

North Yorkshire County Council

County Council

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held at remotely on 22 July 2020 commencing at 10.30 am.

This was a live broadcast remote meeting held using Skype.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor Jim Clark in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Baker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr MBE, 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 Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Yvonne Peacock, 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, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES:-

County Councillors: Andrew Backhouse, Mel Hobson, Don Mackay, Chris Pearson, Callam Walsh, Richard Welch and Robert Windass.

ATTENDING:-

This was a live broadcast remote meeting held using Skype. As such, the meeting was available to be viewed on the Council YouTube channel.

133. Election of Chairman

It was moved and seconded that County Councillor Jim Clark is re-elected as Chairman of the County Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2021.

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 continue as Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2021.

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 re-election.

134. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were noted.

135. Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 19 February 2020, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The vote was taken and 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 19 February 2020, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

136. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was moved and seconded that County Councillor Stuart Martin MBE be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2021.

The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried, with 58 in favour, 5 against and 2 abstentions.

Resolved -

That County Councillor Stuart Martin MBE is appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2021.

County Councillor Stuart Martin MBE then made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Vice-Chairman of the County Council and thanked the Council for his appointment.

137. Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Philip Broadbank declared an interest in relation to Item 12 (Notice of Motion). His wife works for Harrogate NHS Trust but does not use the on-site parking at the hospital.

County Councillor Karl Arthur declared an interest in relation to Item 11(d) (Statement by County Councillor Don Mackenzie) as his employer is Network Rail.

138. Chairman's Announcements

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

The Chairman acknowledged the death of former County Councillor Vivienne Knaggs who died in May 2020. Vivienne was a Liberal Democrat County Councillor from 1993 to 1997.

The Chairman also acknowledged the death of former County Councillor Shirley Taylor who died in May 2020. Shirley represented the Harrogate Wedderburn division between 1989 and 1997 as a Liberal Democrat. She also served as a Borough Councillor for seven years.

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

The Chairman made a number of announcements relating to work that he will continue to do in his role as Chairman, building upon the work that he had previously done in the 9 months prior to the national lockdown. He thanked the NHS, care workers and key workers for all that they had done during the pandemic.

139. Statement by 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 12032 to 12033).

County Councillor Carl Les announced that County Councillor Mike Jordan has joined the Conservative Party.

140. Public Questions or Statements

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

141. Report of the Executive

Revised Library Strategy

The recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of the report (page 12038 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

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

Resolved -

That the revised Library Strategy be approved.

142. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020

The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report was considered and the recommendation at paragraph 3.0 (page 12096 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

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

Resolved -

That the Annual Report be noted.

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

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 12116 to 12118).

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 12120 to 12121).

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 12122 to 12124).

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 12126 to 12127), 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 12128 to 12131), and responded to questions.

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 (page 12132).

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 12134 to 12137).

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 12138 to 12139).

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 12140 to 12143).

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 12144 to 12155) were noted.

County Councillor Helen Grant left the meeting at 11:47am.

144. Notice of Motion

NHS Parking

“That this council makes known to all NHS Hospital Trusts in North Yorkshire that this council supports and encourages free on-site parking for NHS staff at their workplaces.”

County Councillor Geoff Webber proposed this motion and County Councillor David Goode seconded the motion.

An amendment to the motion, as below, was proposed by County Councillor Richard Cooper and seconded by County Councillor Zoe Metcalfe.

“That this council makes known to all NHS Hospital Trusts in North Yorkshire that this council supports and encourages measures which enable their staff to travel to and from work sustainably in accordance with carbon reduction and sustainable travel commitments. The council invites them to consider how parking policy and grants for using sustainable travel options for NHS staff at their workplaces can best achieve this alongside the understandable wish for NHS staff to be recognised for the work they do.”

An amendment to the motion, as below, was proposed by County Councillor Liz Colling and seconded by County Councillor Eric Broadbent.

“That this council makes known to all NHS Hospital Trusts in North Yorkshire that this council supports and encourages free on-site parking for NHS staff at their work place. We 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.”

Resolved -

The Chairman determined that the Motion and subsequent amendments be referred to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration before coming back to a future meeting of the Council.

145. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting closed at 12:15.