



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 14 December 2011, commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor John Fort BEM in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Andrew Backhouse, Arthur Barker, Keith Barnes, Philip Barrett, Bernard Bateman, MBE, John Batt, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Elizabeth Casling, Bill Chatt, Jim Clark, John Clark, Michael Cockerill, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, Polly English, John Fox, Heather Garnett, Andrew Goss, Tony Hall, Roger Harrison-Topham, Michael Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Bill Hault, Margaret Hulme, Neville Huxtable, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Mike Jordan, Michael Knaggs, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Patricia Marsburg, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, J W Marshall, Shelagh Marshall, John McCartney, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Dave Peart, Joe Plant, Peter Pople, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Caroline Seymour, Stephen Shaw, Brian Simpson, Peter Sowray, Melva Steckles Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, Herbert Tindall, Cliff Trotter, John Watson OBE, Geoff Webber, John Weighell, Richard Welch and Clare Wood,

The Chairman's Chaplain, the Reverend Peter Dunbar, offered prayers.

MINUTES

RESOLVED -

110. That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 12 October 2011, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Janet Sanderson, the new County Councillor for the Thornton Dales and the Wolds electoral division, to the Council Chamber for her first meeting and then announced, to the Council, the death of Honorary Alderman Lt Col Herbrand Dawson DL who was the County Councillor for the Haverah electoral division from the establishment of the Council in 1973 to May 1993; who was Chairman of the Council in 1989-90 and was made an Honorary Alderman in 1994. The Council stood in silence in his memory.

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

County Councillor John Weighell made a statement under Council Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (page 3487) and responded to questions.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

North Yorkshire Community Plan 2011/14

The recommendation in paragraph 1 of the report (page 3490) having been moved and seconded, it was:

RESOLVED -

111. That the draft North Yorkshire Community Plan 2011/14, a copy of which is attached marked Appendix 1, be approved.

Appointments to Committees and outside bodies

The recommendation in paragraph 2 of the report (page 3491) having been moved and seconded, together with a number of nominations for appointment, it was:

RESOLVED -

- 112.**
- (a) That County Councillor Janet Sanderson be appointed to the Ryedale Area Committee.
 - (b) That the list of bodies set out in Schedule 5 of Part 3 of the Constitution be amended by reducing the number of seats for County Councillors on the North Yorkshire County Catering Board from 4 to 3 and by adding the Greatwood and Horse Close Neighbourhood Committee to that Schedule, as an appointment to be made by the relevant Area committee.
 - (c) That County Councillor Heather Garnett be appointed to the vacancy on the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee.
 - (d) That County Councillor David Blades be appointed to the vacancy on the Planning and Regulatory Functions Sub-Committee.
 - (e) That County Councillor Karl Arthur be appointed to the vacancy as 4th named substitute for the Conservative Group on the Pension Fund Committee.

- (f) That County Councillor Janet Sanderson be appointed to the Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, and that County Councillor Bernard Bateman be appointed as 4th named substitute for the Conservative Group.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS REMUNERATION

The recommendations in the report (page 3510) having been moved and seconded, it was:

RESOLVED -

113.

- (a) That a Scheme of Allowances (as attached at Appendix B), scheme of approved duties (as attached at Appendix C), and Protocol for Members Attendance at Conferences (as attached at Appendix D) for 2012/13 are approved.
- (b) That the procedure for the appointment of two replacement members of the Independent Panel, to take up their role in May 2012, as set out in Appendix F, is approved.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCES TO INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF EDUCATION APPEALS PANELS

The recommendations in the report page 3541 having been moved and seconded, it was moved and seconded as an amendment that a decision on this issue be deferred and the matter be addressed as part of the budget considerations, in the light of the review of the officers' scheme for mileage allowances.

RESOLVED -

114. That a decision on mileage allowances for Independent Members of Education Appeals Panels be deferred and the matter be addressed as part of the budget considerations, in the light of the review of the officers' scheme for mileage allowances.

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

In the absence of County Councillor Chris Metcalfe, the Executive Member for Rural Services, Waste Disposal, Public Passenger Transport, Economic Development and Library Services, County Councillor Gareth Dadd formally moved part of his statement and County Councillor Carl Les moved the part of the statement relating to the library and registration services, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 3545-8) and responded to questions.

County Councillor John Watson OBE, the Executive Member for Financial Services, including assets, IT and procurement, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 3549-50).

County Councillor Carl Les, the Lead Executive Member for Children's Services, Special Educational Needs, Youth Justice and Chief Executive Group Services made a statement, including statements from the Chairman of the Looked After Children's Members Group and from the Young People's Champion a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 3551-8). He responded to questions, including a written question from County Councillor Keith Barnes relating to inspections of Children's Centres.

County Councillor Arthur Barker, the Executive Member for Schools, 16-19 year old education, Early Years Provision and Youth Service, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 3559-60) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Clare Wood, the Executive Member for Adult Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 3561-2) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, the Executive Member for Highways and Planning Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 3563-4) and responded to questions.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 3565-80) having previously been circulated, the Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee added to his statement and responded to questions.

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10 QUESTIONS

There were no questions under Council Procedure Rule 10.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am.