

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council held on 7th May 2014 from 7.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors:

Jonathan Ash-Edwards	Bruce Forbes	Gary Marsh
Simon Banham	Richard Goddard	Peter Martin
Stephen Barnett	Susan Hatton	Edward Matthews
Andrew Barrett-Miles	Ginny Heard	Simon McMenemy*
Richard Bates	Christopher Hersey	Pru Moore
Edward Belsey*	Margaret Hersey	John O'Brien
Margaret Belsey*	Catrin Ingham	Peter Reed
Liz Bennett	Anne Jones, MBE	Robert Salisbury
Pete Bradbury	Denis Jones	Susan Seward
Heidi Brunson	Graham Knight*	Ian Simpson
Jack Callaghan	Jim Knight	Christopher Snowling*
Cherry Catharine	Jacqui Landriani	Dick Sweatman
Rod Clarke	Andrew Lea	Mandy Thomas-Atkin
Phillip Coote	Mike Livesey	Colin Trumble
Mims Davies*	Andrew MacNaughton	Neville Walker
David Dorking	Bob Mainstone	Garry Wall
Kathleen Dumbovic	Natalie March	Norman Webster
Tim Farmer*	Gordon Marples	Emily White

*Absent

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

**With Councillor Marples absent from the Chamber and
Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor Peter Reed, therefore presiding**

Councillor Gordon Marples was nominated as Chairman of the Council for the Council year 2014/15 by the Leader of the Council. This was seconded by Councillor Marsh and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Gordon Marples be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2014/15 Council year.

Councillor Marples returning to the Chamber and in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Peter Reed was nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2014/15 Council year by the Chairman of the Council. This was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Reed be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2014/15 Council year.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked Members for his re-election. He confirmed that there will be a Chairman's Civic Dinner held in the forthcoming Council year in support of his chosen charity, which will again be Chestnut Tree House children's hospice. He also invited Members to join him for a drinks reception after the meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the successful launch of "Route 22," the East Grinstead Subway Arts Project on 22nd April, where he was joined by East Grinstead Town Mayor, Councillor Margaret Belsey.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Young Enterprise Annual Awards at Chequer Mead, East Grinstead on 30th April and paid tribute to all those who will go on to represent Mid Sussex at the regional awards finals.

The Chairman reported that he had also attended the Mid Sussex Marathon over the bank holiday weekend and congratulated all those who had supported it. He also thanked the officers and volunteers involved in ensuring the event's success.

The Chairman reminded Members of the Gatwick Airport workshop on 8th May and urged as many as possible to attend.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meetings held on 26th March and 9th April 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS

The Leader confirmed that the Cabinet would remain at its current level of six Members, with no changes to the portfolios. He reported that the Cabinet's focus for the forthcoming Council year would be to concentrate on the future for Mid Sussex, building on recent successes, delivering corporate priorities, maintaining the Council's record of service delivery on behalf of its residents and providing value for money on behalf of its tax payers.

He confirmed the Cabinet for 2014/15 to be:

Health and Community	Councillor Christopher Snowling
Economic Development and Property	Councillor Gary Marsh
Leisure and Sustainability	Councillor Pru Moore
Finance and Service Delivery	Councillor Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Planning	Councillor Norman Webster
Leader	Councillor Garry Wall

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet appointments for 2014/15 be noted.

6. POLITICAL BALANCE: SECTION 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989; THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990

Council received the report of the Monitoring Officer, setting out the political balance of the Council for the 2014/15 year and the recommended allocation of seats for committees. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that Councillor Mainstone was now an Independent Member and asked that recommendation (7) be amended to remove the word "Area" and similarly that the word "Area" be removed from within paragraph 7 of the report (page 21).

There were no questions, so the Chairman took Members to the report's recommendations, which, including the slight amendment, were agreed.

RESOLVED

That for the year 2014/15:

- (1) the two Planning Committees each comprise 12 members consisting of 20 Conservative over the 2 Committees, 2 Liberal Democrat over the 2 Committees, 1 Labour in Planning Committee A and 1 Independent in Planning Committee B;
- (2) the Scrutiny Committee for Leader and Service Delivery comprises 15 members consisting of 13 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent;
- (3) the Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community comprises 15 members consisting of 13 Conservative and 2 Liberal Democrat;
- (4) the Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development comprises 15 members consisting of 12 Conservative, 2 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent;
- (5) the Licensing Committee comprises 15 members consisting of 12 Conservative, 2 Liberal Democrat and 1 Labour;
- (6) the Standards Committee comprises 6 Council members consisting of 5 Conservative (other than the Leader), 1 Independent and 4 representatives of town/parish councils;
- (7) the District Planning Committee comprises 12 members drawn equally from the membership of the two Planning Committees consisting of 10 Conservative and 2 Liberal Democrat, and
- (8) the Audit Committee comprises 6 members consisting of 5 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The nominations by the Group Leaders for membership of Committees were tabled before Council. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the Standards Committee would select its Chairman and Vice-Chairman at its first meeting.

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Members to Committees as set out below be noted:

Audit Committee (6 Members)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)	Labour (0)
Simon Banham	Stephen Barnett		
Jack Callaghan			
Bruce Forbes			
Andrew Lea			
Neville Walker			

Licensing Committee (15 Members)

Conservative (12)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)	Labour (1)
Mims Davies	Kathleen Dumbovic		Richard Goddard
David Dorking	Sue Hatton		
Bruce Forbes			
Ginny Heard			
Christopher Hersey			
Margaret Hersey			
Jacqui Landriani			
Gary Marsh			
John O'Brien			
Peter Reed			
Mandy Thomas-Atkin			
Emily White			

Licensing Sub Committee A (5 Members)

Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)	Labour (0)
Bruce Forbes	Kathleen Dumbovic		
Ginny Heard			
Jacqui Landriani			
Gary Marsh			

Scrutiny Committee for Leader and Service Delivery (15 Members)

Conservative (13)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (1)	Labour (0)
Edward Belsey	Catrin Ingham	Bob Mainstone	
Margaret Belsey			
Jack Callaghan			
Rod Clarke			
Chris Hersey			
Jim Knight			
Andrew Lea			
Gordon Marples			
Peter Reed			
Susan Seward			
Dick Sweatman			
Colin Trumble			
Emily White			

Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community (15 Members)

Conservative (13)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)	Labour (0)
Margaret Belsey	Richard Bates		
Liz Bennett	Sue Hatton		
Pete Bradbury			
Cherry Catharine			
Philip Coote			
Mims Davies			
David Dorking			
Anne Jones MBE			
Jacqui Landriani			
Natalie March			
Susan Seward			
Dick Sweatman			
Mandy Thomas-Atkin			

Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development (15 Members)

Conservative (12)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (1)	Labour (0)
Andrew Barrett-Miles	Stephen Barnett	Denis Jones	
Edward Belsey	Catrin Ingham		
Philip Coote			
Tim Farmer			
Margaret Hersey			
Andrew MacNaughton			
Peter Martin			
Edward Matthews			
Simon McMenemy			
Robert Salisbury			
Ian Simpson			
Neville Walker			

Planning Committee A (12 Members)

Conservative (10)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)	Labour (1)
Jonathan Ash-Edwards	Stephen Barnett		Richard Goddard
Simon Banham			
Philip Coote			
Ginny Heard			
Chris Hersey			
Jacqui Landriani			
Gary Marsh			
Peter Martin			
Edward Matthews			
Neville Walker			

Planning Committee B (12 Members)

Conservative (10)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (1)	Labour (0)
Cherry Catharine	Graham Knight	Bob Mainstone	
Bruce Forbes			
Margaret Hersey			
Jim Knight			
Mike Livesey			
Andrew MacNaughton			
Pru Moore			

Robert Salisbury			
Dick Sweatman			
Colin Trumble			

District Planning Committee (12 Members)

Conservative (10)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)	Labour (0)
Phillip Coote	Stephen Barnett		
Christopher Hersey	Graham Knight		
Jim Knight			
Jacqui Landriani			
Mike Livesey			
Andrew MacNaughton			
Peter Martin			
Edward Matthews			
Robert Salisbury			
Colin Trumble			

Standards Committee (6 MSDC Members)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (0)	Independent (1)	Labour (0)
Liz Bennett		Denis Jones	
Jack Callaghan			
Gordon Marples			
Simon McMenemy			
John O'Brien			

8. REVISED PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2014/15

The Chairman introduced the report. As there were no questions, he took Members to the recommendation, which was agreed.

RESOLVED

That the Revised Programme appended to the report be approved.

Chairman.