

## WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the 41st Annual Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough, on Monday, 20 May 2013, at 7.00 pm.

**Present:**

Councillor Jessie Milne (In the Chair)  
Councillor Irmgard Parrott (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Gillian Bardsley	Councillor Malcolm Leaning
Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor Mark Binns	Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Nigel Bowler	Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Ken Bridger	Councillor Sue Rawlins
Councillor Jackie Brockway	Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Alan Caine	Councillor Di Rodgers
Councillor David Cotton	Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Stuart Curtis	Councillor Reg Shore
Councillor Chris Darcel	Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor David Dobbie	Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Mick Tinker
Councillor Paul Howitt - Cowan	Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost
Councillor Burt Keimach	Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Stuart Kinch	Councillor Geoff Wiseman
Councillor Angela Lawrence	

**Also Present:** Richard Quirk (Independent Member of the Remuneration Panel)  
Eight members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor Richy Doran  
Councillor Giles McNeill  
Councillor William Parry  
Councillor Trevor Young

**In Attendance:**  
Manjeet Gill Chief Executive  
Rachel North Director of Communities and  
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:** Rev Phillip Wain  
Rev Penny Green

### 1 PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with prayers by Rev Phillip Wain.

## **2 WELCOME TO RETURNING MEMBERS**

The Chairman welcomed all Members for the third year of their four year term of office and to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting of Council.

## **3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman, Councillor Milne, summarised some of the highlights of her civic year which included: the Jubilee; six diamond wedding celebrations; graduation ceremonies; the Olympic Torch in Saxilby; Civic carol service; many visits to care homes and hospitals; and the recent Dambusters commemoration which had been a particular highlight. Councillor Milne pointed out what hard work Chairmanship was, but that she had done her best to fly the flag for West Lindsey.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Irmgard Parrott be appointed the Chairman of Council for the civic year 2013/14, there being no further nominations it was

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Irmgard Parrott be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2013/14 civic year.

Councillor Irmgard Parrott 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 her services to the Council and presented her with a Past Chairman's Badge. The vote of thanks was echoed by Councillors Summers, Strange, Keimach and Caine who all commended Cllr Milne on the excellent job she had undertaken in her year of office.

The former Chairman of the Council then presented the Chain of Office to Councillor Irmgard Parrott.

## **5 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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 2013/14 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 her Chaplain, Reverend Phillip Wain for his services and support during the past year.

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

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 Penny Green be appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain.

## **8 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 April 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **9 ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Jeff Summers be elected Leader of the Council for the 2013/14 civic year.

## **10 ELECTION OF A DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Anne Welburn be elected Deputy Leader of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Anne Welburn 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 2013/14 civic year as follows:

### **Challenge and Improvement Committee (11 members)**

Councillor Nigel Bowler  
Councillor Jackie Brockway  
Councillor Alan Caine  
Councillor Stuart Curtis  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Paul-Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Malcolm Leaning  
Councillor Sue Rawlins  
Councillor Lewis Strange  
Councillor Mick Tinker

### **Chief Officer Employment Committee (9 Members)**

Councillor Jackie Brockway  
Councillor Alan Caine  
Councillor David Cotton  
Councillor Giles McNeill  
Councillor Tom Regis  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Reg Shore  
Councillor Jeff Summers  
Councillor Anne Welburn

### **Planning Committee (12 members)**

Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Alan Caine  
Councillor David Cotton  
Councillor Stuart Curtis  
Councillor Richard Doran  
Councillor Ian Fleetwood

Councillor Malcolm Leaning  
Councillor Giles McNeill  
Councillor Jessie Milne  
Councillor Roger Patterson  
Councillor Judy Rainsforth  
Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost

**Governance and Audit Committee (10 Members)**

Councillor Gillian Bardsley  
Councillor Kenneth Bridger  
Councillor Jackie Brockway  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Malcolm Leaning  
Councillor Giles McNeill  
Councillor Roger Patterson  
Councillor Sue Rawlins  
Councillor Di Rodgers  
Councillor Anne Welburn

**Licensing and Regulatory Committee (11 Members)**

Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor Mark Binns  
Councillor David Cotton  
Councillor Chris Darcel  
Councillor Richard Doran  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Jessie Milne  
Councillor Irmgard Parrott  
Councillor Roger Patterson  
Councillor Judy Rainsforth  
Councillor Lewis Strange

**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 (11 Members)**

Councillor Gillian Bardsley  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Richard Doran  
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan  
Councillor Malcolm Parish  
Councillor William Parry  
Councillor Irmgard Parrott  
Councillor Lesley Rollings  
Councillor Lewis Strange  
Councillor Trevor Young  
Councillor Geoff Wiseman

**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 Binns (reserve)  
Councillor Parrott (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 2013/14 civic year:

Councillor Malcolm Parish  
Councillor William Parry  
Councillor Judy Rainsforth  
Councillor Sue Rawlins  
Councillor Mark Binns  
Councillor Anne Welburn

**15 STANDARDS SUB CTTEE**

- (a) the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 not apply to the Standards Sub-Committee; and
- (b) the following Members be appointed to serve on the Standards Sub-Committee for the 2013/14 civic year:

Councillor Gill Bardsley  
Councillor Alan Caine  
Councillor David Cotton  
Councillor Richard Doran  
Councillor Giles McNeill  
Councillor Judy Rainsforth

## **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 two years up to 2015, unless particular arrangements are indicated;
  - 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 Leader, 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, Richard Doran, Malcolm Leaning and Giles McNeill be appointed to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board;
- (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) Councillors Gill Bardsley, Alan Caine, David Cotton and Di Rodgers along with the Chairman, Councillor Irmgard Parrott be appointed to serve on the West Lindsey Community Awards Panel.
- (g) that representatives to the following Statutory, Strategic Charitable and Community Organisations be appointed as follows:

Acis Housing Group Local Management Board (Gainsborough Area)	Cllr G Wiseman
Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire Lincoln Area Dial-a-Ride Management Committee *Trustees for Dixons Almshouses	Cllr M Leaning Cllr G McNeill Cllr A 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
*Trustees of W G Rose Memorial Charity	Cllr W S R Parry Cllr J A Rainsforth
*Valley Youth Centre Management Committee Witham Third Internal Drainage Board	Cllr Mick Tinker Cllr Chris Darcel



\*Young and Safe in Gainsborough

Clive Mason  
Cllr Gillian Bardsley

## **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.

Councillor Caine summarised his report and added that the committee was looking towards a more formal scrutiny role and that it was proposed that two vice-chairmen be appointed to the Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the Challenge and Improvement Committee Annual Report 2013/14 be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.52 pm.

Chairman