council diligently and with charm and grace.

The motion was seconded.

Members spoke in support of the motion. They said that Cllr Ms Ford had worked very hard during her year in office and had been very successful in her charitable fundraising. She had represented the people of the New Forest District very well and had been a great ambassador for the Council.

Other members commented on the happy memories of the past year, and the popularity of the Chairman. In particular members referred to the commitment and charm displayed by Cllr Mrs Ford during her time in office.

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

**RESOLVED:**

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

Cllr Ms Ford thanked members for their kind wishes. She said that it had been a great privilege to serve as Chairman of the Council. She had thoroughly enjoyed her time in office. Cllr Ms Ford thanked in particular colleagues she had met over the last year, who had made her time as Chairman enjoyable, and officers who had supported her.

Cllr Ms Ford thanked colleagues and officers for helping to raise funds for her charities the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and the Young Firefighters Association (Ringwood). Representatives from both charities were in attendance at the meeting and gratefully received their cheques from Cllr Ms Ford.

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

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bennison and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wyeth that Cllr Mrs Hoare be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

Members spoke in support of the motion.

**RESOLVED:**

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

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest made by any member in connection with an agenda item.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Chairman announced that her two chosen charities for her year in office would be the Nalder Benevolent Trust and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. She felt both charities were worthy causes that deserved support and hoped colleagues would assist in her fundraising efforts during her year in office.

**7. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Leader of the Council announced that there would be no changes in Cabinet Portfolios or Portfolio Holders. Cllr E Heron would remain Deputy Leader of the Council.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be received and noted.

**9. DECISION TAKEN BY SECTION 151 OFFICER – WORKS AT APPELMORE HEALTH AND LEISURE CENTRE (REPORT C).**

The Council received a report on a decision take by the Section 152 Officer in regard to essential maintenance works at Applemore Health and Leisure Centre.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be received and noted.

**10. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS.**

A the request of the relevant political groups, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Cllr Mrs McLean be appointed to serve on the Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel in place of Cllr M S Wade.
- (b) That Cllr M S Wade be appointed to serve on the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel in place of Cllr Mrs Mclean.
- (c) That Cllr Mrs Rostand be appointed to serve on the Planning Development Control Committee in place of Cllr Mrs Holding.

CHAIRMAN