

14 MAY 2018

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 14 May 2018

- \* Cllr Mrs C V Ward (Chairman)
- \* Cllr M J Kendal (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

- \* A R Alvey
- \* Mrs D E Andrews
- \* W G Andrews
- \* P J Armstrong
- \* G C Beck
- \* Mrs S M Bennison
- \* J E Binns
- \* G R Blunden
- \* D A Britton
- \* Mrs D M Brooks
- \* Mrs F Carpenter
- \* Mrs L D Cerasoli
- S J Clarke
- \* Mrs J L Cleary
- I C Coombes
- Ms K V Crisell
- \* S P Davies
- \* A H G Davis
- \* W H Dow
- \* Ms L C Ford
- R L Frampton
- \* A T Glass
- \* L E Harris
- \* M R Harris
- \* D Harrison
- \* J D Heron
- \* E J Heron
- \* Mrs A J Hoare
- \* Mrs M D Holding

**Councillors:**

- \* Mrs C Hopkins
- \* Mrs P Jackman
- \* Mrs E L Lane
- \* Mrs P J Lovelace
- \* B D Lucas
- \* Mrs R Matcham
- \* Mrs A E McEvoy
- A D O'Sullivan
- \* J M Olliff-Cooper
- \* N S Penman
- \* A K Penson
- \* D M S Poole
- \* L R Puttock
- \* B Rickman
- \* W S Rippon-Swaine
- Mrs A M Rostand
- \* D J Russell
- Miss A Sevier
- \* M A Steele
- M H Thierry
- \* Mrs B J Thorne
- \* D B Tipp
- \* D N Tungate
- \* A S Wade
- \* J G Ward
- \* M L White
- \* C A Wise
- \* Mrs P A Wyeth

\*Present

**Officers Attending:**

R Jackson, Miss G O'Rourke, A Rogers and Mrs R Rutins

**Apologies:**

Cllrs Clarke, Coombes, Ms Crisell, Frampton, O'Sullivan, Mrs Rostand, Miss Sevier and Thierry.

**1 MINUTES****RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**3 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, CLLR CHRISTINE WARD**

The Leader of the Council proposed that a vote of thanks be extended to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Christine Ward, for the admirable way in which she had carried out the duties of the Chairman during the past year. Cllr Mrs Ward's year had focussed on various groups, including those involved in voluntary work, youth activities, music and the arts, and mental health. She had carried out her duties conscientiously and was always kind, calm and patient. The motion was seconded.

Other members spoke in support of the motion. They thanked Cllr Mrs Ward for her hard work, sincerity, enthusiasm, and passion in her role. She had acquitted herself extremely well as a charismatic and dedicated Chairman throughout a very busy year. They also paid tribute to her husband, Mr Derek Ward, who had supported her so well as consort.

**RESOLVED:**

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

**4 OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

The Chairman thanked members for their kind words. She had thoroughly enjoyed her year as Chairman, and gave examples of the many worthwhile organisations and events with which she had been in contact. These included the Stanley's Own Scout Group, the Solent Scout Regatta at Blashford Lakes and the 17 Port and RLC Maritime Regiment. Her chosen charities had been It's Your Choice, a counselling and advice service for 12 to 25 year olds in the New Forest Area, and First Opportunities Pre-School for children with special needs. She had enjoyed her charity abseiling experience at the Spinnaker Tower, as well as her civic day. She thanked those staff and members who had supported her throughout the year, as well as her husband Derek.

**5 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Cllr Beck moved that Cllr Kendal be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Wise.

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Kendal 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 Kendal took the chair and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, which was formally witnessed by the Monitoring Officer. He was then invested with the Chain and Badge of Office.

**6 ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for electing him. He felt that his first duty was to ensure all members were treated fairly in Council debates.

He announced that his charity for the year was 'Oakhaven in Totton'.

**7 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

It was moved by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Mrs Carpenter that Cllr Glass be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Glass 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.

**8 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.

**9 REPORT OF THE CABINET DATED 2 MAY 2018 - ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL AND CHANGES TO THE PANELS' TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Leader of the Council presented the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 2 May 2018.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

**10 ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS**

**RESOLVED:**

That the allocation of seats to the political groups/Independent members, as set out in the report, be agreed.

11 **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

**RESOLVED:**

That the membership of the Community & Leisure and the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panels be as follows:

**Community & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

**Councillors:**

G C Beck  
G R Blunden  
D A Britton  
Mrs F Carpenter  
S Clarke  
I C Coombes  
A H G Davis  
A D O'Sullivan  
D J Russell  
M L White

**Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

**Councillors:**

Mrs L D Cerasoli  
Ms K V Crisell  
S P Davies  
Mrs P Lovelace  
N Penman  
D M S Poole  
Miss A Sevier  
M A Steele  
Mrs C V Ward  
Mrs P A Wyeth

CHAIRMAN