



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 18 May 2016 at 10.30am.

### Present:-

County Councillor David Jeffels in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Robert Baker, Arthur Barker, Derek Bastiman, Bernard Bateman MBE, David Billing, John Blackburn, John Blackie, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr, Jean Butterfield, Liz Casling, David Chance, Jim Clark, John Clark, Sam Cross, Gareth Dadd, Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley, John Ennis, John Fort BEM, Andrew Goss, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Michael Harrison, Roger Harrison-Topham, Michael Heseltine, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, Bill Houlton, David Ireton, Janet Jefferson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackenzie, Penny Marsden, Brian Marshall, John McCartney, Chris Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Robert Packman, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Joe Plant, Tony Randerson, John Ritchie, Janet Sanderson, John Savage, Elizabeth Shields, David Simister, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray, Tim Swales, Helen Swiers, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell OBE, Richard Welch, Robert Windass and Clare Wood.

### Election of Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor John Fort BEM and seconded by County Councillor Cliff Lunn that County Councillor Val Arnold be elected as Chairman of the County Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

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

### Resolved -

**113.** That County Councillor Val Arnold is elected as Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

County Councillor Val Arnold then made her declaration of acceptance of the office of Chairman of the County Council.

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**County Councillor Val Arnold in the Chair**

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The Chairman thanked the Council for her election and it was then moved by her and seconded by County Councillor Carl Les:-

“That this Council places on record its appreciation of the exceptional service rendered to it by County Councillor David Jeffels as Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 2014 to 2015 and as Chairman of the County Council from 2015 to 2016 and also places on record its thanks to Marilyn for the unfailing support which she has given the Chairman during his terms of office.”

Leaders of other political groups spoke in support.

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

**Resolved –**

**114.** That this Council places on record its appreciation of the exceptional service rendered to it by County Councillor David Jeffels as Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 2014 to 2015 and as Chairman of the County Council from 2015 to 2016 and also places on record its thanks to Marilyn for the unfailing support which she has given the Chairman during his terms of office.

The Chairman presented a past Chairman’s badge to County Councillor David Jeffels.

County Councillor David Jeffels responded.

**Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 24 February 2016, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are 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 -**

**115.** That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 24 February 2016, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was moved by County Councillor David Jeffels and seconded by County Councillor Michael Heseltine that County Councillor Helen Swiers be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

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

#### **Resolved –**

**116.** That County Councillor Helen Swiers is appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

County Councillor Helen Swiers then made her declaration of acceptance of the office of Vice-Chairman of the County Council and thanked the Council for her appointment.

### **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman noted the apologies for absence received from County Councillors Philip Barrett, Richard Cooper, Anne Jones, Patrick Mulligan, Shelagh Marshall OBE and Steve Shaw-Wright. He welcomed Honorary Alderman Michael Knaggs to the meeting.

He formally announced the recent deaths of Tony Hall, who served as a County Councillor from 2005 to 23 March 2016 representing the Northallerton Division, and Peter Brown, who served as a County Councillor from 1997 to 2007 representing the Romanby and Broomfield Division. Members stood in silence to their memory.

### **Statement by the Leader of the Council**

County Councillor Carl Les 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 8215 to 8216). County Councillor Carl Les 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  
Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

The recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report (pages 8217 to 8220) were moved and seconded. Political groups' nominations were reported verbally and 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 –**

**117.** That County Council approves the following:

- (a) That, to reflect changes to political balance as a consequence of the Liberal Democrat Group reducing by one Member and the North Yorkshire Independent Group increasing by one Member:-
  - (i) The Liberal Democrat Group's seat on Audit Committee is re-allocated to the North Yorkshire Independent Group.
  - (ii) The North Yorkshire Independent Group is allocated a second Overview and Scrutiny Committee Vice-Chairmanship which, following consultation with the Labour Group, is the Vice-Chairmanship of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
  - (iii) The Liberal Democrat Group's seat on the North York Moors National Park Authority is re-allocated to the North Yorkshire Independent Group although, following consultation between the Labour and North Yorkshire Independent Groups, the North Yorkshire Independent's seat on the North York Moors National Park Authority is further re-allocated to the Labour Group and the Labour Group's seat on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is re-allocated to the North Yorkshire Independent Group.
- (b) That County Councillor John Blackie (NY Ind) is appointed to replace County Councillor Bill Hoults (Lib Dem) on the Audit Committee.
- (c) That County Councillor Bill Hoults (Lib Dem) is appointed to the Liberal Democrat seat on the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, thereby replacing County Councillor Andrew Goss.
- (d) That County Councillor Bryn Griffiths is appointed to replace County Councillor Bill Hoults as the first-named Liberal Democrat Substitute on the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (e) That County Councillor Andrew Goss (NY Ind) is appointed to replace County Councillor Stuart Parsons (NY Ind) on the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (f) That County Councillor Andrew Goss (NY Ind) is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (g) That County Councillor John Weighell OBE (Con) is appointed to replace County Councillor Richard Cooper (Con) on the Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee.

- (h) That County Councillor Stuart Parsons (NY Ind) is appointed to replace County Councillor John Ritchie (Lab) on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.
- (i) That County Councillor John Ritchie (Lab) is appointed to replace County Councillor Bryn Griffiths (Lib Dem) on the North York Moors National Park Authority.
- (j) That County Councillor David Chance (Con) is appointed to the current vacancy on the North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

### **Members' Allowances Scheme**

The recommendation in paragraph 4 of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (pages 8221 to 8232) was moved and seconded. The Leader advised that Mrs Denise Wilson (Chairman of the Panel) would be retiring from the Panel during 2016 and expressed his thanks to her for her contribution to the work of the Panel.

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

**Resolved –**

**118.** That the County Council notes the report.

### **Statements of Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

County Councillor David Chance, the Executive Member for Stronger Communities, public health, Legal and Democratic Services and the role of area committees made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 8233 – 8238), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services with responsibility for fostering and adoption, children's social care 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 8239 - 8240), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, the Executive Member for Highways, road safety, access to the countryside (including Broadband, mobile phone coverage) and public transport made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 8241 – 8242), and responded to questions

County Councillor Chris Metcalfe, the Executive Member for Waste Services, Library and Information Services, economic development, rail strategy and trading standards, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 8243 - 8248), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, the Executive Member for Central Services, specifically Finance and HR issues, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 8249 - 8250), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Arthur Barker, the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services with responsibility for schools and early years made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 8251 - 8252), 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 8253 - 8254), and responded to questions.

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (pages 8255 - 8272), having previously been circulated, were noted.

### **Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

### **Motion – Proposal in White Paper “Educational Excellence Everywhere” requiring all Schools to adopt academy status by 2022**

County Councillor John Ritchie moved and County Councillor Tony Randerson seconded the motion set out below. The motion incorporated all the amendments suggested, in a paper (page 8273) circulated at the meeting, by County Councillor Arthur Barker (Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services with responsibility for schools and early years) and County Councillor Janet Sanderson (Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services with responsibility for fostering and adoption, children's social care).

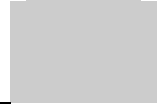
"North Yorkshire County Council thanks the Secretary of State for Education for reconsidering proposals outlined in the White Paper “Educational Excellence Everywhere” requiring all Schools to adopt academy status by 2022.

The council welcomes the announcement of extra support and protection provided to small rural schools. This council strongly believes that Local Authorities have a key role to play in improving standards, providing support services, promoting “Educational Excellence Everywhere” and “Closing the Gap” in Educational achievement, particularly in our more social and economically deprived communities.

This council is fully committed to the aspiration of “Educational Excellent Everywhere” but it considers that schools which are good or outstanding should either have the choice of becoming academies or remaining as local authority maintained schools.”

**The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against and two abstentions.**

Meeting closed 12.35pm.



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