



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 12 November 2014 at 10.30 am.

Present:-

County Councillor Tim Swales in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Andrew Backhouse, Robert Baker, Arthur Barker, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, 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, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, Shelagh Marshall OBE, John McCartney, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Packham, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, Tony Randerson, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Elizabeth Shields, David Simister, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell, Richard Welch, James Windass and Clare Wood,

Minutes

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014, the having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Resolved -

64. That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 24 September 2014, the having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Resolved -

65. That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 24 September 2014, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman noted the apologies for absence received and then welcomed Honorary Alderman Michael Knaggs and the graduate trainees who were present in the public gallery. He highlighted a historic typographical error which had appeared on County Council agendas and he assured Members that this would not be replicated in future. He advised Members of the sad news of the death of former County Councillor John Stockdale who had served between 1993 and 2005 and Members stood in silence to his memory. 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 6219-6220). He congratulated Barry Khan, Monitoring Officer, and his wife upon the birth of their second son. He recorded his best wishes to the Chairman's Lady who was about to commence a course of medical treatment. County Councillor John Weighell then responded to various questions.

Public Questions or Statements

No notice had been received of questions or statements from members of the public.

**Report of the Executive
Prudential Indicators**

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 6222) were moved and seconded.

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

Resolved –

66.

That the revised Prudential Indicators for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17 as set out in **Appendix 1A** (at pages 18 – 28) of the report, are approved.

Review of Contract, Finance and Property Procedure Rules

The recommendations in paragraph 2 of the report (page 6224) were moved and seconded.

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

Resolved -

67.

That

- a) the proposed changes to the Property Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix 2A (at pages 29-43) of the report, are approved.
- b) the proposed changes to the Financial Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix 2C (at pages 47-74) of the report, are approved.
- c) the proposed changes to the Contract Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix 2E (at pages 88-108) of the report, are approved.
- d) for incorporation within the County Council's Constitution any changes approved under recommendations a), b) and c), are approved.

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

The recommendations in paragraph 3 of the report (page 6225) were moved and seconded.

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

Resolved -

68.

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 the Council makes appointments, put forward by the relevant political group, prior to or at the meeting of the Council, are agreed as follows:

- (a) Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
Parent Governor representatives: Dr Tom Cavell-Taylor, Ripon.
Mr Jeremy Noott –Selby.

North York Moors National Park Authority:
County Councillor Heather Moorhouse.

All appointments, nominations and approvals made under this item shall be deemed to be appointments and nominations approved for the purposes of the Indemnity Policy.

- (b) Police and Crime Panel – update for noting:
Vice-Chairman: Fiona Fitzpatrick, City of York Council, Labour
Vice-Chairman: Mick Griffiths, Richmondshire District Council, Independent
Scarborough Borough Council: Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, Conservative
City of York Council: Mark Warters, Independent.
Co-opted Elected Member: Helen Flynn, Liberal Democrat.

Report of the Audit Committee Annual Report

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 6331) were moved and seconded.

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

Resolved –

69.

That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee, as set out in Appendix 1, is noted

Report of the Standards Committee Complaints Procedure

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (page 6341) were moved and seconded.

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

Resolved –

70.

That the proposed amendments to the arrangements for dealing with allegations of a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, are approved.

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 6347-6348) 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 6349-6354) 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 6355-6356).

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 6357-6358) 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 6359-6362) and responded to a question.

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 6363-6368) 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 6369-6370) and responded to questions.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 6371-6390) 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

County Councillor David Jeffels, a representative of the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP) advised Members of the situation regarding a potash application which had been submitted to the NYMNP and also to Redcar and Cleveland Council. He advised that that was not due to be considered until after February 2015 and the venue for the meeting was likely to be Whitby.

County Councillor John Fort BEM, Chairman of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority responded to a question regarding the resolution of the national dispute and correspondence associated with this. He advised that the situation had been overtaken by events and Regulations which were due to be passed in December 2014 would progress the matter.

**Motion - The outflow of young people and young families
from the rural and deeply rural areas in North Yorkshire**

The Motion was moved and seconded.

North Yorkshire County Council:

This Council recognises there is an increasingly worrying outflow of young people and young families from the rural and deeply rural areas in North Yorkshire which if not arrested will result in failing communities a generation or two from now, and pledges to work through its Stronger Communities policy initiative, and by using its considerable influence in economic and social well-being, on its own account and with its partners, to help shape a rural offer that encourages those contemplating leaving these areas to stay."

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

The meeting concluded at 12.45 pm.