

15 MAY 2017

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held in the Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 15 May 2017

Councillors:

- * A R Alvey
- * Mrs D E Andrews
- * W G Andrews
- * P J Armstrong
- * G C Beck
- 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 A J Hoare

Councillors:

- * Mrs M D Holding
- * 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, C Read, Mrs R Rutins and Ms M Stephens

Apologies:

Cllrs Mrs Beeton, Coombes, Kendal and Mrs Rostand.

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Beck, in the Chair

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Beck invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office.

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for electing her as Chairman. She said that she looked forward to the year ahead and felt proud to be serving the Council and its residents.

2 VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Beck. The Chairman, in paying tribute to Cllr Beck, said that he had been held in high regard by colleagues and residents alike during his term as Chairman and had formed key relationships, most notably with the military. He had proved to be an excellent ambassador for the New Forest, and had served the Council with determination, enthusiasm and vigour.

The motion was seconded.

Members spoke in support of the motion. They said that Cllr Beck had worked very hard during his year in office and had been extremely successful in his charitable fundraising. He 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 events of the past year, and the popularity of the Chairman. In particular members referred to the success of the Ceremony held to bestow the Freedom of the District on the 17 Port and Maritime Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps.

Members commended Cllr Beck for his tireless work throughout the year to raise funds for his charities and thanked him for his commitment and enthusiasm.

The Chief Executive expressed thanks on behalf of all employees of the Council, to Cllr Beck for his commitment.

RESOLVED:

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

Cllr Beck thanked members for their kind wishes. He said that it had been a great privilege to serve as Chairman of the Council. He had thoroughly enjoyed his time in office. Cllr Beck announced that his fundraising had been very successful and he thanked all those who had helped and supported him in raising funds.

Representatives from First Opportunities and New Forest Disability Advice Service were in attendance at the meeting and gratefully received cheques from Cllr Beck.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr Wise and seconded by Cllr Mrs Thorne that Cllr Kendal be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Kendal 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.

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017 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 the year would be First Opportunities and It's Your Choice.

First Opportunities was an independent charity providing therapeutic play and education for babies and young children with special needs.

It's Your Choice was a charity which provided free and confidential information, advice, support and counselling for young people aged 12-25 in the New Forest area.

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.

The Leader of the Council thanked all officers involved in the recent Hampshire County Council elections. The efficiency and professionalism with which the Council

ran the election, polling stations and the count through the night was evident and he was confident that the Council's part in the upcoming general election would be delivered extremely well. He applauded the staff involved for their efforts.

8 ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and noted.

9 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

RESOLVED:

That the following changes to the membership of Committees and Panels be agreed: -

- (i) That Cllr Clarke be appointed to serve on the Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel in place of Cllr Mrs Lovelace;
- (ii) That Cllr Penson be appointed to serve on the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Panel in place of Cllr Mrs Rostand;
- (iii) That Cllrs Davies and Mrs Jackman be appointed to serve of the General Purposes & Licensing Committee in place of Cllrs Penson and Mrs Ward;
and
- (iv) That Cllr Glass be appointed to serve on the Planning Development Control Committee in place of Cllr Mrs Ward.

CHAIRMAN