



Lewes District Council

## Full Council

**Minutes of meeting held in Council Chamber at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes on 20 May 2019 at 6.00 pm**

### **Present:**

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Chair)

Councillors Johnny Denis (Vice-Chair), Sam Adeniji, Robert Banks, Nancy Bikson, Matthew Bird, Liz Boorman, Phil Boorman, Christine Brett, Roy Burman, Julie Carr, Roy Clay, Chris Collier, Phil Davis, Sharon Davy, Lynda Duhigg, Tom Jones, Isabelle Linington, Jim Lord, Sylvia Lord, Ron Maskell, James MacCleary, Sean MacLeod, Imogen Makepeace, Milly Manley, William Meyer, Joe Miller, Zoe Nicholson, Emily O'Brien, Laurence O'Connor, Ruth O'Keeffe, Nicola Papanicolaou, Julian Peterson, Keira Rigden, Christine Robinson, Adrian Ross, Steve Saunders, Christoph von Kurthy and Ian White

### **Officers in attendance:**

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Catherine Knight (Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services) and Sarah Lawrence (Senior Committee Officer)

### **1 Election of the Chair of the Council**

Councillor Denis (Vice-Chair) opened the meeting and advised that he had been asked to preside for this item as the current Chair of the Council, Councillor Gauntlett, was a nominee. Councillor Denis then invited Councillors to formally move the nominations received in advance of the meeting for Councillor Gauntlett and Councillor White.

Councillor MacCleary proposed and Councillor Banks seconded the nomination of Councillor Gauntlett to be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor P Boorman proposed and Councillor Burman seconded the nomination of Councillor White to be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

The two nominations were put to the vote and by 19 votes to 18 it was:

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Gauntlett be elected as the Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor Gauntlett then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Chair of the Council and took the chair.

In his speech of acceptance of his re-election, Councillor Gauntlett thanked the outgoing Vice-Chair Councillor Denis for his work over the last year. He also thanked Caroline Hanlon (Civic and Member Services Officer) and Catherine Knight (Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services), in particular for their support and guidance, during the last year enabling him to fulfil his role as Chair of the Council.

(Note: Councillor Carr arrived to the meeting at the end of the voting on this item)

## **2 Appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Council**

The Chair invited members to formally propose the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Council received in advance of the meeting for Councillor Adeniji and Councillor Ross.

Councillor Linington proposed and Councillor L Boorman seconded the nomination of Councillor Adeniji to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor Nicholson proposed and Councillor Denis seconded the nomination of Councillor Ross to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

The two nominations were put to the vote and by 21 votes to 18 it was:

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ross be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

Councillor Ross then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office as Vice-Chair.

## **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **4 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Amy and Rutland.

## **5 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **6 Announcements**

The Council received a list of the Chair of the Council's engagements carried out between 25 February 2019 and 20 May 2019.

## 7 Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

## 8 Returning Officer's Report

The Chair of the Council drew the Council's attention to the report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer informing the Council of the result of the elections held on 2 May 2019 and congratulated the returning and newly elected Councillors who would hold office until May 2023 as follows:

WARD	COUNCILLORS (*newly elected)
Chailey Barcombe and Hamsey	Sharon DAVY Isabelle LINNINGTON
Ditchling and Westmeston	Tom JONES
East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs	Ron MASKELL Laurence O'CONNOR* Christine ROBINSON*
Kingston	William MEYER*
Lewes Bridge	Zoe NICHOLSON* Adrian ROSS*
Lewes Castle	Roy CLAY * Milly MANLEY*
Lewes Priory	Mathew BIRD* Imogen MAKEPEACE* Ruth O'KEEFFE
Newhaven North	Julie CARR Steve SAUNDERS
Newhaven South	Graham AMY Christoph von KURTHY* James MACCLEARY*
Newick	Roy BURMAN*
Ouse Valley and Ringmer	Johnny DENIS Sean MACLEOD* Emily O'BRIEN*
Peacehaven East	Chris COLLIER* Lynda DUHIGG*
Peacehaven North	Phil DAVIS* Keira RIGDEN*
Peacehaven West	Joe MILLER* Nicola PAPANICOLAOU*
Plumpton Streat East Chiltington and St John Without	Robert BANKS*

Seaford Central	Stephen GAUNTLETT Geoff RUTLAND*
Seaford East	Phil BOORMAN* Julian PETERSON
Seaford North	Jim LORD* Sylvia LORD*
Seaford South	Sam ADENIJI Christine BRETT*
Seaford West	Liz BOORMAN Ian WHITE*
Wivelsfield	Nancy BIKSON

Councillor Saunders moved and Councillor Denis seconded the recommendation to accept the report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## 9 Election of the Leader of Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules

The Chair invited nominations for the position of Leader of the Council.

Councillor O'Keefe proposed and spoke to her nomination, and Councillor Ross seconded that Councillor Nicholson be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor L Boorman proposed and spoke to her nomination, and Councillor Miller seconded that Councillor Linington be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Carr proposed and spoke to her nomination, and Councillor Banks seconded that Councillor MacCleary be elected as Leader of the Council.

The Council voted on the nominations in accordance with the Constitution Part 4, Procedure for Appointments paragraph 5.4. All three nominations were put to the vote, and Councillor Linington received 18 votes, Councillor Nicholson 14 votes and Councillor MacCleary 7 votes. As no candidate had received more than 50% of the total number of votes, Councillor MacCleary was eliminated from the contest as having received the lowest number of votes.

The nominations for the remaining two candidates were put to the vote. Councillor Nicholson received 14 votes, Councillor Linington received 18 votes and there were 7 abstentions.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Linington be elected to be Leader of the Council.

## 10 Appointments

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Linington, thanked members for electing her as Leader of the Council and advised that she would continue to hold the

'Environment Portfolio' and that the following Councillors would be appointed as Cabinet Members:

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
Councillor J Miller	Deputy Leader Regeneration and Growth
Councillor J Lord	Strategic Development
Councillor P Davis	Finance and Corporate
Councillor L Boorman	Communities and Partners
Councillor R Maskell	Housing
Councillor T Jones	Planning

The Chair of the Council drew the Councillors' attention to the list of nominations tabled at the meeting for members and chairs of committees and other council bodies (Appendix 1) and outside bodies (Appendix 2) in accordance with proportionality of the Council. Where there was more than one valid nomination for a position, the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services read out the nominations in turn to be voted upon.

It was confirmed that in the event of no valid nomination for chair or deputy chair of a Committee being received this position would fall to be appointed at the first meeting. In addition, where any vacancies on any bodies after the meeting, the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services would seek nominations from the Group Leaders under political balance rules.

As the nomination for Councillor Ross to be the chair of the Audit and Standards Committee was withdrawn there were no disputed places in relation to Appendix 1 (Committees and Other Bodies).

In respect of Appendix 2 (Nominations for Outside Bodies and Joint Bodies) the following position where there was competing nominations was put to a vote:

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Proposed Representative</b>	<b>Appointed.</b>
3VA (1 rep)	Councillor Bird Councillor Papanicolaou Councillor Gauntlett	Councillor Papanicolaou

Councillor Nicholson moved and Councillor Meyer seconded that the meeting be adjourned for 20 minutes until 7 pm to enable Councillors to have more time to consider Appendix 2, which had been tabled at the meeting. This was put to the vote and declared carried.

Following resumption of the meeting the following positions where there were competing nominations were put to a vote:

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Proposed Representative</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
East Sussex	Councillor S Lord	Councillor Macleod

Health and Wellbeing Board (1 rep)	Councillor Macleod (the nomination for Councillor Brett was withdrawn)	
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1 rep)	Councillor S Lord Councillor Denis	Councillor Denis
Impact Seaford (1 rep)	Councillor J Lord Councillor Brett	Councillor Brett
Lewes District Citizens Advice (1 rep)	Councillor L Boorman Councillor Makepeace	Councillor Makepeace
Lewes Joint Parking Board (2 reps)	Councillor Makepeace Councillor Clay (the nomination for Councillor Banks was withdrawn)	Councillor Makepeace Councillor Clay  (uncontested)
Seaford Head Local Nature Reserve Management Committee (1 rep)	Councillor J Lord Councillor Brett	Councillor Brett
Seaford to Brighton Line Stakeholders Group (1 rep)	Councillor Adeniji Councillor O'Brien (the nomination for Councillor Brett was withdrawn)	Councillor O'Brien
South Downs National Park Authority (1 rep)	Councillor Jones Councillor Meyer (the nomination for Councillor O'Brien was withdrawn)	Councillor Meyer
Sussex Police and Crime Panel (1 rep and 1 substitute)	<i>Representative:</i> Councillor L Boorman Councillor Denis  (the nomination for Councillor Banks was withdrawn)  <i>Substitute:</i> Councillor Macleod Councillor White	<i>Representative:</i> Councillor Denis     <i>Substitute:</i> Councillor Macleod

Upper Ouse Flood Protection and Water Retention Works Working Group (2 reps incl. 1 Cabinet Member)	Councillor Linington Councillor Bird  (the nomination for Councillor Banks was withdrawn)	Councillor Linington (Cabinet Member) Councillor Bird  ( <i>uncontested</i> )
Wave Leisure Trust Board (1 rep)	Councillor Boorman Councillor Saunders  (the nomination for Councillor von Kurthy was withdrawn)	Councillor Saunders

Subject to all the matters voted upon, Councillor Burman moved and Councillor Saunders seconded that the appointments be approved.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) To note the Leader of the Council's appointments to Cabinet, the individual areas of responsibility allocated to the Cabinet and the allocation of those areas of responsibility to the members of the Cabinet as advised at the meeting;
- b) To approve the appointments of members to Committees and Other Bodies and as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and as set out in Minute Appendix 1; and
- c) To approve the appointment of members to serve on outside and joint bodies as amended and as set out at Minute Appendix 1.

**11 Substitute Members**

Councillor Gauntlett moved and Councillor Denis seconded, and it was put to the vote and approved that:

**RESOLVED** – That all members of the Council be appointed to the “approved list” of members appointed as substitute members in accordance with Council procedure rules.

**12 Annual Pay Policy Statement**

Councillor L Boorman moved and Councillor Maskell seconded and it was:

**RESOLVED** – That the Council notes and approves the updated Pay Policy Statement as set out in the report of the Assistant Director of Human Resources and Transformation.

**13 Recommendation from Licensing Committee - Approval of licensing fees 2019/20**

Councillor Adeniji moved and Councillor J Lord seconded and it was:

**RESOLVED** – To approve the scale of licensing fees set out in Appendix 1 to the recommendation from the Licensing Committee on 14 February 2019.

**14 Calendar of meetings**

The Chairman drew members to the Calendar of Meetings tabled.

**RESOLVED** – To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2019/20, subject to the inclusion of a fifth Council meeting per year to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**15 Urgent decisions taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members, if any.**

There was no urgent decisions by Cabinet or Cabinet Members to report.

The meeting ended at 7.11 pm

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett (Chair)