

Ryedale District Council

Minutes of Proceedings

At the **Annual Meeting of the District Council of Ryedale** held in the **Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton** on **Thursday 20 May 2010**

Present

Councillors Andrews
 Arnold
 Mrs Arnold
 Bailey
 Mrs Burr MBE
 Clark
 Cottam
 Mrs Cowan
 Mrs Cowling
 Mrs De Wend Fenton
 Cussons
 Mrs Frank
 Hawkins
 Hemesley OBE
 Mrs Hodgson
 Hope
 Mrs Keal (Chairman)
 Keal
 Knaggs
 Maud
 Raper
 Mrs Shields
 Spencer
 Wainwright
 Ms Warriner MBE
 Mrs Wilford
 Windress
 Woodward

In Attendance

Simon Copley, Paul Cresswell, Marie-Ann Jackson, Louise Sandall, Janet Waggott, Anthony Winship, Jane Graham and Audrey Adnitt

Honorary Aldermen A J Jenkins and Mrs J E Taylor

Reverend Graham Sellers, Chairman's Chaplain

Minutes

1 Chairman

It was moved by Councillor Wainwright and seconded by Councillor Knaggs that Councillor Tony Hemesley be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Tony Hemesley be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Hemesley thereupon took the Chair, having first made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of Ryedale District Council, and thanked Members for his election.

2 Vote of Thanks to Retiring Chairman

The Chairman proposed and Councillor Raper seconded vote of thanks to Councillor Mrs Keal.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

The Chairman then thanked the retiring Chairman, Councillor Dinah Keal, for the efficient, able and courteous manner in which she had carried out her duties and upheld the dignity of the office of Chairman of the Council during the past year. The Chairman reported that Councillor Mrs Keal had been an excellent ambassador for Ryedale and had set a remarkably high standard in carrying out her duties, and highlighted the excellent work she had done for her charities. The Chairman concluded by presenting a Past Chairman's Badge to Councillor Mrs Keal.

Councillor Mrs Keal responded and thanked her Chaplain, Reverend Sellars, and Members and Officers of the Council for their support during her term of Office as Chairman of the Council, particularly those involved in Yorkshire Day.

Councillor H Keal then invested Mrs P Hemesley as Chairman's Consort with the Chain and the Badge of Office.

3 Vice-Chairman

It was moved by Councillor Knaggs and seconded by Councillor Cussons that Councillor Mrs Arnold be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Resolved

That Councillor Mrs Arnold be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, as Vice Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mrs Arnold thanked Members for her appointment. The Chairman then invested Councillor Mrs Arnold with the Vice Chairman's Chain and Badge of Office.

4 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Acomb and Legard.

5 To Endorse the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2009

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Council held on 21 May 2009 (previously circulated) were presented

Resolved

That the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Council held on 21 May 2009 as submitted be endorsed.

6 Urgent Business

The Chairman reported that there were no items of urgency to report by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

7 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

8 Announcements

The Chairman announced:

- (a) That his Chaplain's were to be Reverend Quentin Wilson and Father Tim Bywater.
- (b) That the Civic Service date is 25 July 2010.
- (c) That his Charities for the year were Anthony Nolan Trust and Yorkshire and Humberside Cadet Trust.

9 Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council

It was reported that in accordance with the Council Constitution (Part 4 - Rules of Procedure) the Council may at its Annual Meeting elect a Leader of the Council and a Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Cowling and seconded by Councillor Cottam that Ryedale District Council elect a Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried. Councillor Clark requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Cowling seconded by Councillor Cottam that Councillor Knaggs be elected as the Leader of the Council.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Councillor Andrews requested that his vote against the motion be noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Wilford and seconded by Councillor Mrs De Wend Fenton that Ryedale District Council does appoint a Deputy Leader for the ensuing year.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Resolved

- (a) That a Leader of the Council be appointed
- (b) That Councillor Knaggs be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year
- (c) That a Deputy Leader of the Council be not appointed.

10 The Allocation of Seats on Committees Between Political Groups and the Appointment of Members to Committees

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated) which detailed the following:

A. Committees for 2010-2011

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Council was requested to appoint the Committees as indicated in Annex A/1 of the report.

B. The allocation of seats on Committees between political groups and the appointment of Members to Committees

Ryedale District Council was to be treated as being divided into different political groups for the purposes of the Local Government & Housing Act

1989, because at least one political group had been constituted in the prescribed way.

The Local Government & Housing Act 1989 required the distribution of seats on committees and sub-committees to be on the basis of political proportionality so far as 'reasonably practicable' unless every member of the Council agreed that some other basis of allocation should be used.

The terms of reference of the Policy & Resources Committee, Commissioning Board, Licensing Committee, Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Standards Committee were those as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

Members then considered the recommendations in the report.

With reference to recommendation (1) it was moved and seconded that the Council's Committees be that as specified in Annex A/1 of the report. Upon being put to the vote the proposal was carried.

With reference to recommendation (2) of the report it was moved and seconded that the size of the Council's main Committees be made in accordance with Annex A/1 of the report. Upon being put to the vote the proposal was carried.

With reference to recommendation (3) of the report, it was moved and seconded that the Council divide Committee seats between political groups in accordance with the allocation shown at annex A/1. Cllr Clark moved and Cllr Woodward seconded an amendment that the Liberals be allocated only one seat on the Planning Committee, and on being put to the vote this amendment was carried. Cllr Clark then moved and Cllr Woodward seconded a further amendment that the unfilled seat on the Planning Committee be allocated to the ungrouped member, and on being put to the vote, this amendment was carried. The motion, as twice amended, was put to the vote, and the proposal was carried.

With reference to recommendation (4) of the report, it was moved and seconded that Membership of the Committees be as shown on the Revised Annex B circulated at the meeting as updated by the inclusion of the Liberal Group nominations, Councillor Andrews on the Planning Committee and Councillor Spencer on the Standards Committee in place of Councillor Jane Wilford. Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was carried.

With reference to recommendation (5) of the report, it was moved and seconded that the Membership of the Licensing committee be the same as appointed to the Commissioning Board. Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was carried.

With reference to recommendation (6) of the report, Members were reminded that the Annual Meeting of Council elected the Chairmen and

Vice Chairmen of all Committees, with the exception of the Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee.

It was recommended that the Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee appoint their own Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at their next meetings in June 2010.

Nominations were then sought for the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees.

With reference to recommendations (7) to (10) of the report, it was moved and seconded that these be approved. In relation to the proposal that the existing Resources Working Party meeting with its existing membership be established to meet on 8 June 2010, Cllr Clark moved and Cllr Woodward seconded an amendment that a Liberal councillor (Cllr Clark) be added to this membership, and on being put to the vote, this amendment was lost. The motion was then put to the vote, and these proposals were carried.

Resolved

- (a) That the Council appoints those Committees indicated at annex A/1
- (b) That the size of Committees be as specified in Annex A/1 of the report.
- (c) That the Council divides Committee seats between political groups as set out in Annex B, subject to amendments whereby the Liberal Group are allocated only one seat on Planning Committee and the unfilled seat be allocated to the ungrouped member.
- (d) That membership of Committees be as indicated at Annex A to these minutes.
- (e) That the membership of the Licensing Committee be the same Members as appointed to the Commissioning Board.
- (f) That, with the exception of the Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee Chairmen, who are to be appointed at the respective Committee meetings in June, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees be appointed as follows:

Policy & Resources Committee

- (i) Chairman Councillor C R Wainwright
- (ii) Vice-Chairman Councillor E T Legard

Commissioning Board

- (i) Chairman Councillor Mrs L Cowling
- (ii) Vice-Chairman Councillor Mrs V M Arnold

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- (i) Chairman Councillor Mrs E L Shields
- (ii) Vice-Chairman Councillor D E Cussons

Planning Committee

- (i) Chairman Councillor B G Cottam
- (ii) Vice-Chairman Councillor B Maud

- (g) That Mrs Gill Baker, Mr Ian Hamilton and Mr Colin Langley (Independent Members) be co-opted to the Standards Committee.
- (h) That Mrs Gaynor De Barr and Mr Peter Lerew (Parish Council Representatives) be co-opted to the Standards Committee.
- (i) That the size and the terms of reference of the Policy & Resources Committee, Licensing Committee, Commissioning Board, Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Planning Committee and Standards Committee and the Scheme of Officer Delegation be those as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution as previously amended. The Commissioning Board be authorised to undertake functions of Community Services Committee.
- (j) That the existing Resources Working Party meeting with its existing membership be established to meet on 8 June 2010.
- (k) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from the changes referred to above.

11 **Appointment of Representatives on Outside Organisations**

Members considered a list of outside organisations and the appointment or nomination of representatives to serve on the various bodies.

Resolved

That the appointment or nomination of representatives to serve on outside organisations be as indicated in Annex B to these minutes.

12 **Appointment of Lead Members/Member Champions**

A list of current appointments was submitted for consideration.

Resolved

That Lead Members/Member Champions be appointed as follows:

<u>Subject/Service</u>	<u>Member</u>
Property	Councillor Mrs Cowling
Children & Young People	Councillor Mrs Wilford
E-Government	Councillor Raper
Older People/Adult Safeguarding	Councillor Mrs Warriner
Housing Benefits	Councillor Mrs Cowling
Equalities	Councillor Mrs Keal
Staff Issues	Councillor Mrs Burr
Waste Management	Councillor Cottam
Heritage	Councillor Mrs Keal
Parish/Town Councils	Councillor Acomb
Sport & Leisure	Councillor Hemesley
Risk	Councillor Clark