

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 15 May 2019 commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor Robert Windass in the Chair.

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

APOLOGIES:-

County Councillors: Lindsay Burr MBE, Helen Grant, David Ireton, Andrew Jenkinson, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, John McCartney, Tony Randerson and Stuart Parsons.

ATTENDING:-

Honorary Aldermen: Bernard Bateman, John Fort BEM, Michael Knaggs, John Marshall and Chris Metcalfe.

Members of the press and the public.

83. Election of Chairman

It was moved and seconded that County Councillor Jim Clark be elected as Chairman of the County Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2020.

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

Resolved -

That County Councillor Jim Clark is elected as Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2020.

County Councillor Jim Clark then made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Chairman of the County Council.

County Councillor Jim Clark in the Chair

The Chairman thanked the Council for his election and it was then moved by him and seconded:

“That this Council places on record its appreciation of the exceptional service rendered to it by County Councillor Robert Windass as Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 2017 to 2018 and as Chairman of the County Council from 2018 to 2019 and also places on record its thanks to his consorts for their unfailing support given during his term of office.”

Leaders of other political groups spoke in support.

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

Resolved -

That this Council places on record its appreciation of the exceptional service rendered to it by County Councillor Robert Windass as Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 2017 to 2018 and as Chairman of the County Council from 2018 to 2019 and also places on record its thanks to his consorts for their unfailing support given during his term of office.

The Chairman presented a past Chairman’s badge to County Councillor Robert Windass.

County Councillor Robert Windass responded expressing his thanks to all those who had supported him during his time in office.

84. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted.

85. Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 20 February 2019, having been printed and circulated, 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 -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 20 February 2019, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

86. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was moved and seconded that County Councillor Robert Heseltine be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2020.

The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with 46 in favour, 10 against and 5 abstentions.

County Councillor John Blackie requested that his vote in against the motion be recorded.

Resolved -

That County Councillor Robert Heseltine is appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2020.

County Councillor Robert Heseltine then made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Vice-Chairman of the County Council and thanked the Council for his appointment.

87. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen who were in the public gallery. The Chairman acknowledged the death of former County Councillor Pam Odell. Pam represented Sherburn from 1985 until 1992. A minutes silence was held.

The Chairman also reminded Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

Members were reminded that works on the Brierley Building will take place from August this year. During this time, there will be no access to the building. Council meetings will take place in dedicated meeting rooms in the former Magistrates Court and Racecourse Lane. The only exception to this is the meeting of County Council, which will be held at Hambleton District Council in November 2019, February 2020 and May 2020. The July meeting of County Council will be held in the Council Chamber in the Brierley Building, as normal.

88. Declarations of Interest

It was noted that County Councillor Michael Harrison has a family member who works for the County Council.

89. Statement by the Leader

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement, 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 11174 to 11175).

90. Public Questions or Statements

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

91. Report of the Executive

Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

The appointments to committees and other bodies at paragraph 3.2 of the report (which appear in the Minute Book page 11178) were noted.

In addition Group Secretaries were asked for any nominations for appointments to committees and other bodies. County Councillors Caroline Patmore and John Blackie notified Council of proposed changes to membership of committees and other bodies, as follows:

- County Councillor John Ennis to Chair Scrutiny of Health (vacating Chair of Care and Independence)
- County Councillor Karin Sedgwick to Chair Care and Independence (vacating Older People's Champion role)
- County Councillor Andy Paraskos to become Older People's Champion (vacating Transport for the North)
- County Councillor Paul Haslam to become the representative on Transport for the North
- County Councillor John Blackie to take the place of County Councillor Stuart Parsons on the North York Moors National Park Authority.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed changes to committee membership be approved.

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

Resolved -

- (a) That Andrew Pippin's, Yorkshire Ambulance Service Sector Commander for North and East Yorkshire, appointment as the representative of the emergency services on the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Lesley Butterworth's, Yorkshire Ambulance Service Group Station Manager, appointment as substitute both be noted.
- (b) That County Councillor Gillian Quinn's appointment to the Airedale Hospital Trust's Governing Body be noted.
- (c) That the proposed changes to committee membership be approved.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

The recommendation at paragraph 3.3 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 11178) was 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 -

- (a) That the proposed approach to the level of recording of executive and non-executive decisions by officers, and the proposed amendments to the Access to Information Procedure Rules as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report, be approved and be reviewed after two years' implementation.

- (b) That the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved.

Proposed Changes to the Contract Procedure Rules and Key Decision Exemptions

The recommendation at paragraph 3.4 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 11178) was 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 -

That the recommendations and changes to the Contract Procedure Rules and Key Decision exemptions as set out in the Audit Committee report be approved.

Pension Board Membership

The recommendation at paragraph 3.5 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 11179) was 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 -

That the Independent Chair, and Members appointed to the Pension Board in July 2015, be given a temporary continuation to their terms of office, until January 2020.

92. Response by the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Notice of Motion to County Council on 14 November 2018 on North Yorkshire County Council's Current Level of Compliance with the Charter against Modern Slavery

The recommendation on page 11280 of the Minute Book was 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 -

- (a) That the actions outlined in paragraph 4.2a be completed to achieve full compliance be agreed.
- (b) Having achieved full compliance, the additional actions outlined in paragraph 4.2b be explored further and reported back to the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

93. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report was considered (pages 11288 to 11295 of the Minute Book).

Resolved -

That the Annual Report be noted.

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

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 11296 to 11297), and responded to questions.

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 11298 to 11300).

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 11302 to 11303), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Library, Customer and Community Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11304 to 11306).

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 11308 to 11309).

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 11310 to 11311).

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11312 to 11313).

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 11314 to 11315), and responded to questions.

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 11316 to 11319), and responded to questions.

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 11320 to 11337) were noted.

County Councillor Jim Clark, Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee, responded to questions.

95. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

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