

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the 43rd Annual Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough, on Thursday, 21 May 2015, at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Malcolm Parish (In the Chair)

Councillor Gillian Bardsley	Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor Sheila Bibb	Councillor John McNeill
Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Matthew Boles	Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor David Bond	Councillor Richard Oaks
Councillor Alexander Bridgwood	Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Jackie Brockway	Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor David Cotton	Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Stuart Curtis	Councillor Di Rodgers
Councillor Michael Devine	Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Adam Duguid	Councillor Reg Shore
Councillor Steve England	Councillor Thomas Smith
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Paul Howitt - Cowan	Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Stuart Kinch	Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Angela Lawrence	Councillor Angela White
Councillor Hugo Marfleet	Councillor Trevor Young

Also Present: four members of the public

In Attendance:	Manjeet Gill	Chief Executive
	Mark Sturgess	Operating Officer
	Ian Knowles	Director of Resources
	Penny Sharp	Commercial Director
	Alan Robinson	Head of Central Services and Monitoring Officer
	Dinah Lilley	Governance and Civic Officer
	Nicci Calver	Governance and Civic Officer
	Katie Coughlan	Governance and Civic Officer

Also in Attendance: Father Richard Crossland
Deacon Stephen Boulter

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman of Council opened the meeting by welcoming all new and returning Councillors and also officers and public in attendance. The Chairman then briefly highlighted some of the memorable engagements he had undertaken during his civic

year, including visits to businesses and schools and various charity events. He then thanked Nicola Calver and Diane Lamb for their support throughout all his civic engagements.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Chris Darcel.

3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Angela Lawrence be appointed the Chairman of Council for the civic year 2015/16, there being no further nominations it was:-

RESOLVED that Councillor Angela Lawrence be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2015/16 civic year.

Councillor Lawrence 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 former Chairman of the Council then presented the Chain of Office to Councillor Lawrence.

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

On being voted upon it was :-

RESOLVED that Councillor Roger Patterson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2015/16 civic year.

6. CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN.

The former Chairman of Council moved a vote of thanks to his Chaplain, Father Richard Crossland for his services and support during the past year.

The Chairman of Council advised that her Chaplain for the year was to be the Deacon Stephen Boulter.

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 Deacon Stephen Boulter be appointed as the Chairman's Chaplain.

7. COUNCIL MINUTES (PAPER A)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 March 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015 (PAPER B herewith.)

RESOLVED that the results of the District Council Elections 2015 be noted.

9. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS

The Chairman of Council proposed a vote of thanks to all those Councillors who had either retired from office or who had not been re-elected. Special thanks were also given to those who had passed away during the last term of office – Councillor Sellars, Councillor Starkey, Councillor Underwood Frost and Councillor Parry. The sentiments were echoed by the Leader of the Council who noted that it had been a pleasure to work with those no longer present and that some exceptional Councillors had been lost, and he requested that a letter be sent to those who had been unsuccessful during the election. The Chief Executive agreed and noted that letters and gift had already been sent to those who had retired from office. Best wishes were also sent to Alan Caine who was unwell.

RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation be sent to all those Councillors who had not been successful at the election.

10. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jeff Summers be elected Leader of the Council for the 2015/16 civic year.

11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

RESOLVED that Councillor Anne Welburn be elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2015/16 civic year.

12. REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS ON COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES. (PAPER C)

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the details of political groups, as set out in Appendix A to Paper C, 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 C be noted.

13. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. (PAPER D)

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 2015/16 civic year as follows:

Challenge and Improvement Committee (12 members)

Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Stuart Curtis
Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor Adam Duguid
Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Alexander Bridgwood
Councillor Steve England
Councillor John McNeill
Councillor Chris Darcel
Councillor Trevor Young
Councillor David Bond
Councillor Angela White

Chief Officer Employment Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Adam Duguid
Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Judy Rainsforth

Corporate Policy and Resources Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Alex Bridgwood
Councillor John McNeill
Councillor Adam Duguid
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Reg Shore

Governance and Audit Committee (6 Members)

Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Hugo Marfleet
Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor David Bond
Councillor Angela White

Licensing and Regulatory Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Steve England
Councillor Thomas Smith
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Mrs Di Rodgers
Councillor Richard Oaks
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Judy Rainsforth

Planning Committee (12 members)

Councillor Stuart Curtis
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Roger Patterson

Councillor Thomas Smith
Councillor Hugo Marfleet
Councillor Chris Darcel
Councillor David Bond
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Judy Rainsforth

Prosperous Communities Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Steve England
Councillor Adam Duguid
Councillor Hugo Marfleet
Councillor Mrs Di Rodgers
Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Trevor Young

**14. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER GROUPS AND BODIES
(PAPER E)**

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Rules relating to proportionality be suspended for appointment to the Appeals Board;
- b) the Rules relating to proportionality be suspended for appointment to the Standards Sub-Committee; and
- c) the following appointments be confirmed

JOINT STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

Councillor Jackie Brockway
Councillor Jessie Milne
Reverend Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Malcolm Parish (reserve)
Councillor Pat Mewis (reserve)
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan (reserve)
Councillor Reg Shore (reserve)

APPEALS BOARD

Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Malcolm Parish
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Reg Shore

Councillor Angela White

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Reg Shore

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW TASK AND FINISH GROUP.

Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Angela White

REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES

Editorial Advisory Board

Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Michael Devine

Trinity Arts Centre

Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Jessie Milne

West Lindsey Community Awards Panel.

Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Judy Rainsforth

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee.

Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Stuart Curtis
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Ian Fleetwood

Democracy Working Group

Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Giles McNeill

Tourism Working Group

Councillor Sheila Bibb
Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Angela White
Councillor Richard Oaks

Local Plan Working group

Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Pat Mewis
Councillor Steve England
Councillor Angela White
Councillor David Cotton

Community Grants Panel

Councillor Jessie Milne
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Stuart Curtis
Councillor John McNeill (reserve)

Commercial Plan Steering Group

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Adam Duguid
Councillor Jeff Summers

Supported Housing Residents' Welfare Group

Councillor Richard Oaks
Councillor Matthew Boles (Reserve)

Gainsborough Growth Fund – Funding Consultative Panel

Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Stuart Kinch
Councillor Gillian Bardsley (reserve)

Representatives appointed to Outside Bodies

Acis Housing Group Local Management Board	Cllr Sheila Bibb (Gainsborough) Cllr Jessie Milne (Rural)
Age UK Lindsey - East and West Lindsey Divisional Committee	Cllr Owen Bierley
Ancholme Internal Drainage Board	Cllr Jeff Summers
District Councils' Network	Cllr Jeff Summers
District Health and Wellbeing Network	Cllr David Bond

East Midlands Council	Cllr Jeff Summers Cllr Anne Welburn (Reserve)
Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association	Cllr Matthew Boles
Gainsborough Community Hotel	Cllr Sheila Bibb
Gainsborough Old Hall Partnership	Cllr Gillian Bardsley
Gainsborough Town Centre Partnership	Cllr Gillian Bardsley
Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield	Cllr Matthew Boles Cllr Ian Fleetwood (Reserve)
Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire	Cllr David Bond Cllr Angela White (Reserve)
Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire	Cllr Howitt-Cowan
Humberside International Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Owen Bierley
LGA General Assembly	Cllr Jeff Summers
Lincoln and District Citizens Bureau Finance Sub-Committee	Cllr Angela White
Lincoln Area Dial-a-Ride Management Committee	Cllr Giles McNeill
Lincolnshire Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	Cllr Owen Bierley
Lincolnshire Forum for Agriculture and Horticulture	Cllr Hugo Marfleet
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel	Cllr Anne Welburn
Lincolnshire Sports Partnership	Cllr Lesley Rollings
Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	Cllr David Cotton
Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Management Project	Cllr Angela Lawrence Cllr Tom Regis
Local Crime Prevention Panel	Cllr Judy Rainsforth
Healthwatch Provider Network Meeting (West Lincs)	Cllr David Bond
PATROL (CPE)	Cllr Malcolm Parish Cllr Jeff Summers
Pensions Committee	Cllr Jeff Summers
Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Lewis Strange

Scunthorpe & Gainsborough Water Level Management Board	Cllr Pat Mewis Cllr Adam Duguid
SPARSE	Cllr Owen Bierley
Sure Start Gainsborough Partnership Board	Cllr Gillian Bardsley
Trustees of Charles Cooper Trust	Mick Tinker (to 2018) Cllr Judy Rainsforth (to 2019) Cllr Sheila Bibb (to 2019) Cllr Paul Howitt-Cowan (to 2018)
Trustees of Dixons Almshouses	Cllr Angela Lawrence (to 2019)
Trustees of Francis Barker Trust	Cllr Jessie Milne (to 2018) Cllr Judy Rainsforth (to 2017)
Trustees of Gainsborough Education Charity	Cllr Jessie Milne (to 2018) Cllr Judy Rainsforth (to 2017)
Trustees of W G Rose Memorial	Cllr Jessie Milne (to 2018) Cllr Judy Rainsforth (to 2017)
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	Cllr Malcolm Parish
West Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Group	Cllr Judy Rainsforth
West Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service	Cllr Pat Mewis
West Lindsey British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	Cllr Gillian Bardsley
West Lindsey Citizens' Advice Bureau Executive Committee	Cllr Angela White
Witham Third Internal Drainage Board	Clive Mason Cllr Malcolm Parish Cllr Alex Bridgwood Cllr I Fleetwood
Wolds Community Transport Association Limited	Cllr Lewis Strange

15. APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT INDEPENDENT MEMBER (PAPER F)

Note Reverend Councillor David Cotton declared that he knew one of the appointees well, so would not take part in the vote.

RESOLVED that Peter Walton and Alison Adams be appointed to serve on the Governance and Audit Committee as from 21 May 2015 up to the Annual Council Meeting in May 2017.

16. APPOINTMENT OF REMUNERATION PANEL (PAPER G)

RESOLVED that Gerry Phillips, Peter Clay and Michael Lewis be appointed to serve on the Remuneration Panel from 15 May 2015.

17. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION (PAPER H)

The Strategic Lead for Business and Democratic Support introduced the report and summarised the proposed changes.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the outcome of the annual review be noted;
- b) the amendments detailed at Section 2 of the report and the Constitution as appended be approved for immediate implementation;
- c) In light of the on-going structure review at a Strategic Lead level, the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee and the Deputy Leader of the Council, be given delegated authority to make any required housekeeping amendments to relevant sections of the Constitution; and
- d) the Governance and Audit Committee be delegated to make any changes to the Financial and Contract Procedure Rules between Annual Councils.

18. CHALLENGE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (PAPER I)

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, and thanked all the Committee Members for their support and involvement.

Thanks were expressed to Ian Knowles and Katie Coughlan for their support during the year.

RESOLVED that the Challenge and Improvement Committee Annual Report 2015/16 be noted.

The meeting concluded at 8.21 pm.

Chairman