

16 MAY 2016

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 16 May 2016

* Cllr Mrs A J Hoare (Chairman)

* Cllr G C Beck (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

* A R Alvey
* Mrs D E Andrews
* W G Andrews
* P J Armstrong
* Mrs S V Beeton
* Ms R Bellows
* 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 M D Holding

Councillors:

Mrs P Jackman
* M J Kendal
Mrs E L Lane
* Mrs P J Lovelace
* B D Lucas
* 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
* R A Wappet
* J G Ward
* Mrs C V Ward
* M L White
* C A Wise
* Mrs P A Wyeth

*Present

Officers Attending:

R Jackson, Miss G O'Rourke and Ms M Stephens

Apologies:

Cllrs Mrs Crisell, Mrs Jackman and Mrs Lane.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs Hoare, in the Chair

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mrs Hoare moved that Cllr Beck be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year. The motion was seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan.

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Mrs Hoare invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office, and presented Mrs Beck, the Chairman's consort, with a bouquet of flowers.

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for electing him as Chairman. He said that he looked forward to the year ahead and hoped to serve the Council and its residents well.

2 VOTE OF THANKS TO CLLR MRS HOARE

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Mrs Hoare.

The Chairman, in paying tribute to Cllr Mrs Hoare, thanked her for the exemplary manner in which she had conducted herself during her term of office. He thanked Mrs Hoare's husband, Peter, for his support as Chairman's consort, and wished Cllr Mrs Hoare best wishes for any roles she might undertake within the Council in the future.

The motion was seconded.

Members spoke in support of the motion. They said that Cllr Mrs Hoare 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 Hoare during her time in office.

The Chief Executive, on behalf of staff, expressed his thanks to Cllr Mrs Hoare for her hard work during her year as Chairman. He made particular reference to her charity abseil down the Spinnaker Tower demonstrating her courage and determination to raise money for her charities.

RESOLVED:

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

In thanking members for the great honour of allowing her to be Chairman for the year, Cllr Mrs Hoare said that her year in office had been extremely fun and rewarding. She had met many selfless and dedicated volunteers across the Forest,

working for various causes, who worked hard to assist the vulnerable and those in need. Cllr Mrs Hoare had been proud to represent the New Forest District, which was, in her opinion, one of the most beautiful places to live and work in the Country. Cllr Mrs Hoare praised local businesses and producers of the New Forest and the local tourism industry for championing the unique area of the Forest. Cllr Mrs Hoare was pleased to announce that she had raised approximately £5,000 for her chosen charities and she thanked her family, colleagues and officers for their support during her year in office and gave particular thanks to her PA Donna Langfield. A representative from Oakhaven Hospice was in attendance and gratefully received a cheque from Cllr Mrs Hoare.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr Mrs Bennison that Cllr Mrs Ward be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

Members spoke in support of the motion.

RESOLVED:

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

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016 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 his two chosen charities for the year would be New Forest Disability and First Opportunities.

New Forest Disability was a local charity which supported over 2000 disabled people, families, carers and professionals each year throughout the New Forest.

First Opportunities was a New Milton based charity which provided therapeutic play and pre-school education for babies and young children (aged 0-5 years) with additional needs in the New Forest.

The Chairman hoped that colleagues would assist in his fundraising efforts during his year in office.

The Chairman announced that he would host his Civic Service on Sunday 3 July at 3.00pm in New Milton Parish Church.

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

RESOLVED:

That the report to the Council be noted.

9 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

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

CHAIRMAN