

MINUTES

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2014

2.00 PM



PRESENT

Councillor David Nalson Chairman
then Councillor Reg Howard

Councillor Bob Adams
Councillor Mark Ashberry
Councillor Ray Auger
Councillor Jean Bevan
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Pam Bosworth
Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor Teri Bryant
Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor Ibis Channell
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Michael Cook
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor Paul Cosham
Councillor Nick Craft
Councillor Alan Davidson
Councillor Breda Griffin
Councillor David Higgs
Councillor Vic Kerr
Councillor Jock Kerr
Councillor Michael King
Councillor Dr Peter Moseley
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal

Councillor John Nicholson
Councillor Alan Parkin
Councillor Helen Powell
Councillor Nick Robins
Councillor Graddon Rowlands
Councillor Bob Russell
Councillor Bob Sampson
Councillor Bob Sandall
Councillor Susan Sandall
Councillor Trevor Scott
Councillor Rob Shorrocks
Councillor Jacky Smith
Councillor Peter Stephens
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Mrs Brenda Sumner
Councillor Mike Taylor
Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor
Councillor Jeff Thompson
Councillor Frank Turner
Councillor Bruce Wells
Councillor Martin Wilkins
Councillor Paul Wood
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley
Councillor Raymond Wooten

OFFICERS

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director (Tracey Blackwell,
Daren Turner)
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
(Lucy Youles)

OFFICERS

Service Manager, Planning Policy and
Partnerships (Karen Sinclair)
Principal Democracy Officer (Jo Toomey)

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1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decision:

That Councillor Reg Howard is elected Chairman of South Kesteven District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Reg Howard be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. In proposing Councillor Howard, reference was made to his dedication and many years' service as a town and district councillor.

The proposer also felt that Councillor Howard's experience would make him a good ambassador for the district and particularly suited to the office.

No other nominations were put forward and a vote was taken. Councillor Howard was unanimously elected Chairman of South Kesteven District Council.

The Chairman was invested with the chain of office. He made a declaration of acceptance and took the chair.

COUNCILLOR HOWARD IN THE CHAIR

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

A vote of thanks was made to the retiring Chairman, who was praised for his fairness and his leadership of the Council.

The Chairman presented Councillor Nalson with gifts to commemorate his year in office.

Councillor Nalson thanked Members for their kind words and added that he had enjoyed serving as Chairman. He presented the Chief Executive with a gift for the Council.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decision:

That Councillor Ray Wootten is elected Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council until the next annual meeting of the Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Alan Davidson be elected Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council. His proposer felt that his experience would mean he could carry out the role fairly and objectively, complementing the Chairman.

A nomination was received for Councillor Ray Wootten, which was seconded. Councillor Wootten's proposer and seconder felt he would be an excellent ambassador for the district and that his experience as Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council would be of particular value.

A further nomination that Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing be elected Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council was received and seconded. Reference was made to Councillor Bisnauthsing's work on Stamford town council, his tenure as mayor of Stamford and the community projects with which he had been involved.

On being put to the vote, Councillor Wootten was elected as Vice-Chairman of South Kesteven District Council. He signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked Members for their support.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dilks, Morgan, Selby, John Smith, Mrs Judy Smith and Ian Stokes.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were disclosed.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2014 were proposed, seconded and agreed as a correct record.

7. COMMUNICATIONS (INCLUDING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS)

The Council noted the Chairman's engagements.

The Chairman informed Councillors that his charity for the year would be the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET

The Leader informed Council that the size of the Cabinet would not change then she announced the Cabinet members and their portfolios.

Portfolio	Member
Policy, Strategy and Strategic Partnerships	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal
Governance and Communication	Councillor Paul Carpenter
Strategic Resources – Well Run Council	Councillor Mike Taylor
Grow the Economy and Economic Development	Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Healthy Environment	Councillor John Smith
Good Housing	Councillor Teri Bryant
Arts and Leisure	Councillor Bob Adams

Councillor Carpenter would remain the Deputy Leader

9. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Decision:

- 1. To approve the following appointments to Committees and Policy Development Groups based on rules of political balance and the nominations of group leaders:**

Committee/Group	Member
Resources Policy Development Group	Councillor Jean Bevan Councillor Nick Craft Councillor Nick Robins Councillor Trevor Scott Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor Bob Sandall Councillor Mark Ashberry
Engagement Policy Development Group	Councillor Ray Auger Councillor Mike Cook Councillor Nick Robins Councillor Rosemary Woolley Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing Councillor Miss Ibis Channell Councillor Jock Kerr
Communities Policy Development Group	Councillor Kelham Cooke Councillor Breda Griffin Councillor John Nicholson Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor Councillor Ray Wootten Councillor Jeff Thompson Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Paul Cosham Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown Councillor Michael King Councillor David Nalson Councillor Bob Russell Councillor Mrs Judy Smith Councillor Frank Turner Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Helen Powell Councillor Bob Sampson Councillor Ian Selby
Development Control Committee	Councillor Mike Cook Councillor David Higgs Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown Councillor Michael King Councillor Alan Parkin Councillor Jacky Smith Councillor Mrs Judy Smith

	Councillor Adam Stokes Councillor Mrs Brenda Sumner Councillor Martin Wilkins Councillor Rosemary Woolley Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Vic Kerr Councillor Helen Powell Councillor Judy Stevens Councillor Mark Ashberry Councillor Charmaine Morgan
Licensing Committee & Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee	Councillor Mrs Pam Bosworth Councillor George Chivers Councillor Breda Griffin Councillor Graddon Rowlands Councillor Bob Russell Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor Councillor Frank Turner Councillor Bob Broughton Councillor Reg Howard Councillor Susan Sandall Councillor Alan Davidson
Governance and Audit Committee	Councillor Jean Bevan Councillor Peter Moseley Councillor Trevor Scott Councillor Ian Stokes Councillor Martin Wilkins Councillor Jeff Thompson Councillor Rob Shorrocks
Constitution Committee	Councillor Ray Auger Councillor Alan Parkin Councillor Ray Wootten Councillor Vic Kerr Councillor Rob Shorrocks
Chief Executive's Remuneration Panel	Councillor Teri Bryant Councillor Trevor Scott Councillor Bob Sampson
Chief Executive's Performance Panel	Councillor Mrs Linda Neal Councillor Mike Taylor Councillor Helen Powell
Chief Executive's Appeal Panel	Councillor Paul Carpenter Councillor Ian Stokes Councillor Vic Kerr

2. To approve the appointments of chairmen and delegate election of vice-chairmen to the respective committees/groups

Committee/Group	Chairman
Resources Policy Development Group	Councillor Craft
Engagement Policy Development Group	Councillor M Cook
Communities Policy Development Group	Councillor Nicholson

Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Howard
Development Control Committee	Councillor Wilkins
Licensing Committee & Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee	Councillor Mrs Bosworth
Governance and Audit Committee	Councillor I Stokes
Constitution Committee	Councillor Wootten

The Council had before it report number LDS122, which informed members of the proposed apportionment of places on the Council's committees and policy development groups when the rules of political balance were applied. A list of the proposed nominations from each political group was circulated before the meeting.

The nominations for committees/PDGs were proposed *en bloc*. They were seconded and, on being put to the vote, the appointments were approved.

The Leader of the Council provided her nominations for chairmen of the Council's committees/PDGs. It was further proposed that the vice-chairman of policy development groups and committees would be elected by that committee/group at its first meeting. These proposals were seconded and on being put to the vote, carried.

10. TIMETABLE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2014/15

Decision:

In accordance with Council procedure rule 1.1(x), the Council approves the programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and its committees attached as appendix 1 to report number LDS123 (subject to the Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 10 June 2014 being moved to 24 June 2014).

The adoption of the draft timetable of Council meetings as appended to report number LDS123 was proposed and seconded. Councillors were notified of one change to the circulated draft: the Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 10 June 2014 would be moved to 24 June 2014.

A number of members asked questions on the frequency and total number of certain meetings. Councillors were assured that the number of meetings of Council was unchanged and that the Development Control Committee met on a three-weekly cycle. One member also suggested leaving August free of meetings as the peak holiday period. Councillors were advised that the requirements in relation to the number and frequency of meetings meant that continuing some meetings in August was necessary.

On being put to the vote, the draft programme was approved subject to the alteration of the Scrutiny Committee meeting as noted above.

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Decision:

To approve the following list of nominations for representatives on outside bodies:

Organisation	Representative	Expiry
East Midlands Councils	The Leader (Deputy Leader in his/her absence)	May 2015 (1 year appointment)
Local Government Association	The Leader (Deputy Leader in his/her absence)	May 2015 (1 year appointment)
Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee – substitute	Councillor Bob Russell	May 2015

Members had before them report number LDS124, setting out those outside bodies and organisations that were seeking district council representation. It was proposed and seconded that the Leader should be appointed to East Midlands Councils and the Local Government Association, with the Deputy Leader acting in the Leader's absence. It was further proposed and seconded that Councillor Bob Russell be appointed as the substitute member for the Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee.

A vote was taken on proposals and the nominees were duly appointed.

12. ADOPTION OF SITE ALLOCATION AND POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (SAP DPD)

Decision:

That the Council adopts:

- 1. The Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document as amended in accordance with the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector in Appendix A to his report dated 27 February 2014 (Appendix 1 to report number PLA1039) and the minor modifications set out in Appendix 2 of report PLA1039**
- 2. The Policies Map as revised and updated to show the consequential changes that result from the adoption of the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document**

The Council had before it report number PLA1039 by the Portfolio Holder for Grow the Economy - Economic Development on the adoption of the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (SAP DPD) in accordance with the Inspector's recommendations following examination and a revised Policies map.

The Portfolio Holder for Grow the Economy and Economic Development proposed the recommendations in the report. She stated that the methodology for defining sustainable villages had met with the approval of the Planning

Inspectorate. She added that all representations had been taken into account when making recommendations and went on to propose the recommendations in the report, which were then seconded.

In response to questions from Members, the Service Manager for Planning Policy and Partnerships informed Councillors that all the sites in the SAP DPD were expected to come forward for development during the life of the plan (by 2026). Reference was also made to a site in Stamford that had been locally controversial. Members were advised that part of the site at Kettering Road was identified as part of the Council's original proposals; when the opportunity came for people to make formal representations, land adjoining the site was suggested. This site was considered through the site assessment process to determine whether it was suitable and deliverable. Its inclusion was subject to consultation and people were given the opportunity to make representations; these were taken into account by the Inspector when finalising the report and making recommendations to the council.

Separate votes were taken on each of the proposals. On being put to the vote, both propositions were carried.

13. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN

Decision:

The Council:

- 1. Approves the Annual Report of the Governance & Audit Committee for 2013/14**
- 2. Approves the indicative work plan and timetable for 2014/15 which reflect the terms of reference of the Committee**

The Vice-Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee presented report number GAC006, which was a factual report on the work that the Governance and Audit Committee had undertaken during 2013/14 and an indicative work programme for 2014/15. The recommendations in the report were proposed, seconded and on being put to the vote, carried.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 15:01.