



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 23 July, 2014 commencing at 10.30 am.

Present:-

County Councillor Tim Swales in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Robert Baker, Arthur Barker, Philip Barrett, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Richard Cooper, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, John Ennis, John Fort BEM, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Tony Hall, Michael Harrison, Roger Harrison-Topham, Michael Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, Bill Houlton, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Anne Jones, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Shelagh Marshall OBE, John McCartney, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Steve Shaw-Wright, Elizabeth Shields, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood.

Minutes

It was moved and seconded that noting:

- the incorrect inclusion of County Councillor Cliff Lunn;
- and the omission of County Councillors Lindsay Burr and Derek Bastiman

from the attendance record, the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 21 May 2014, the having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

58. That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 21 May 2014, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record noting:

- the incorrect inclusion of County Councillor Cliff Lunn;
- and the omission of County Councillors Lindsay Burr and Derek Bastiman in the attendance record.

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Honorary Alderman John Marshall to the meeting and reported apologies for absence. He then informed Members of the sad news of the death of ex-County Councillor Estelle Edwards OBE who had served from 1973 to 1993; Members stood in silence in her memory. The Chairman then announced that County Councillor Shelagh Marshall had been awarded an OBE in Queen's Birthday Honours in recognition of her services to older people, he also recorded thanks to staff who had also been recognised. Finally he reminded Members of the time limits for speeches.

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 appear in the Minute Book (pages 5891-5892). The Leader recorded his thanks to all the staff who had been involved with the Tour de France, many of whom were present in the public gallery – a round of applause was given. Other Members spoke echoing this sentiment. The Leader also responded to a question.

Public Questions or Statements

Mr Bob Singleton asked: "Over the past three years the County Council has been cutting its budgets for staffing and services because they are no longer affordable. In 2010 the Members Working Group recommended the signature of the AWRP project with AmeyCespa. In doing so it considered the affordability of the Waste Strategy and concluded that the NYCC project budget of £ 1.21 billion provided a headroom or affordability margin of £212million. When has this budget been reviewed, and has it been increased or decreased, and if so by how much?" County Councillor Chris Metcalfe responded and Mr Singleton then asked a supplementary question to which he also responded.

Report of the Executive Revenue Budget Report 2013-14

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 5915) were moved and seconded.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and 2 abstentions.

Resolved -

- | |
|--|
| <p>59.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) That the position on the draft revenue outturn and General Working Balance for 2013/14 as detailed on pages 13, 23 to 26 is noted(b) That the County Council approve the proposed carry forward of unspent budgets at Corporate and Directorate level totalling £25,058k as detailed on pages 22 and 23.(c) That the position on other earmarked reserves as detailed on pages 27, 28 and 29, and at Appendix 1I is noted(d) That the procedure that will be followed by the Audit Committee in respect of the approval of the statutory Statement of Final Accounts (as described on pages 31 and 32) is noted.(e) The North Yorkshire Better Care Fund as approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 1 April 2014 (detailed on pages 32 and 33 and at Appendix 1K) is approved. |
|--|

Capital Plan Report 2013-14

The recommendations in paragraph 2 of the report (page 5925) were moved and seconded.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and 2 abstentions.

Resolved -

60.

- (a) That the position on capital outturn as detailed in **Appendices 2A to 2E** is noted
- (b) That the proposed carry forward to 2014/15 of the net capital underspend totalling £77k as set out at page 39 is approved
- (c) That the financing of capital expenditure as detailed at page 40 and **Appendix 2F** including the use of County Farms capital receipts to finance capital spending as explained at page 42 is approved.
- (d) That no action be taken at this stage to allocate any additional capital resources, page 43.

Young and Yorkshire: The Plan for all Children, Young People's Families living in North Yorkshire 2014-17

The recommendations in paragraph 3 of the report (page 5928) were moved and seconded.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 61.** That County Council approves the Young and Yorkshire: The Plan for all Children, Young People and their Families Living in North Yorkshire 2014-17.

Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2014-16

The recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report (page 5929) were moved and seconded.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

- 62.** That the Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan 2014-16, is approved.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The recommendation in paragraph 5 of the report (page 5930) having been moved and seconded; the Council was informed of a number of additional nominations.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.

Resolved –

63. That any proposals for the re-allocation of seats , if necessary to achieve political proportionality, or for changes to memberships or substitute memberships of committees, or other bodies to which Council makes appointments, put forward by the relevant political group, prior to or at the meeting of Council, are agreed as follows:

(i) **Following the outcome of the Skipton West by election and a review of proportionality:**

Craven Area Committee: County Councillor Andy Solloway – Independent is appointed;

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Andy Solloway – Independent to replace Bryn Griffiths – Liberal Democrat.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority: John Ritchie – Labour is appointed

Allocation of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees: in order to achieve a more equitable spread across the three second largest groups, the following arrangement is approved - Liberal Democrats to retain the Chair of **Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee** for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year. The Chair will be offered to the Labour group and the North Yorkshire Independent group over the remaining two years of the administration.

Scrutiny of Health Committee County Councillor Philip Barrett - North Yorkshire Independent is appointed Vice-Chairman in place of County Councillor Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley.

(ii) **Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Louise Alder is appointed as the Primary Teacher co-opted member representative in place of Michael Clarkson;

Pam Crabtree is appointed as the Roman Catholic Diocesan representative;

David Sharp is appointed as the Voluntary Sector representative replacing Ken Allinson.

(iii) **Scrutiny of Health Committee**

Councillor Tony Duff is appointed on behalf of the Richmondshire District Council as substitute member in place of Rob Johnson.

(iv) **North York Moors National Park Authority**

County Councillor Chris Metcalfe is appointed to replace County Councillor Helen Swiers – Conservative.

- (v) **Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
County Councillor Helen Grant is appointed Vice Chairman to replace County Councillor John McCartney – North Yorkshire Independent.
- (vi) **Audit Committee**
County Councillor Helen Grant is appointed to replace County Councillor Stuart Parsons - North Yorkshire Independent.
- (vii) **North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority**
County Councillor Bill Hoult - Liberal Democrat is appointed as substitute.

Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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 6089-6092) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Chris Metcalfe, the Executive Member for rural services, waste disposal, public passenger transport, trading standards, economic development and library services presented a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 6093-6098) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, the Executive Member for public health and prevention made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 6099-6100) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Carl Les, the Executive Member for central and 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 6101-6102) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Tony Hall, the Executive Member for children's services, special education needs youth justice, youth service and adult learning made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 6103-6106)

County Councillor Arthur Barker, the Executive Member for schools, 16-19 year old education and early years' provision made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 6107-6110) and responded to questions.

County Councillor Clare Wood, the Executive Member for adult social care and health integration made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 6111-6112) and responded to questions.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 6113-6128) having previously been circulated, the Chairmen of the Scrutiny of Health and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee responded to questions.

Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

The Chairman of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority responded to a question under Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

Motion – Pay Dispute

The Motion was moved and seconded.

North Yorkshire County Council:

In view of the tensions caused by strikes and the need for good Council/employee relations this Council resolves:

- (i) To call upon the government to facilitate pay negotiations with the appropriate unions.
- (ii) To call upon the LGA to re-open wage negotiations with the appropriate unions.

During the debate a Member moved “that the question now be put” and this was seconded.

The Council divided and, on a show of hands, the motion “that the question now be put” was declared carried, with seven against and one abstention.

The Council then divided and, on a show of hands, the substantive motion was declared dismissed, with nine in favour and four abstentions.

The meeting concluded at 1.25 pm.