

Minutes

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF

Council

HELD AT 6.00 PM ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2013

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CROWMARSH GIFFORD

Present:

Mrs J Carr (Chairman) – in the chair for the election of Chairman.

Ms Anna Badcock, Mr Felix Bloomfield, Mr David Bretherton, Mrs D Brown, Mrs Celia Collett, MBE, Mr Steve Connel, Mr Bernard Cooper, Mr Philip Cross, Mrs Margaret Davies, Mrs Pat Dawe, Mr Leo Docherty, Mr David Dodds, Mrs Ann Ducker, MBE, Mrs Elizabeth Gillespie, Mr Mark Gray, Mr Tony Harbour, Mrs Eleanor Hards, Mr Neville F Harris, Mr Paul Harrison, Mr Marc Hiles, Ms Elizabeth Hodgkin, Mr Malcolm Leonard, Ms Lynn Lloyd, Mrs Denise Macdonald, Mrs Ann Midwinter, Mrs Judith Nimmo-Smith, Reverend Angie Paterson, Mr Alan Rooke, Mrs Pearl Slatter, Mr David Turner, Mrs Margaret Turner, Mr Michael Welply, Mrs Jennifer Wood and Miss Rachel Wallis

Apologies:

Mr Roger Bell, Ms Joan Bland, Mr John Cotton, Ms Kristina Crabbe, Mr Marcus Harris, Mr Stephen Harrod, Dr Christopher Hood, Mr Imran Lokhon, Mr Christopher Quinton, Mr Bill Service and Mr Robert Simister tendered apologies.

Officers: David Buckle, Steve Bishop, Steven Corrigan, Kathy Fiander, Matt Prosser, Anna Robinson and Margaret Reed

Mrs Carr reviewed her year as Chairman of the council, thanked councillors for all their support and Mrs Brown, as Vice-Chairman, and Mr Hewer for their assistance during the year.

Mrs Ducker paid tribute to Mrs Carr in recognition of her work as Chairman of the council during the past year.

1 Election of chairman

Mrs D Brown was nominated as Chairman.

RESOLVED: to appoint Mrs D Brown as Chairman of the council for the ensuing year.

Mrs Carr presented Mrs Brown with the chain of office.



Listening Learning Leading

Mrs Brown signed her declaration of acceptance of office, presented Mrs Carr with the past Chairman's badge, Mr Brown with the escort's badge and made an acceptance speech.

Mrs Brown in the chair.

2 Appointment of vice-chairman

Mrs A Midwinter was nominated as Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED: to appoint Mrs A Midwinter as Vice-Chairman of the council for the ensuing year.

The Chairman presented Mrs Midwinter with the chain of office.

Mrs Midwinter signed her declaration of acceptance of office, made an acceptance speech and presented Mr Midwinter with the escort's badge.

3 Apologies

Apologies were submitted as recorded on page one of these minutes.

The Chairman agreed, on behalf of Council, to send Mr C Quinton its best wishes owing to his illness.

4 Minutes, 25 April 2013

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2013 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign them.

5 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

None.

6 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman advised Council of her chosen charities for her year of office – The Chilterns Multiple Sclerosis Centre and The Oxford Heart Centre's Heartfelt Appeal.

7 Leader of Council report

The Leader of Council made no changes to the Cabinet membership, allocation of portfolios, the executive scheme of delegation or outside body appointments.

She thanked all Cabinet members for the work undertaken on council business and praised both officers and councillors for working as a team to meet the needs of the residents of South Oxfordshire and making the council a high achieving authority.

8 Appointments to committees, panels and joint committees for 2013/14

Council considered the report of the head of legal and democratic services on the appointment of those committees which are required to be politically balanced together with the Community Investment Fund Panel and Licensing Acts Committee.

The Chairman referred to the following recommendation tabled at the meeting covering these appointments to reflect the allocation of an additional Planning Committee seat to the Conservative group, a NNDR Appeals Panel seat to the Liberal Democrat group and a Housing Appeals Panel seat to each of the Independent and Labour groups to reflect their membership on the council. The recommendation reflected the Independent group's offer of its seats on the Audit and Governance Committee and the Housing Appeals Panel and the Conservative group's offer of one of its seats on the NNDR Panel to Mr Neville Harris.

That for the 2013/14 municipal year Council:

1. appoints the committees and panels and allocates seats to each political group as set in the schedule circulated at the meeting subject to 10 seats being allocated to the Conservative Group on the Planning Committee, one seat on the NNDR Appeals Panel being allocated to the Liberal Democrat group and one seat each on the Housing Appeals Panel being allocated to the Independent and Labour groups;
2. appoints councillors and substitutes to sit on the committees and panels as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
3. appoints councillors to the Licensing Acts Committee as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
4. appoints councillors and substitutes to the Community Investment Fund Panel as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
5. appoints committee chairmen and vice-chairmen as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting;
6. appoints Mr N Harris to the Independent group's seat on the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee and Housing Appeals Panel and one of the Conservative group's seats on the NNDR Panel;
7. appoints Dr C Hood as the council's representative on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Mrs E Gillespie as substitute;
8. appoints Mr B Service as the council's representative and Mr J Cotton as an observer substitute on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel
9. authorises the head of legal and democratic services to make appointments to any vacant committee or panel and substitute positions in accordance with the wishes of the relevant group leader

Prior to the vote on the above motion Mrs Ducker advised that Ms L Lloyd would fill the vacant Conservative seat on the Community Investment Fund Panel with Mrs D Brown filling one of the substitute places.

RESOLVED to:

1. appoint the following committees and panels for the 2013/14 year and to appoint the membership, substitutes and chairmen and vice-chairmen as indicated to sit on them:

Names	Planning Committee, 14 Members			
Conservative (10)	Henley Residents (1)	Independent (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Joan Bland	Jeni Wood	Ann Midwinter	Denise Macdonald	Roger Bell
Felix Bloomfield (Chairman)				
John Cotton				
Phil Cross				
Elizabeth Gillespie (Vice-Chairman)				
Lynn Lloyd				
Alan Rooke				
Robert Simister				
Margaret Turner				
Mike Welply				
SUBSTITUTES				
Conservative (10)	Henley Residents (1)	Independent (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)
Steve Connel	Elizabeth Hodgkin	Celia Collett	Bernard Cooper	David Bretherton
Kristina Crabbe		Mark Gray	Margaret Davies	Anne Purse
Pat Dawe		Marc Hiles	Eleanor Hards	David Turner
Leo Docherty				
Marcus Harris				
Paul Harrison				
Stephen Harrod				
Malcolm Leonard				
Imran Lokhon				
Rachel Wallis				

Names	Scrutiny Committee, 13 Members			
Conservative (9)	Henley Residents (1)	Independent (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Joan Bland(Vice-Chairman)	Elizabeth Hodgkin	Celia Collett (Chairman)	Eleanor Hards	David Turner
Steve Connel				
John Cotton				
Kristina Crabbe				
Pat Dawe				
Will Hall				
Paul Harrison				
Alan Rooke				
Margaret Turner				
SUBSTITUTES				
Conservative (9)	Henley Residents (1)	Independent (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)
Felix Bloomfield	Jeni Wood	Mark Gray	Bernard Cooper	Roger Bell
Phil Cross		Marc Hiles	Margaret Davies	Anne Purse
Leo Docherty		Ann Midwinter	Denise Macdonald	David Bretherton
Tony Harbour				
Marcus Harris				
Lynn Lloyd				
Rob Simister				
Rachel Wallis				
Mike Welply				

Names	Audit and Corporate Governance Committee, 8 Members		
Conservative (5)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Non-group councillor (1)
John Cotton	Margaret Davies	David Bretherton	Neville Harris
Kristina Crabbe			
Phil Cross(Vice-Chairman)			
Paul Harrison			
Mike Welply(Chairman)			
SUBSTITUTES			
Conservative (5)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)	
Pat Dawe	Bernard Cooper	Roger Bell	
Leo Docherty	Eleanor Hards	Anne Purse	
Stephen Harrod	Denise Macdonald	David Turner	
Chris Hood			
Rob Simister			

Names	General Licensing Committee, 10 Members		
Conservative (7)	Independent (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Joan Bland	Ann Midwinter	Bernard Cooper	Anne Purse
Pat Dawe			
Elizabeth Gillespie(Vice-Chairman)			
Malcolm Leonard(Chairman)			
Pearl Slatter			
Margaret Turner			
Mike Welply			
SUBSTITUTES			
Conservative (7)	Independent (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)
Will Hall	Celia Collett	Margaret Davies	Roger Bell
Tony Harbour	Mark Gray	Eleanor Hards	David Bretherton
Marcus Harris	Marc Hiles	Denise Macdonald	David Turner

Names	General Licensing Committee, 10 Members		
Stephen Harrod			
Chris Hood			
Lynn Lloyd			
Alan Rooke			

Names	Licensing Acts Committee, 10 Members		
Conservative (7)	Independent (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Joan Bland	Ann Midwinter	Eleanor Hards	David Bretherton
Pat Dawe(Vice-Chairman)			
Elizabeth Gillespie			
Malcolm Leonard			
Lynn Lloyd			
Pearl Slatter			
Margaret Turner(Chairman)			

Names	NNDR Appeals Panel, 5 Members	
Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Non-group councillors (2)
Elizabeth Gillespie	Anne Purse	Neville Harris
Malcolm Leonard		Christopher Quinton
SUBSTITUTES		
Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)	
Tony Harbour	Roger Bell	
Paul Harrison	David Bretherton	
Mike Welply	David Turner	

Names	Housing Appeals Panel, 5 Members	
Conservative (3)	Labour (1)	Non-group councillor (1)
Pat Dawe	Bernard Cooper	Neville Harris
Lynn Lloyd		
Alan Rooke		
SUBSTITUTES		
Conservative (3)	Labour (3)	
Phil Cross	Margaret Davies	
Marcus Harris	Eleanor Hards	
Pearl Slatter	Denise Macdonald	

Names	Community Investment Fund Panel, 12 Members			
Conservative (8)	Henley Residents (1)	Independent (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Joan Bland	Jeni Wood	Mark Gray	Eleanor Hards	Roger Bell
Elizabeth Gillespie				
Will Hall(Chairman)				
Malcolm Leonard				
Lynn Lloyd				
Alan Rooke				
Pearl Slatter				
Rachel Wallis				
Conservative (8)	Henley Residents (1)	Independent (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)
Dorothy Brown	Elizabeth Hodgkin	Celia Collett	Bernard Cooper	David Bretherton
		Marc Hiles	Margaret Davies	Anne Purse
		Ann Midwinter	Denise Macdonald	David Turner

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The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Chairman

Date