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AT A MEETING of the County Council of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held
at the castle, Winchester on Friday, 18th May, 2018

Chairman:

* Councillor Elaine Still

- * Councillor Charles Choudhary
- * Councillor John Bennison
- * Councillor Fred Birkett
- * Councillor Martin Boiles
- * Councillor Ray Bolton
- * Councillor Jackie Branson
- * Councillor Ann Briggs
- * Councillor Zilliah Brooks
- * Councillor Graham Burgess
- * Councillor Adam Carew
- * Councillor Fran Carpenter
- * Councillor Christopher Carter
- * Councillor Roz Chadd
- Councillor Peter Chegwyn
- * Councillor Daniel Clarke
- * Councillor Adrian Collett
- * Councillor Mark Cooper
- * Councillor Rod Cooper
- * Councillor Tonia Craig
- * Councillor Roland Dibbs
- * Councillor Alan Dowden
- Councillor Peter Edgar
- Councillor Keith Evans
- * Councillor Liz Fairhurst
- * Councillor Steve Forster
- * Councillor Jane Frankum
- * Councillor Andrew Gibson
- * Councillor Jonathan Glen
- * Councillor Judith Grajewski
- * Councillor David Harrison
- * Councillor Marge Harvey
- * Councillor Pal Hayre
- * Councillor Edward Heron
- * Councillor Dominic Hiscock
- * Councillor Geoffrey Hockley
- * Councillor Keith House
- * Councillor Rob Humby
- * Councillor Gary Hughes
- * Councillor Roger Huxstep
- * Councillor Wayne Irish
- * Councillor Gavin James
- * Councillor Andrew Joy
- * Councillor David Keast
- Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee
- * Councillor Mel Kendal
- Councillor Rupert Kyrle
- * Councillor Peter Latham
- * Councillor Kirsty Locke
- * Councillor Keith Mans
- * Councillor Alexis McEvoy
- * Councillor Anna McNair Scott
- * Councillor Derek Mellor
- * Councillor Floss Mitchell
- * Councillor Rob Mocatta
- * Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
- * Councillor Neville Penman
- * Councillor Roy Perry
- * Councillor Stephen Philpott
- * Councillor Jackie Porter
- * Councillor Roger Price
- * Councillor Lance Quantrill
- * Councillor Stephen Reid
- Councillor David Simpson
- * Councillor Patricia Stallard
- * Councillor Robert Taylor
- * Councillor Bruce Tennent
- * Councillor Tom Thacker
- * Councillor Michael Thierry
- * Councillor Mike Thornton
- * Councillor Martin Tod
- * Councillor Rhydian Vaughan
- * Councillor Malcolm Wade
- Councillor Jan Warwick
- * Councillor Michael Westbrook
- * Councillor Michael White
- * Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)
- * Councillor Seán Woodward

*Present

Honorary Aldermen, Keith Chapman MBE, Colin Davidovitz, Roger Kimber, Sharyn Wheale and Michael Woodhall were also in attendance.

66. **OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Prior to the commencement of formal business, the Retiring Chairman presented his final announcements to the Council and expanded on duties undertaken since the last meeting of the Council to represent and promote the County Council. The list of engagements had been previously circulated. In particular he reflected on his abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth and his Chairman's Concert held at the Albert Hall in London.

The retiring Chairman was delighted to announce that Gill Clements, a carer at Westholme Residential and Nursing Home, had been named as Britain's Best Care Home worker at the Great British Care Award finals and to present Gill with her award.

The full announcements are attached as an appendix to these Minutes.

67. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Chegwyn, Peter Edgar, Keith Evans, Mark Kemp-Gee, Rupert Kyrle, David Simpson and Jan Warwick.

Apologies were also received from Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks and Marilyn Tucker.

68. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chief Executive, as the Proper Officer, called for nominations. Councillor Stephen Reid, seconded by Councillor Anna McNair-Scott proposed that Elaine Still be elected Chairman of the Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2019. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Elaine Still be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2019. Councillor Still made the declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

69. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council. Councillor Roger Huxstep, seconded by Councillor Bill Withers proposed Councillor Charles Choudhary. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Charles Choudhary be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2019. Councillor Choudhary made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

70. INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The new Chairman of the County Council took the opportunity to thank Councillors for electing her, and her friends and family for their support. She also congratulated Councillor Choudhary on his appointment.

The Chairman set out her theme for the year of "All Things Healthy and Green; All Creatures Great and Small." She elaborated on her reasons for this, emphasising the importance of the natural environment.

The full comments can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

72. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special meeting held on 22 February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Precept and Budget meeting held on 22 February 2018 were agreed subject to the correction of two minor typographical errors and signed by the Chairman.

73. DEPUTATIONS

The deputation from Steve Jones, and Joanne Parish was received as detailed on the Summons.

Councillor Keith House rose on a point of order and with regard to Standing Orders 12.2.1 and 12.2.4 requested an explanation as to why the deputation at item 6b on the Agenda had been withdrawn. It was confirmed by the Chief Executive that in his considered opinion the content was likely to risk confidentiality on serious casework issues and for this reason was likely to breach the basis of the deputation process, as a result of which he had decided to withdraw the deputation. The Chief Executive indicated that the opportunity of a meeting with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children' Services had been offered.

74. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Members about the County Service in June and encouraged them all to attend if possible.

75. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader congratulated Councillor Still on her election as Chairman and thanked Councillor Burgess for his work over the past year.

Members were reminded of the Leader's photographic competition and encouraged to support entries to it. The Leader also urged Members to visit Gilbert White House museum.

It was noted that following a Cabinet reshuffle in National Government, a new Secretary of State, for Local Government, James Brokenshire, had been appointed; the fourth Local Government Minister since Councillor Perry had become Leader of the Council. It was confirmed that Mr Brokenshire had been invited to visit Hampshire and with reference to devolution, the Leader hoped that the policy of only acting with the agreement of the County Council would be continued. Recognising that financial pressures would not reduce, and emphasising that he did not wish Hampshire to face the problems experienced in Northamptonshire the Leader confirmed that he had proposed a meeting with District and Borough Council Leaders to discuss greater collaborative working.

The Leader set out a number of changes in his Cabinet, explaining that Councillors Edgar and Gibson had both resigned due to ill health and paid tribute to both for their respective work with schools and with country parks. It was confirmed that Councillor Heron and Woodward would become Executive Members. Councillor Heron in an expansion of the Assistant Executive Member role he already held and Councillor Woodward taking on a Heritage and Countryside portfolio. It was also confirmed that Education and Skills had been added to Councillor Reid's existing Human Resources portfolio.

The Leader confirmed that Councillor Mark Cooper had joined the Commission for the Future of Hampshire.

Prior to their forthcoming wedding, the Leader took the opportunity to express best wishes to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on behalf of the County Council.

76. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

Executive Members responded to questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.1, as published.

77. CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE - SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The Council considered a report of the Cabinet as presented by the Leader, seeking approval for the provision in the Constitution for the appointment of Substitute Members on Committees and Panels of the County Council to which

proportionality applies, be extended to allow appointment of up to two Substitute Members per Political Group, represented on such Committees and Panels.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council approves:

- a. that provision in the Constitution for the appointment of Substitute Members on Committees and Panels of the County Council to which proportionality applies, be extended so as to allow appointment of up to two Substitute Members per Political Group, represented on such Committees and Panels.
- b. that delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to make suitable amendment to the Constitution to give effect to the recommendation at a. above.

78. **PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS**

The Council considered an updated report of the Chief Executive as presented by the Leader, to review the Council's Proportionality Table and to make any Member appointments or alterations as required to the membership of the County Council's committees and standing panels, to statutory joint committees, to other proportional bodies the County Council is represented on, or to any other bodies which are not subject to proportionality rules.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- a. Approves the Proportionality Table at Appendix 1 to the report.
- b. Approves the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees and panels at Appendix 2 to the report.
- c. Approves the appointment of the County Council's representatives on the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
- d. Approves the Substitute Member table at Appendix 3 to the report.
- e. Approves the appointments listed in paragraph 3.4 and 3.5 of the report.
- f. Approves the absence as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

79. **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION - APPOINTMENT OF DATA PROTECTION OFFICER**

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, as presented by the Leader, seeking approval of the appointment of Data Protection Officer for the County Council in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- a. Approves that the Monitoring Officer be appointed as the County Council's Data Protection Officer as detailed in paragraph 1 of the report.
- b. Authorises the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendment to the County Council's Constitution upon this appointment.

80. NOTICE OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion had been received on this occasion.

81. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

a) HFRA Questions

No questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 16.3.

b) HFRA Report

The Council received and noted the report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority as presented by Councillor Chris Carter in his capacity as Chairman of the Fire Authority.

82. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council received the reports of the following Executive Members:

83. THE LEADER/CABINET

- a. Adults' Health and Care – Vision and Strategy
- b. Developing a Strategic Partnership For Public Health Between Hampshire County Council and the Isle of Wight Council
- c. Supporting Children's Services in Buckinghamshire County Council
- d. Addition to the County Council's Capital Programme for a Strategic Land Acquisition

84. EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE

- a. Country Parks Transformation – Phase 2 Approvals

Chairman,

Chairman's Outgoing Announcements

Friday 18 May 2018

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today.

Thank you for your support, not just today but throughout the past year.

I would also like to thank my Chaplain, Canon John Draper, we go back more years than I care to remember.

You have all been sent my list of engagements throughout my term of office and there are two particular highlights that I wish to mention:

- My abseil of the Spinnaker Tower on Saturday 3 June for MS. With great support from Members I managed to raise with the other members of the team a five figure sum. Mal was checking the insurance policies as I started the descent.
- My Chairman's Concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 23 April. I have never been to the Royal Albert Hall. I can only say it was a privilege to be able to watch the magnificent performance of 1,700 exceptionally talented Hampshire musicians and dancers from the Royal Box. Special guests were also on hand including Band of the Scots Guards, together with actors Sarah Parish as narrator, and Christian Brassington as compere. Being able to go on stage at the end of the concert to thank everyone for all their efforts is a memory I will always treasure. We must, however, remember that this concert would never have taken place without the full support from the Leader and Hampshire Music Service.

This past year has been extraordinary. It has been an enormous privilege for me to represent you at events around the County and it has been an honour to broadcast the Hampshire message.

Our Vice Chairman, Cllr Elaine Still, has deputised for me on occasions and has been a great assistance throughout my year.

I must also express my public thanks to my wife, Marylin. I could not have done this without your support. We have been incredibly lucky to have met a group of civic heads who have bonded exceptionally well. The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, has also been incredibly supportive to me this year.

I must also thank my minder for this year, Natalie Jones my PA. She has pointed me in the right direction, she advised on protocol, procedures and has the same wicked sense of humour as I have. In fact she would make a great submariner now women are allowed on subs.

I am immensely grateful to members for the courtesy you have shown towards me and I hope and trust that my successor will inherit the same privilege. Thank you all.

Before we commence the meeting, I have been asked to carry out one final act as Chairman. The County Council has many outstanding officers and recently one of our care assistants has received national recognition in appreciation of all her dedication and great quality of care. I am delighted to announce that Gill Clements, a carer at Westholme Residential and Nursing Home, has been named as Britain's Best Care Home worker at the Great British Care Award finals.

Now, over to Kevin Greenhough for apologies.

Incoming Chairman's Comments: (Councillor Elaine Still)

Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow members of Hampshire County Council for electing me as your first female Chairman for several years. Now I must warn you, this will be a much longer speech than in recent years!

Secondly, I would like to thank Graham Burgess, our retiring Chairman, for all his guidance and mentoring. Most importantly I would like to thank Graham and his wife Marilyn for their excellent work promoting Hampshire County Council.

My third thanks goes to all my friends, including the Right Honourable Maria Miller MP, and my family, most of whom are here today. They have supported and encouraged me over the years, resulting in this honour of becoming Chairman. My children deserve special mention. James will be my main consort but the others will be stepping in when necessary. I'm lucky to be able to call on multiple consorts!

I must congratulate Charles Choudhary, on being elected our new Vice Chairman.

My theme this year will be "All Things Healthy and Green; All Creatures Great and Small."

In thinking about my theme of 'all things healthy' I came across a word that I was previously unaware of 'biophilia'. For the benefit of those who, like me, have not come across this term before it means 'love of life' or 'living systems'.

It describes the human preference to seek out things in nature, plants, trees, animals and it is this love of life that helps to sustain it. By looking after nature we are actually benefitting ourselves. There is an increasing body of evidence that illustrates the influence that connecting with nature has on our physical and mental health. This is particularly poignant as this is Mental Health awareness week.

Recent research shows that it is not just any old greenspace that helps to relieve stress and have a positive impact on psychological wellbeing. Visits to rural and coastal locations, especially those that are protected or designated for their conservation quality and value, have been linked to greater feelings of relaxation and refreshment.

This is good news for us in Hampshire with two national parks and over 75% of the land classified as rural, with our own organisation responsible for looking after over 3,000 hectares of it!

The vast majority of the land owned and managed by HCC is either nationally or internationally important for wildlife - from one of the largest coastal National Nature Reserves at Lymington to the 16 miles of the very special, Basingstoke Canal in north east Hampshire.

We know that physical exercise is good for us, it reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers.

But did you know that exercising in the outdoors has added benefits; it burns calories faster, increases self-esteem, is good for motivation and, perhaps as important, is freely available.

In Hampshire we have 3,000 miles of Rights of Way, that anyone can use to enjoy the fantastic countryside no matter where you are in the county, and it's all online and easy to access

Our country parks attract nearly 3 million visits a year and provide a huge number of opportunities to get active.

That is why the County is investing in all our country parks including Queen Elizabeth Country Park, where we have recently opened an assault course, children's natural play area and dog activity trail with funding from the Army Covenant Fund.

In early May the fantastic new facilities at Lepe Country Park were opened to the public and received a great reception.

Do go and see them at one of the most splendid coastal locations in Hampshire. This investment will ensure that the country parks are able to become operationally self-financing and will be secured for future generations to enjoy.

It would not be possible to have all these wonderful places protected and available to everyone without the support of an army of willing and dedicated volunteers.

There was an amazing 20,000 volunteer days spent doing just that in the Countryside Service alone last year.

Volunteering itself provides a lifeline for many people, keeping them in contact with other people, active and living independent healthy lives for longer, as well as making a valuable contribution to their local environment.

We also recognize the importance of engaging young people in getting them out of the classroom, being active, enjoying and learning about the environment. Over 25,000 educational visits take place in our countryside sites and parks and the Outdoor Service hosts 140,000 activity sessions involving over 55,000 participants (mainly young people) across its 4 Outdoor Centres every year.

Listening to and playing music is also well established as having beneficial effects on our physical and mental wellbeing, and particularly on the development of our young people.

Hampshire Music Service is one of the best in the country.

I encourage you to continue your support of Hampshire County Council Music Service and attend as many concerts as possible.

This year I would like us to raise the profile of Hampshire's environment and how it provides so many benefits for us.

We all need to consider the impact we have on the environment and take strides to reduce it.

HCC have already made a significant change to the amount of paper we use and there is more we can do.

I would like to see a real step change in the amount of plastics that are used only once and thrown away.

I am sure you witnessed the devastating effect that plastics can have on the marine environment presented by David Attenborough.

You may be interested to know that, in introducing a former County Council publication, David Attenborough said the following " Hampshire County Council has made a hugely impressive contribution to the protection and conservation of Hampshire's wildlife and wild places. No single local authority has invested so heavily in safeguarding its countryside and heritage features and in making these special places accessible for everyone to enjoy"

Looking after the ecosystem that supports us starts with the smaller creatures. Bees, beetles, hoverflies, butterflies and moths are in decline, under threat from a wide variety of pressures.

This year we will raise awareness of the importance, including from an economic perspective, of these pollinator species and all the work we do as a County Council to manage the habitats in which they thrive.

We will be helping other organisations and individuals to recognise the importance of pollinators and join with us to improve their chances.

As Chairman of the Council I am proud of those comments from Sir David, as I am sure we all are, and so this is the year that I would like us to focus on looking after nature so nature can look after us.

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