



WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fortieth Annual Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 14 May 2012, at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor William Parry (In the Chair)
Councillor Jessie Milne (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Gillian Bardsley	Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor Nigel Bowler	Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Jackie Brockway	Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Alan Caine	Councillor Sue Rawlins
Councillor David Cotton	Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Stuart Curtis	Councillor Di Rodgers
Councillor Chris Darcel	Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor David Dobbie	Councillor Reg Shore
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Mel Starkey
Councillor Paul Howitt - Cowan	Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Burt Keimach	Councillor Mick Tinker
Councillor Stuart Kinch	Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost
Councillor Angela Lawrence	Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Malcolm Leaning	Councillor Trevor Young

Also Present: Mrs Rose Dobbs, David Lomas, Peter Walton and Mike Airey (Parish and Independent Members of the Standards Committee).

Apologies: Councillor Ken Bridger
Councillor Richy Doran
Councillor Ray Sellars
Councillor Lewis Strange
Chief Executive
John Hill (Standards Committee)

In Attendance:
Rachel North Director of Communities and Localism and acting Chief Executive
Mark Sturgess Director of Regeneration and Planning
Alan Robinson Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services Manager
Dinah Lilley Governance and Civic Officer
Nicci Turnbull Governance and Civic Officer

Also in Attendance: Four Members of the public and Rev Phillip Wain

1 PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with prayers by Councillor David Cotton and a moment's silence in memory of ex Councillor John Turner who recently passed away.

2 WELCOME TO RETURNING MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed all Members for the second year of their four year term of office, and also passed on the best wishes of all Members to Councillor Ray Sellars during his illness.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given for Councillors Bridger, Doran, Sellars and Strange, John Hill (Standards Committee), and the Chief Executive.

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of Council referred to the list of civic engagements attended by himself and the Chairman's Lady during the Civic Year, of which there had been many, both within West Lindsey and beyond. Highlights included:- Caistor in Bloom; Lincolnshire Show; the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace; Sutton Estates; RAF Waddington and HMS Brocklesby; meeting the Prince of Wales at Riseholme College; and a recent project with Hooton Estates and Eco-Plastics and Coca-Cola. Four civic functions had been held which had raised funds for the Chairman's charities. The Chairman then expressed his thanks to the Council officers who had supported him in the past year, and also thanked the Vice Chairman, Councillor Jessie Milne for her support and the engagements she had undertaken.

It was then proposed and seconded that Councillor Jessie Milne be appointed the Chairman of Council for the civic year 2012/13, there being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Jessie Milne be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2012/13 civic year.

Councillor Jessie Milne made and signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair. She thanked the Council for her appointment, moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for his services to the Council and presented him with a Past Chairman's Badge. The vote of thanks was echoed by Councillors Keimach and Summers.

The former Chairman of the Council then presented the Chain of Office to Councillor Jessie Milne.

5 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Shore nominated Councillor David Cotton for the position of Vice Chairman, stating that Councillor Cotton was a most respected Member with integrity, and had helped many other Councillors. Noting that as Councillor Cotton had been accepted for priesthood training this would mean that he would have less time to undertake the role in the future.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor David Cotton be appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Malcolm Parish be appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

On being voted upon it was :-

RESOLVED that Councillor Malcolm Parish be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2012/13 civic year.

6 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

7 CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN

The former Chairman of Council moved a vote of thanks to his Chaplain, Reverend Gill Barrow for her services and support during the past year, and also to Councillor David Cotton for his services on occasions when Revd Barrow was unavailable.

The Chairman of Council advised that her Chaplain for the year was to be the Reverend Phillip Wain.

The former Chairman then presented the Chairman with the Chaplain's stole. The stole was then presented to the newly appointed Chairman's Chaplain

RESOLVED that Reverend Phillip Wain be appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain.

8 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 March 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9 ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Burt Keimach be elected as Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Burt Keimach be elected Leader of the Council for the 2012/13 civic year.

10 ELECTION OF A DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Jeff Summers be elected Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jeff Summers be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2012/13 civic year.

11 REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS ON COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES (PAPER B)

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the details of political groups, as set out in Appendix A to Paper B, be noted;
- (b) the number of Members to be appointed to serve on each committee and sub-committee be noted; and
- (c) the allocation to different political groups of seats on committees/sub-committees, as set out in Appendix B to Paper B be noted.

12 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (PAPER C)

RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the wishes expressed by political groups, members be appointed to serve on the Council's committees for the 2012/13 civic year as follows:

Challenge and Improvement Committee (11 members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Alan Caine
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Richard Doran
Councillor Paul-Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Malcolm Leaning
Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor William Parry
Councillor Roger Patterson

Councillor Mick Tinker

Chief Officer Employment Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Alan Caine
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Burt Keimach
Councillor William Parry
Councillor Reg Shore
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost

Development Management Committee (11 members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Alan Caine
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Stuart Curtis
Councillor Richard Doran
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Malcolm Leaning
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost

Governance and Audit Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Kenneth Bridger
Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Malcolm Leaning
Councillor William Parry
Councillor Sue Rawlins
Councillor Di Rodgers
Councillor Ray Sellars
Councillor Anne Welburn

Licensing and Regulatory Committee (11 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Chris Darcel
Councillor Richard Doran
Councillor Jessie Milne

Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Mel Starkey
Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Anne Welburn

Policy and Resources Committee (11 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Kenneth Bridger
Councillor Nigel Bowler
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Chris Darcel
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Burt Keimach
Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Reg Shore
Councillor Jeff Summers

Prosperous Communities Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Nigel Bowler
Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Ray Sellars
Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Geoff Wiseman
Councillor Trevor Young

**13 APPOINTMENT OF JOINT STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
(four Members and four Reserves)**

Councillor Bowler
Councillor Brockway
Councillor Cotton
Councillor Welburn
Councillor Darcel (reserve)
Councillor Parish (reserve)
Councillor Starkey (reserve)
Councillor Summers (reserve)

14 APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

RESOLVED that :

- (a) the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 not apply to the Housing Appeals Board; and
- (b) the following Members be appointed to serve on the Housing Appeals Board for the 2011/12 civic year:

Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor William Parry
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Sue Rawlins
Councillor Mel Starkey
Councillor Anne Welburn

15 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (PAPER D)

Following the advertisement and recruitment process being undertaken for a vacancy on the Governance and Audit Committee it was:-

RESOLVED that

- a) Alison Adams and Steve Wallace be appointed to serve on the Council's Governance and Audit Committee;
- b) all applicants be thanked for their interest.

16 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE REMUNERATION PANEL (PAPER E)

Following the advertisement and recruitment process being undertaken for vacancies on the Remuneration Panel it was:-

RESOLVED that

- a) Peter Clay, Wayne Rigby and Maddy Brown be appointed to serve on the Council's Remuneration Panel
- b) all applicants be thanked for their interest.
- c) retiring Members be thanked for their work during their term of office.

17 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the extended membership of the Standards Committee as agreed at the Council meeting on 16 January 2012, be noted.

18 APPOINTMENT OF LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW TASK AND FINISH GROUP

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Lincolnshire Show Task and Finish Group:

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Ken Bridger
Councillor Alan Caine
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor Roger Patterson

19 REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that:

- (a) that it be noted that appointments are made on the following basis:
 - i) In the first instance any Member with a specialist interest or expertise in the particular field of the Outside Body should be appointed (the appointment should not be party political); failing this, where possible, appointments should be made geographically involving a local Ward Member. Where neither of these criteria can be met, any other Member should be appointed;
 - ii) that the appointments to Outside Bodies be for three years up to 2015;
 - iii) where a body shows that the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of a particular committee is the representative, this is because either the constitution of the body concerned requires it or there has been a previous Council decision that the office-holder will serve. Where a body indicates that this has traditionally been the case, there is no actual requirement;
 - iv) those Members appointed to serve on an outside body would be expected to provide a short report on the achievements, finance and forward plans for inclusion in a booklet prior to Annual Council; and
- (b) places which have traditionally been filled by the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of a particular committee or their nominee continue to be so filled;

- (c) appointed representatives should arrange for a reserve (where required) from within their own political group with the exception of those bodies marked with an asterisk *(as these are directorships and personal appointments);
- (d) Councillors Alan Caine, Irmgard Parrott, Malcolm Leaning and a Member of the Labour Group be appointed to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board; and that the times of the meetings be arranged to enable either Councillor Nigel Bowler or Richy Doran to be able to attend,
- (e) Councillors Jessie Milne and Gillian Bardsley be appointed to work alongside officers and Arts for Trinity in order to secure the future of the Trinity Arts Centre; and
- (f) that representatives to the following Statutory, Strategic Charitable and Community Organisations be appointed as follows:

	Organisation	Type of Body	Nomination
1.	Acis Housing Group Local Management Board (Rural Area) (Gainsborough Area)	Community	J Milne
2.	Age UK East and West Lindsey Divisional Committee	Charity	O C Bierley
3.	*Ancholme Internal Drainage Board	Statutory	J J Summers
4.	*Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee	Statutory	D J Cotton B Keimach C J U-Frost S Curtis (res)
5.	*District Council's Network	Strategic	B Keimach
6.	*East Midlands Council	Strategic	B Keimach J Summers
7.	*East Midlands Leaders' Board	Strategic	B Keimach
8.	Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association (GAPA)	Charity	N Bowler
9.	Gainsborough Old Hall Partnership	Community	M Tinker
10.	Gainsborough Town Centre Partnership	Community	G F Bardsley
11.	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire	Strategic	Vacant (reserve)
12.	Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire	Charity	P Howitt-Cowan
13.	Humberside International Airport Consultative Committee	Statutory	O C Bierley
14.	LGA General Assembly	Strategic	B Keimach
15.	LGA Rural Commission	Community	C L Strange
16.	LGA Urban Commission	Community	I G Fleetwood
17.	Lincoln and District Citizens Bureau Finance Sub-Committee	Charity	D M Rodgers
18.	Lincoln Area Dial-a-Ride Management Committee	Community	A Welburn
19.	Lincolnshire Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	Charity	O C Bierley
20.	Lincolnshire Carers Partnership	Community	A Welburn
21.	Lincolnshire Forum for Agriculture and Horticulture	Community	J J Summers
22.	Lincolnshire Sports Partnership	Charity	L Rollings
23.	Lincolnshire Supporting People Commissioning Body	Statutory	T V Young

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24. Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	Strategic	I Parrott
25. Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Management Project	Community	A D Caine T Regis
26. Local Crime Prevention Panel	Community	J A Rainsforth
27. Louth Healthwatch (East Lindsey Locality Community Health Forum)	Strategic	A D Caine
28. *Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee	Community	C J U-Frost
29. SPARSE	Community	C L Strange
30. Sure Start Gainsborough Partnership Board	Strategic	G F Bardsley
31. *Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	Strategic	C Darcel
32. *Voluntary Services West Lindsey	Charity	D M Rodgers
33. *West Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Group	Strategic	A Caine
34. *West Lindsey Area Chamber Council of the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Community	M Tinker
35. West Lindsey British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	Charity	G Bardsley M Tinker
36. West Lindsey Citizens' Advice Bureau Executive Committee	Charity	D M Rodgers
37. West Lindsey Domestic Abuse Service	Charity	A Welburn
38. *Witham Third Internal Drainage Board	Statutory	I G Fleetwood M Leaning I Parrott C Darcel
39. Wolds Community Transport Association Limited	Community	A Caine

(g) It be noted that the representatives on the following organisations are, to 2013 (or beyond) :-

Acis Housing Group Local Management Board (Gainsborough Area)	Cllr Malcolm Parish
Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire PATROL (CPE)	Councillor Irmgard Parrot M Parish J Summers
*Scunthorpe, Messingham and Gainsborough Water Level Management Board	Cllr W S R Parry Cllr J J Summers
*Trustees for Dixons Almshouses	Cllr Angela Lawrence
*Trustees of Frances Barker Charity	Cllr W S R Parry Cllr J A Rainsforth
*Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity	Cllr W S R Parry Cllr J A Rainsforth
*Trustees of the Charles Cooper Trust (four year appointments)	Mrs Irene Tyson Cllr G Bardsley Cllr M Tinker (to 2014) Cllr Judy Rainsforth (to 2015)
*Trustees of W G Rose Memorial Charity	Cllr W S R Parry Cllr J A Rainsforth
*Valley Youth Centre Management Committee	Cllr Mick Tinker
Witham Third Internal Drainage Board	Cllr Chris Darcel Cllr Irmgard Parrott
*Young and Safe in Gainsborough	Cllr Gillian Bardsley

20. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION (PAPER F)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer introduced the report which summarised changes to the Constitution. A comprehensive review was undertaken in 2011, therefore the changes proposed were mostly housekeeping, and changes to Financial regulations, and a proposal to alter the name of the Development Management Committee back to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Council's Constitution as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be approved and that these changes come into immediate effect.

21. CHALLENGE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (PAPER G)

The Chairman of the Challenge and Improvement Committee presented the report which summarised the work done by the Committee in the preceding year and its proposed workplan for the future.

It was proposed that the problems of mobile phone connectivity be added to the Challenge and Improvement Committee workplan for investigation.

RESOLVED that the Challenge and Improvement Committee Annual Report 2011/12 be noted.

22. WEST LINDSEY HONOURS (PAPER H)

The Director of Communities and Localism presented the paper. The purpose of the report was to present for agreement, a suggested role, limitations, criteria and process for agreement in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, to be used in the consideration of a nomination for an Honorary Alderman and Honorary Freeman of the District.

Discussion ensued on various aspects of the proposals, including the criteria, length of service, and process of selection, and also removal of the honour in the event of criminal convictions. It was suggested that the Challenge and Improvement Committee give further consideration to the report and amendments be agreed.

It was suggested that as well as individuals, community groups and armed forces members could be nominated.

Note Councillor Cotton declared a personal interest at this point as being a serving chaplain to the armed forces.

RESOLVED that the report setting out proposals for Freemen and Aldermen be considered by the Challenge and Improvement Committee prior to being brought back to the next available Council meeting for approval.

23. LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (PAPER I)

The Director of Communities and Localism introduced the report noting that it was a statutory requirement to establish a Panel. Elections would be taking place for the Police Commissioner on 15 November 2012 and the Panel was to scrutinise the work of the Commissioner.

Note Councillor Underwood-Frost declared a personal interest at this point as a Member of the Police Authority.

Note Councillor Cotton declared a personal interest at this point as a serving magistrate.

Concerns were raised by the opposition that the Panel would be politically imbalanced as the majority of Lincolnshire Councils were under Conservative control. However as the proposal was that the West Lindsey District Council panel member be the same representative as the Community Safety Partnership, this would mean that Councillor Alan Caine, Independent Member would be the Panel Member for the District Council.

It was also asked if a reserve Member should be nominated in the event of Councillor Caine's unavailability. The Director of Communities and Localism agreed that this could be looked into, but that any substitute may only be as an observer and not able to take part in decision making.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) the proposed arrangements (set out in Appendix A of the report) for the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel be established in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') as a joint committee of Boston Borough Council, City of Lincoln Council, East Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, North Kesteven District Council, South Holland District Council, South Kesteven District Council and West Lindsey District Council;
- b) that West Lindsey District Council appoints Councillor Alan Caine to the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel with authority to take all decisions necessary to participate in undertaking the functions of the panel.
- c) It be noted that East Lindsey District Council takes on the role of lead authority for the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel.

The meeting concluded at 8.23 pm.

Chairman