

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday 15 June 1999.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

N E Agar	B C Engel	A Kilkerr	G A G Pulman
J E Anderson	F J Escott	I H Laidlaw-Dickson	E A Rafferty
D A Ashley	G D Game	B J Lamb	P Riches
M V Bayes	J Gipps	A Lee	R Sanderson
D Beatty	P V Goggins	N Lindop	A M R Searing
J D Beesley	A K Gray	D B Lloyd	R J Smith (Chairman)
H A Burningham	M Green	D E Lloyd	W A Storey
G Burrow	B P Hall	R Mays	I E M Tarry
F Button	B N W Hammond	J T Metcalf	J Taunton
A R Choudhrey	N A D Haslam	R Mills	S H Tendeter
F W Clayton	R Hebborn	S J Mills	R A G Thomas
K J Coleman	D W Hills	J R Morton	J W A Usher
M D Colne	J A Hobday	S R Munden	P A Webb
R N Copping	M J Hobday	M H O'Neill	G F Wenham
D J Drake	M H T Janes	F G Peacock	C J White
J M Dwerryhouse-Spears	T G M Kent	J M Pitman	B Wing
R J M Ellis	D L Kerr	J E Price	B A York
K F Emsall			

Upon consideration of the agenda for the meeting of the County Council held on 15 June 1999, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 18 May 1999 were confirmed.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 New County Councillor

The Chairman welcomed D E Lloyd to his first Council meeting, having been elected as County Councillor for Hemel Hempstead South-East on 10 June 1999.

2.2 Death of former County Councillor P C Madsen

The Chairman reported the death of former County Councillor P C Madsen who had represented Hoddesdon (South) from 1977 to 1981 and Cheshunt (North) from 1981 to 1985.

2.3 Congratulations

The Council congratulated Watford Football Club on gaining promotion to the Premiership, and the Internal Audit Section of the Corporate Services Department, who had achieved the Investors In People Award (IIP).

The Council also congratulated Michael Stothard, an added member of the Education Committee, on being awarded the MBE in the Birthday Honours List.

3. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1)

None were notified.

4. QUESTIONS : HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

None were notified.

5. PUBLIC PETITIONS

None were received.

6. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES ETC

The Council received a supplementary report from the County Secretary.

6.1 The following motions proposed by **R J M Ellis** and duly seconded were CARRIED:-

"(1) That the Conservative Group, having 39 seats on the Council, be allocated:

** 8 places on the Policy, Improvement and Review, Social Services and Environment Committees*

** 9 places on the Education Committee*

** 5 places on the Information & Access and Protection Committees and on the Scrutiny and Audit Panel*

** 6 places on the Development Control Committee*

** 2 places on the Standards Panel.*

- (2) *That the remaining places on Panels be allocated to Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups as follows:*

	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>
Scrutiny & Audit Panel (3)	2	1
Standards Panel (1)	1	0

- (3) *That the County Secretary be authorised to appoint members after consultation with Group Leaders.*

- (4) *That the remaining places on Committees be allocated as follows:*

<u>Committee Places Available</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Independent Democrat</u>
Policy (6)	4	1	1
Development Control (4)	3	1	0
Education (5)	4	1	0
Environment (6)	5	1	0
Improvement & Review (6)	5	1	0
Information & Access (3)	2	1	0
Protection (3)	2	1	0
Social Services (6)	5	1	0
	<u>30</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u> ."

- 6.2** (a) The following motion was proposed by **J M Pitman** and duly seconded:-

"That R J M Ellis be appointed Leader of the Council and D A Ashley Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2000."

- (b) The following amendment proposed by **R Mays**, and duly seconded, was CARRIED:-

"Add 'and that the Leader of the largest group which does not have the largest number of seats be known as the Leader of the Opposition'."

- (c) The substantive motion was the CARRIED as follows:-

"That R J M Ellis be appointed Leader of the Council, and D A Ashley Deputy Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2000, and that the Leader of the largest group which does not have the largest number of seats be known as the Leader of the Opposition."

- 6.3** The following motions, proposed by **R J M Ellis**, and duly

seconded, were CARRIED:-

"(i) *That Standing Orders 8 and C14 be suspended to allow the Council to vary Standing Order C2(1) and (2) (Appointment of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees) without notice and without a report from the Policy Committee, and to allow the Council to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees at this meeting.*

(ii) *That Standing Order C2 (1) and (2) be varied with immediate effect to read:*

'(1) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each Committee shall be appointed by the Council at the Annual Meeting of the Council or at such other meeting as the Council may determine.

(2) The Chairman if present shall preside. If the Chairman is absent the Vice-Chairman shall preside. If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent another member chosen by the members present shall preside.'

(iii) *That the following be appointed as Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2000.*

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
<i>Policy</i>	<i>R J M Ellis</i>	<i>M H T Janes</i>
<i>Development Control</i>	<i>W A Storey</i>	<i>B N W Hammond</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>K F Emsall</i>	<i>J Taunton</i>
<i>Environment</i>	<i>J M Pitman</i>	<i>M V Bayes</i>
<i>Improvement & Review</i>	<i>I E M Tarry</i>	<i>D Beatty</i>
<i>Information & Access</i>	<i>D A Ashley</i>	<i>G D Game</i>
<i>Protection</i>	<i>D B Lloyd</i>	<i>P Riches</i>
<i>Social Services</i>	<i>J E Price</i>	<i>J D Beesley ."</i>

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None were received.

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary