

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the County Council held remotely on 18 November 2020 commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor Jim Clark in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Baker, Philip Barrett, David Blades, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Michael Chambers MBE, David Chance, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, John Ennis, David Goode, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Caroline Patmore, Yvonne Peacock, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Joe Plant, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray MBE, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, Geoff Webber, John Weighell OBE, Richard Welch, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

County Councillor Tony Randerson left the meeting at 11:15am, County Councillor John McCartney left the meeting at 11:20am, County Councillor Keane Duncan joined the meeting at 11:28am, and County Councillor Richard Musgrave left the meeting at 12:08pm.

ATTENDING:-

There were no members of the public participating in the meeting. This was a live broadcast remote meeting held using MS Teams. As such, the meeting was available to be viewed by the public on the Council YouTube channel - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/live-meetings>

151. Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 22 July 2020 and the extraordinary meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 4 November 2020, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The vote was taken for the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2020 using the 'raise hand' function on MS Teams. The motion was declared carried, with 64 votes for the motion with none against and one abstention.

The vote was taken for the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 2020 using the 'raise hand' function on MS Teams. The motion was declared carried with 58 votes for the motion with six against and one abstention. The motion was declared carried.

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 22 July 2020 and the extraordinary meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 4 November 2020, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

152. Apologies for absence

County Councillors Andrew Backhouse, Derek Bastiman, Lindsay Burr MBE, Mel Hobson, Stuart Parsons and Callam Walsh

153. Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Karl Arthur declared an interest as he is employed by Network Rail.

154. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen and members of the public who were watching this live broadcast meeting on the Council's YouTube site.

The Chairman informed Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

155. Statement of the Leader

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement and answered questions, under Contract Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the County Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 12170 to 12171).

156. Public Questions or Statements

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

157. Report of the Executive

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution

The recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of the report (page 12174 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken by roll call and the motion was declared carried, with 62 votes for the motion, none against and one abstention.

Resolved -

That the proposed changes to the Constitution set out in the Amendments Chart at Appendix 1 and the proposed changes to the Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules set out in Appendices 2 and 3 be approved.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Council's Constitution

The recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of the report (page 12174 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken by roll call and the motion was declared carried, with 62 votes for the motion, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

That the appointments to the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board at paragraph 3.3 of the report (page 12175 of the Minute Book) were noted.

158. Standards Committee Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Standards Committee was considered and the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 (page 12228 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken by roll call and the motion was declared carried, with 62 votes for the motion, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the Annual Report be noted.

159. Audit Committee Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Audit Committee was considered and the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 (page 12234 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

160. Pension Board Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Pension Board was considered and the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 (pages 12242 to 12243 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken upon both the Audit Committee Annual Report and the Pension Board Annual Report at the same time.

The vote was taken by roll call and the motion was declared carried, with 62 votes for the motion, none against and 2 abstentions.

Resolved -

- (i) That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee be noted
- (ii) That the additions to the Terms of Reference of Pension Board be approved
- (iii) That the Pension Board Annual Report be noted.

161. Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12282 to 12283).

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills, made a statement and answered questions, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12284 to 12286).

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12288 to 12289).

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities, made a statement and answered questions, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12290 to 12294).

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and 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 12296 to 12297).

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12298 to 12300).

County Councillor Andrew Lee, Executive Member for Open to Business, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12302 to 12304).

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Library, Customer and Community Services, made a statement and answered questions, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12306 to 12310) and responded to questions asked.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 12312 to 12313).

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees having previously been circulated, and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 12314 to 12331) were noted.

County Councillor John Ennis, Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee, answered questions.

162. Report of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Notion of Motion on NHS Parking

The recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of the report (pages 12333 to 12334 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried, with 60 votes for the motion, none against and no abstentions.

Resolved -

That the following wording be agreed as amendment to the NHS Parking Motion:

“That this council makes known to all NHS Hospital Trusts in North Yorkshire that this council supports and encourages free on-site parking for frontline NHS staff at their work place for the duration that covid-19 places a strain on the NHS. We also invite them to consider how parking policy and grants for using sustainable travel options for NHS staff can best achieve a long-term aim for carbon reduction and sustainable travel across our County.”

163. Notice of Motion

Sky Lanterns

“This Council resolves to ban the release of all types of sky lanterns* on property and land owned by North Yorkshire County Council. This Council resolves to ask all Parish and Town Councils within North Yorkshire to pass a similar motion, to ban the release of sky lanterns on Parish or Town Council land.

This Council resolves to engage with business communities, landowners, schools, and individuals in North Yorkshire, to encourage them to sign up to this initiative.

*Sky Lantern, (in this motion), is a small hot air balloon made of paper with an opening at the bottom, where a small fire is suspended.”

County Councillor Bryn Griffiths proposed this motion and Seconded by County Councillor Philip Broadbank seconded the motion.

Resolved -

The Chairman determined that the Motion be referred to the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

164. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting closed at 12:15pm.