



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Meeting Agenda

8 July 2019



SUMMONS

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 8 July 2019, at 6.30 pm



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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 14)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 20 May 2019 (Special Meeting and Annual Council Meeting) as correct records.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. REPORTS OF CABINET

To consider the reports of the Cabinet dated 5 June and 3 July 2019 (to follow).

6. QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 22.

7. QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER STANDING ORDER 22A

To ask questions of Portfolio Holders. Questions received will be tabled at the meeting. (Members are reminded that questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive or to the Executive Head of Governance and Regulation by not later than noon on Friday, 5 July 2019.)

8. CLIMATE CHANGE MOTION

To note that the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the Climate Change motion at a meeting on 13 June 2019 and agreed that a Task and Finish Group be established to consider the motion in more detail.

9. MEETING DATES FOR THE 2020/21 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RECOMMENDED:

That meetings be held on the following Mondays at 6.30pm:-

- 18 May 2020 (Annual meeting, already agreed)
- 6 July 2020
- 7 September 2020
- 12 October 2020
- 7 December 2020
- 22 February 2021
- 12 April 2021
- 17 May 2021 (Annual Meeting)

10. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

To consider any changes to the membership of Committees or Panels that might be proposed by the political groups.

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

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Agenda Item 1

20 MAY 2019

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 20 May 2019

- * Cllr Mel Kendal (Chairman)
- * Cllr Allan Glass (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * Alan Alvey
- * Diane Andrews
- * Ann Bellows
- * Sue Bennison
- * Geoffrey Blunden
- * Hilary Brand
- * Alex Brunsdon
- * Fran Carpenter
- * Louise Cerasoli
- * Mark Clark
- * Rebecca Clark
- * Steve Clarke
- * Jill Cleary
- Anne Corbridge
- * Keith Craze
- * Kate Crisell
- * Jack Davies
- * Steve Davies
- * Arthur Davis
- * Sandra Delemare
- * Philip Dowd
- * Jan Duke
- * Barry Dunning
- * Jacqui England
- * Andrew Gossage
- * Michael Harris
- David Harrison
- * David Hawkins
- * Edward Heron
- * Jeremy Heron

Councillors:

- * Alison Hoare
- Maureen Holding
- * Christine Hopkins
- * Mahmoud Kangarani
- * Joshua Kidd
- * Emma Lane
- * Martyn Levitt
- * Alexis McEvoy
- Ian Murray
- * Alan O'Sullivan
- Stephanie Osborne
- * Neville Penman
- * Caroline Rackham
- * Alvin Reid
- * Joe Reilly
- * Barry Rickman
- * Tony Ring
- * Steve Rippon-Swaine
- * David Russell
- * Ann Sevier
- * Mark Steele
- * Michael Thierry
- * Beverley Thorne
- * Derek Tipp
- * Neil Tungate
- * Alex Wade
- * Malcolm Wade
- * Christine Ward
- * John Ward

*Present

Officers Attending:

Bob Jackson, Grainne O'Rourke, Manjit Sandhu, Jo McClay, Matt Wisdom, Sara Hamilton, Andy Rogers and Karen Wardle.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Corbridge, Harrison, Holding, Murray and Osborne.

1 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2019, be confirmed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests, or any other interests by Members.

3 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

The Leader of the Council proposed that a vote of thanks be extended to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Kendal, for the admirable way in which he had carried out the duties of Chairman during the past year. The motion was seconded by Cllr E Heron.

Other Members of the Council spoke in support of the motion, in recognition of the 24 years of service Cllr Kendal had given to the New Forest District, alongside the charity work and fair way Council meetings had been chaired during the past year.

RESOLVED:

That the thanks of this Council be extended to Cllr Kendal for the admirable way in which he has carried out the duties of Chairman during the past year.

4 OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Chairman thanked Members for their kind words and reported on the charity work undertaken in the past year for the Oakhaven Hospice in Totton. A final figure of £19,741 was raised and the Chairman invited the Chief Executive of Oakhaven Hospice, Andrew Ryde to say a few words.

Mr Ryde expressed sincere thanks to the Chairman and the Council for the level of support during the past year. The Council noted that Oakhaven Hospice expanded into Totton in April 2018 which had resulted in an approximate increase of 30% to the overall activity of the charity.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Members and Officers for their support and assistance and spoke fondly of a number of highlights including work with the MENCAP Society and civic events such as Remembrance Day and the visit of Princess Anne to Calshot.

5 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Harris moved that Cllr Glass be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Andrews.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Glass be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2019/20 municipal year, until his successor is elected at the Annual Council meeting in May 2020.

Cllr Glass 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 before taking the chair.

6 ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman thanked Members of the Council for electing him and in doing so paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Kendal and his wife for their year in office.

He announced that his charities for the year would be New Forest Disability Information Service and Solent Dolphins.

7 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Glass moved that Cllr Tipp be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Cllr Russell.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Tipp be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2019/20 municipal year, until his successor is elected at the Annual Council meeting in May 2020.

Cllr Tipp 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.

8 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr E Heron moved that Cllr Rickman be appointed Leader of the Council for the four year period until May 2023. The motion was seconded by Cllr Cleary.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Rickman be appointed Leader of the Council for the four year period until May 2023.

9 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The Leader of the Council informed the Council that:-

(a) He had appointed Cllr E Heron as Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet.

(b) The Cabinet Portfolio Holders and their respective Portfolios would be as follows:-

1 – Leader and Corporate Affairs – Cllr Rickman

2 – Deputy Leader and Planning and Infrastructure – Cllr E Heron

3 – Housing Services – Cllr Cleary

4 – Community Affairs – Cllr Andrews

5 – Finance, Investment and Corporate Services – Cllr J Heron

6 – Leisure and Wellbeing – Cllr Steele

7 – Environment and Regulatory Services – Cllr Hoare

8 – Economic Development – Cllr Harris

- (c) The full content of each Portfolio would be circulated to all Members in due course.

RESOLVED:

That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Constitution arising from the above.

10 ELECTIONS 2 MAY 2019 - REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Returning Officer on the elections held on Thursday 2 May 2019, be received and noted.

11 POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED:

That the political balance of the Council following the District Elections held on Thursday 2 May 2019, be noted as follows:-

Conservative Group 46 (76.7%)

Liberal Democrat Group 13 (21.67%)

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12 COMMITTEE AND PANEL STRUCTURE

Cllr Glass moved the recommendations for the Council’s new Committee and Panel structure. Cllr Tipp seconded the motion.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the following Committees and Panels and the number of seats on each body, be approved:-

Committee/Panel	Number of Seats
Appeals Committee	20
Audit Committee	8
General Purposes and Licensing Committee	15
HR Committee	8
Planning Committee	20

Community and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel	10
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel	10
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel	10
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel	10

- (b) That the terms of reference of the HR Committee and minor amendments to the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, as circulated with the agenda, be approved.
- (c) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Constitution arising from the above.

13 **ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

Cllr Glass moved the adoption of the recommendations contained within the report by the Democratic Services Manager, which asked the Council to make appointments to committees and panels in accordance with the principles for the allocation of seats to political groups 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. Cllr McEvoy seconded the motion.

Cllr Glass asked the Council to consider whether it wished to allocate a seat(s) to the Member not aligned to a political group on such Committee(s) as the Council wished to determine. The wishes of the political groups were tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Members be appointed to the Committees and Panels as set out in table 4.2 of the report, giving effect to the wishes of the political groups, for the four year period commencing 20 May 2019. The wishes of the political groups, as tabled, are attached to these minutes.

14 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

Cllr Glass moved the re-appointment of Mr David Hewitt and Mr David Nottage as Independent Persons for the purposes of Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011. Cllr Carpenter seconded the motion.

RESOLVED:

That Mr David Hewitt and Mr David Nottage be re-appointed to serve as Independent Persons for the purposes of Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a four year period commencing 20 May 2019.

15 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

In accordance with Standing Order 21, Cllr M Wade moved the following motion:-

Council notes:

1. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2

levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October 2018 gave us 12 years to implement changes to keep global warming to a maximum of 1.5 degrees in order to avoid widespread drought, food scarcity, heat related deaths and loss of biodiversity including insects and vital food crop pollinators.

2. At present the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. In order to reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO₂eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.
3. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, and infrastructure to make low carbon living easier and the new norm.
4. Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption.
5. New Forest District Council has already made some positive progress, but this is not enough. More can and must be done. The Independent Panel on Climate Change in its Oct. 2018 report was very clear that action from all parts of society is necessary and local government has a responsibility to lead the way.
6. Councils around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and taking action to address this emergency.

Council believes that:

1. All levels of government (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown. Local councils that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.
2. The New Forest is a unique environment and this district council has a duty to protect it. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are potentially so severe that preventing this from happening must be a number one priority.
3. Bold local climate action can deliver economic and social benefits in terms of new green jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as much improved well-being for New Forest residents – for example through reducing fuel poverty and energy bills, encouraging healthy, active travel and improving green spaces and access to nature.

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Pledge to make the New Forest district carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
3. Report to full Council within six months setting out the immediate actions the Council will take to address this emergency and a plan to measure annual countywide progress towards meeting the 2030 target.
4. Work with partners across the district and the region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans and drawing on local and global best practice.
5. Actively lobby the Government to provide the additional powers and resources needed to meet the 2030 target.

Cllr J Davies seconded the motion.

Cllr Glass confirmed that, in accordance with Standing Order 41, the motion should stand referred to the Cabinet, or such Committees or Panels as the Council may determine. In view of the subject matter, Cllr Glass moved that the motion be referred to the next Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Cllr Cleary seconded the motion.

RESOLVED:

That the motion be referred to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel at 2.00 pm on Thursday 13 June 2019.

16 MEETING DATES FOR THE 2019/20 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED:

That the following Council meeting dates for the 2019/20 Municipal Year, all commencing at 6.30 pm, be noted:-

8 July 2019
9 September 2019
14 October 2019
9 December 2019
24 February 2019
6 April 2020

CHAIRMAN

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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND PANELS – WISHES OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS

APPEALS COMMITTEE (20 members)

Conservative (16)

Councillors:

Alan Alvey
Diane Andrews
Ann Bellows
Sue Bennison
Fran Carpenter
Steve Clarke
Keith Craze
Barry Dunning
David Hawkins
Maureen Holding
Alexis McEvoy
Neville Penman
Alvin Reid
Bev Thorne
Derek Tipp
Neil Tungate

Liberal Democrats (4)

Councillors:

Alex Brunsdon
Mark Clark
Phil Dowd
Sandra Delemare

AUDIT COMMITTEE (8 members)

Conservative (6)

Councillors:

Alan Alvey
Emma Lane
Martyn Levitt
Alan O'Sullivan
Ann Sevier
John Ward

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillors:

Hilary Brand
Matt Kangarani

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 members)

Conservative (12)

Councillors:

Ann Bellows
Geoff Blunden
Steve Clarke
Keith Craze
Steve Davies
Arthur Davis
Barry Dunning
David Hawkins
Alvin Reid
Joe Reilly
Neil Tungate
John Ward

Liberal Democrats (3)

Councillors:

Rebecca Clark
Jack Davies
David Harrison

PLANNING COMMITTEE (20 members)

Conservative (16)

Councillors:

Sue Bennison
Fran Carpenter
Anne Corbridge
Kate Crisell
Arthur Davis
Janette Duke
Barry Dunning
Allan Glass
David Hawkins
Maureen Holding
Christine Hopkins
Joe Reilly
Tony Ring
Ann Sevier
Bev Thorne
Christine Ward

Liberal Democrats (4)

Councillors:

Hilary Brand
Rebecca Clark
Matt Kangarani
Malcolm Wade

COMMUNITY AND LEISURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (8)

Councillors:

Geoff Blunden
Steve Clarke
Keith Craze
Arthur Davis
Barry Dunning
David Hawkins
Neville Penman
David Russell

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillors:

Caroline Rackham
Alex Wade

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (8)

Councillors:

Alan Alvey
Fran Carpenter
Keith Craze
Martyn Levitt
Alexis McEvoy
Alan O'Sullivan
Bev Thorne
Derek Tipp

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillors:

Sandra Delemare
Matt Kangarani

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (8)

Councillors:

Ann Bellows
Sue Bennison
Geoff Blunden
Allan Glass
Andrew Gossage
Tony Ring
Steve Rippon-Swaine
Derek Tipp

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillors:

Stephanie Osborne
Malcolm Wade

HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 members)

Conservative (8)

Councillors:

Anne Corbridge
Kate Crisell
Steve Davies
Andrew Gossage
Joshua Kidd
Ian Murray
Ann Sevier
Christine Ward

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillors:

Jack Davies
Caroline Rackham

HR COMMITTEE (8 members)

Conservative (6)

Councillors:

Kate Crisell
Michael Harris
Maureen Holding
Barry Rickman
Mark Steele
John Ward

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillors:

Hilary Brand
Matt Kangarani

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20 MAY 2019

SPECIAL NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Special New Forest District Council held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 20 May 2019

- * Cllr Allan Glass (Chairman)
- * Cllr Derek Tipp (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * Alan Alvey
- * Diane Andrews
- * Ann Bellows
- * Sue Bennison
- * Geoffrey Blunden
- * Hilary Brand
- * Alex Brunsdon
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- * Jill Cleary
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- * Kate Crisell
- * Jack Davies
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- * Arthur Davis
- * Sandra Delemare
- * Philip Dowd
- * Jan Duke
- * Barry Dunning
- * Jacqui England
- * Andrew Gossage
- * Michael Harris
- David Harrison
- * David Hawkins
- * Edward Heron

Councillors:

- * Jeremy Heron
- * Alison Hoare
- Maureen Holding
- * Christine Hopkins
- * Mahmoud Kangarani
- * Joshua Kidd
- * Emma Lane
- * Martyn Levitt
- * Alexis McEvoy
- Ian Murray
- * Alan O'Sullivan
- Stephanie Osborne
- * Neville Penman
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- * Michael Thierry
- * Beverley Thorne
- * Neil Tungate
- * Alex Wade
- * Malcolm Wade
- * Christine Ward
- * John Ward

*Present

Officers Attending:

Bob Jackson, Grainne O'Rourke, Manjit Sandhu, Jo McClay, Matt Wisdom, Sara Hamilton, Andy Rogers and Karen Wardle.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Corbridge, Harrison, Holding, Murray and Osborne.

17 ADMISSION OF DI BROOKS TO BE AN HONORARY ALDERMAN

Cllr Tipp moved and Cllr Cleary seconded, and in doing so paid tribute, together with Members of the Council, to Di Brooks on her service to the Council and the New Forest District:-

“That in pursuance of the statutory powers them enabling, the Council hereby admit Di Brooks to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the New Forest District in recognition of 20 years eminent service to the Council and the District.

That the proper entry be made upon the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the District.”

RESOLVED:

The motion was carried unanimously.

18 ADMISSION OF COLIN WISE TO BE AN HONORARY ALDERMAN

Cllr Rickman moved and Cllr Cleary seconded, and in doing so paid tribute, together with Members of the Council, to Colin Wise on his service to the Council and the New Forest District:-

“That in pursuance of the statutory powers them enabling, the Council hereby admit Colin Wise to the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the New Forest District in recognition of 20 years eminent service to the Council and the District.

That the proper entry be made upon the Roll of Honorary Aldermen of the District.”

RESOLVED:

The motion was carried unanimously.

Colin Wise responded following the Council bestowing the above honour upon him.

CHAIRMAN