

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday 19 June 2001.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

N E Agar	M Downing	S E Jones	R Sanderson
T I Ambrose	D J Drake	T G M Kent	H M Saunders
J E Anderson	R J M Ellis	L R Kercher	D T F Scudder
D A Ashley	K F Emsall	B J Lamb	A M R Searing
S A Batson	B C Engel	A Lee	I Simpson
M V Bayes	F J Escott	D B Lloyd	E N Singam
D Beatty	G D Game	D E Lloyd	R H Smith
D E Billing	S B A Giles-Medhurst	R Mays	R J Smith
N K Brook	J Gipps	D R McManus	W A Storey
P T J Channell	P V Goggins	J T Metcalf	I E M Tarry
G R Churchard	R I N Gordon	S J Mills	J Taunton
E M Clarke	A K Gray	J R Morton	J W A Usher
D Clayton	M Green	V I Muspratt	P A Webb
F W Clayton	F Guest	M H O'Neill	G F Wenham
K J Coleman	B N W Hammond	D A A Peek	C J White
G M Cook	D W Hills	J M Pitman	B A York
R N Copping	J A Hobday	S Quilty	
K M Crout	M J Hobday	D Royall	
A D Dodd	M H T Janes	P A Ruffles	

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on 19 June 2001, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman, H A Burningham, took the chair and called for nominations.

A K Gray was nominated by **R J M Ellis** and this was seconded.

R J Smith was nominated by **R Mays** and this was seconded.

A vote was then taken, whereupon **A K Gray**, having gained the most votes, was declared ELECTED Chairman of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

He thanked the Council, signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

The Council paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, H A Burningham, who then thanked the Council, paid tribute to her Vice-Chairman (**A K Gray**) and thanked the officers who had helped her during her Chairmanship.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman called for nominations.

K F Emsall was nominated by **R J M Ellis** and this was seconded.

P V Goggins was nominated by **C J White** and this was seconded.

A vote was taken, whereupon **K F Emsall**, having gained the most votes, was declared ELECTED Vice-Chairman to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

He thanked the Council and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3 April 2001 were confirmed.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 New and Returning Councillors

Following the election on 7 June, the Chairman welcomed all new members to their first County Council Meeting. He also welcomed back those who were returning for another 4 years.

4.2 Death of Former County Councillors M O Kearns and C W Cushion

The Chairman reported the recent deaths of former County Councillor M O Kearns, who had represented Letchworth North West from 1981 to 1993 and of former County Councillor C W Cushion, who had represented Hemel Hempstead South East from 1993 to 1995.

The Council stood in their memory.

4.3 Queen's Birthday Honours List

The Chairman announced that, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, an OBE had been awarded to Mrs Carol Laws, Headteacher of Wheatfields Junior School, Hertford for services to the promotion of safer routes for school journeys; and that an MBE had been awarded to Sub-Officer David Dellow, Station Commander at Sawbridgeworth.

The Council congratulated them.

5. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman called for nominations for appointment of Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

R J M Ellis was nominated by **J M Pitman** and this was seconded.

There were no other nominations and the Council agreed that **R J M Ellis**, be ELECTED Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council next following.

Mr Ellis thanked the Council and then announced that the Cabinet would be:-

R J M Ellis	Leader of the Council
D Beatty	Cabinet member who deputises for the Leader / Resources portfolio
J M Pitman	Adult Care Services
R I N Gordon	Children, Schools & Families
D A Ashley	Community Information & Development (including IT)
I E M Tarry	Environment
M H T Janes	Regeneration, the Region & Europe
G D Game	Protection & Registration
D B Lloyd	Best Value
D E Lloyd	Without portfolio (assisting the CSF portfolio holder)

6. APPOINTMENTS TO SELECT AND OTHER COMMITTEES

The County Secretary reported that he had received Notification of Constitution in respect of three Political Groups: the Conservative Group (39 members), the Labour Group (26 members) and the Liberal Democrat Group (10 members). One member had yet to sign the appropriate notification form. In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 a majority of places on each Committee had therefore to be allocated to the Conservative Group.

The Council then made the following appointments to Select and Other Committees (all nominations proposed by Group Leaders and duly seconded):-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Conservative (10)	Labour (6)	Liberal Democrat (2)
D A Ashley	J A Hobday	P V Goggins
D Beatty	T G M Kent	A Lee
R J M Ellis	I H Laidlaw-Dickson	
G D Game	R Mays	
R I N Gordon	P A Webb	
M H T Janes	B A York	
D B Lloyd		
D E Lloyd		
J M Pitman		
I E M Tarry		

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Conservative (5)

N K Brook
D Clayton
R S Clements
A D Dodd
F J Escott

Labour (2)

V I Muspratt
R Sanderson

Liberal Democrat (1)

C J White

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Conservative (6)

J E Anderson
R N Copping
B N W Hammond
S J Mills
W A Storey
J W A Usher

Labour (3)

M Green
E N Singam
G F Wenham

Liberal Democrat (1)

G R Churchard

ADULT CARE SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Conservative (6)

K J Coleman
F Guest
B J Lamb
J R Morton
D A A Peek
P A Ruffles

Labour (3)

M Downing
J Gipps
P A Webb

Liberal Democrat (1)

E M Clarke

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & PROTECTION SELECT COMMITTEE

Conservative (6)

P T J Channell
K F Emsall
B N W Hammond
M H O'Neill
P A Ruffles
J W A Usher

Labour (3)

K M Crout
J A Hobday
D R McManus

Liberal Democrat (1)

M D Colne

ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

Conservative (6)

J E Anderson
M V Bayes
N K Brook
R N Copping
D J Drake
H M Saunders

Labour (3)

S A Batson
S E Jones
B A York

Liberal Democrat (1)

I Simpson

**RESOURCES, PROSPERITY, PARTNERSHIP & CONSULTATION
SELECT COMMITTEE**

Conservative (6)

D Clayton
F J Escott
S Quilty
H M Saunders
A M R Searing
W A Storey

Labour (3)

G M Cook
I H Laidlaw-Dickson
R J Smith

Liberal Democrat (1)

P V Goggins

CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & FAMILIES SELECT COMMITTEE

Conservative (12)

R S Clements
A D Dodd
B C Engel
A K Gray
F Guest
D W Hills
B J Lamb
M H O'Neill
D A A Peek
S Quilty
R H Smith
J Taunton

Labour (3)

D E Billing
T G M Kent
L R Kercher

Liberal Democrat (1)

T I Ambrose

7. PUBLIC PETITION

The Reverend Duncan Swan on behalf of the Redbourn Secondary Transfer Action Group presented a petition and addressed the Council.

The petition stood referred to the Director of Children, Schools and Families for reference to the appropriate Panel of the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee.

**8. REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

8.1 The Chairman called for nominations for four members to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly until the Annual Council Meeting next following.

The following members were nominated and duly seconded, and the Council agreed that they be APPOINTED:-

R J M Ellis (Conservative)
M H T Janes (Conservative)
J M Pitman (Conservative)
R Mays (Labour)

- 8.2 The following motion proposed by **R J M Ellis**, and duly seconded, was CARRIED:-

“ That the ten available votes at the Local Government Association General Assembly be allocated to the Conservative Group representatives.”

9. REPRESENTATION ON THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

The Chairman called for nominations for nine representatives to serve on the Hertfordshire Police Authority until 21 May 2002.

The following members were nominated and duly seconded and the Council agreed that they be APPOINTED:-

D E Billing
R J M Ellis
R I N Gordon
I H Laidlaw-Dickson
D B Lloyd
R Sanderson
R H Smith
J Taunton
C J White

10. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The following motion proposed by **R J M Ellis**, and duly seconded, was CARRIED:-

“ That the County Secretary be authorised to appoint a Panel made up of the persons who comprised the Panel which reported to the Council in February 2001 to consider any amendments to the Allowances Scheme which may be required during 2001/02, and in the meantime the County Secretary discuss with Group Leaders the constitution of an independent panel for future years and make recommendations to the meeting of the Council on 27 November 2001.”

ANDREW LAYCOCK
County Secretary