

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, on Thursday, 23 May, 2013

Present:

County Councillor Michael Devaney (Chairman)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	J Fillis	M Parkinson
A Ali	J Gibson	N Penney
T Ashton	G Gooch	S Perkins
A Atkinson	M Green	M Perks
A Barnes	Mrs J Hanson	C Pritchard
M Barron	Dr M Hassan	S Pryn
L Beavers	P Hayhurst	P Rigby
D Borrow	C Henig	A Schofield
M Brindle	N Hennessy	K Sedgewick
P Britcliffe	S Holgate	S Serridge
I Brown	D Howarth	J Shedwick
K Brown	K Iddon	R Shewan
T Brown	M Iqbal	D T Smith
P Buckley	A James	K Snape
T Burns	M Johnstone	D Stansfield
Mrs S Charles	A Jones	J Sumner
A Cheetham	A Kay	V Taylor
A Clempson	J Lawrenson	M Tomlinson
D Clifford	D Lord	C Wakeford
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	T Martin	D Watts
C Crompton	J Mein	D Westley
M Dad	G Molineux	D Whipp
B Dawson	Y Motala	P White
F De Molfetta	B Murray	G Wilkins
C Dereli	R Newman-Thompson	B Winlow
G Dowding	D O'Toole	B Yates
G Driver	J Oakes	
K Ellard	M Otter	

1. Apologies and Announcements

No apologies for absence had been received.

Announcements

The Chairman reported the following sad deaths:

- Former County Councillor Charles Richard Grills who died on 18 March 2013.
- Former County Councillor John Entwistle DL who died on 23 March 2013.

Both had been appointed Honorary Alderman in recognition of their eminent service to the County Council.

The council stood in silent tribute.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Full Council was notified that the following Members wished to make declarations as listed in accordance with the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members:

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest (all non pecuniary unless stated)
D Westley	11	Member of the LGA Finance Panel

3. Report of the Returning Officer - Persons Elected County Councillor on 2 May 2013

Resolved: That the report of the Returning Officer of Persons Elected County Councillor on 2 May 2013, as now presented, be noted.

4. Election of Chairman

(County Councillor John Shedwick, the retiring Chair of the County Council presided for this item)

It was moved by County Councillor Keith Iddon and seconded by County Councillor Jim Lawrenson that County Councillor Mike Devaney be elected Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: That County Councillor Mike Devaney be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual Meeting of the Full Council in 2014.

County Councillor Devaney then took the Chair and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman paid tribute on behalf of Members to the valuable service tendered by the retiring Chairman, County Councillor John Shedwick.

5. Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor Frank De Molfetta and seconded by County Councillor Terry Aldridge that County Councillor Kevin Ellard be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: That County Councillor Kevin Ellard be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual Meeting of the Full Council in 2014.

County Councillor Ellard then took his place and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. Confirmation of Minutes from meetings held 21 and 28 February 2013

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meetings of the County Council held on the 21 February and 28 February 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

7. Election of the Leader of the Council

It was moved by County Councillor Darren Clifford and seconded by County Councillor David Borrow that County Councillor Jennifer Mein be elected Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the County Council.

It was also moved by County Councillor Tim Ashton and seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson that County Councillor Geoff Driver be elected Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the County Council.

Six County Councilors requested a recorded vote in accordance with procedural Standing Order 15.2 (9.4). The names of county councillors who voted for or against the Motion that County Councillor Jennifer Mein be elected Leader and those who abstained are set out below:

For (45)

T Aldridge	K Ellard	Y Motala
A Ali	J Fillis	B Murray
A Barnes	J Gibson	R Newman-Thompson
L Beavers	J Hanson	J Oakes
D Borrow	M Hassan	M Parkinson
M Brindle	C Henig	N Penney
T Brown	N Hennessy	C Pritchard
T Burns	S Holgate	S Prynn
D Clifford	D Howarth	S Serridge
C Crompton	M Iqbal	R Shewan
M Dad	M Johnstone	K Snape
B Dawson	D Lord	M Tomlinson
F De Molfetta	T Martin	D Watts
C Dereli	J Mein	D Whipp
G Dowding	G Molineux	B Winlow

Against (35)

T Ashton	G Driver	A Schofield
A Atkinson	G Gooch	K Sedgewick
M Barron	M Green	J Shedwick
P Britcliffe	K Iddon	D Smith
K Brown	A James	D Stansfield
I Brown	T Jones	V Taylor
P Buckley	A Kay	C Wakeford
S Charles	J Lawrenson	D Westley
A Cheetham	D O'Toole	P White
A Clempson	M Otter	G Wilkins
F Craig-Wilson	M Perks	B Yates
M Devaney	P Rigby	

Abstained (3)

P Hayhurst
S Perkins
J Sumner

The Motion was carried and it was:

Resolved: That County Councillor Jennifer Mein be elected Leader of the Council.

County Councillor Jennifer Mein then took her place and formally announced the appointment of the following Members of her Cabinet:

County Councillor David Borrow - Deputy Leader of the County Council
County Councillor Tony Martin
County Councillor Janice Hanson
County Councillor John Fillis
County Councillor Azhar Ali
County Councillor Marcus Johnstone
County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

The Cabinet Members then took their places.

8. Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

The Full Council was asked to consider the constitution of the Police and Crime Panel and note the arrangements and Operational Procedures of the Police and Crime Panel in the light of the outcome of the County Council election and experience gained during the first year of operation.

Full Council was also asked to:

- i. confirm the revised constitution of the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire on the basis as set out in this report;
- ii. appoint a member to the Police and Crime Panel for 2013/14;
- iii. note the Terms of Reference of the Panel and the arrangements/operational procedure as set out in this report;
- iv. reaffirm the appointment of Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor, as the Secretary to the Panel.

It was moved, seconded and agreed by Full Council that this report be deferred to the Urgency Committee

Resolved: That: the report now presented be deferred to the Urgency Committee for consideration.

9. Membership of Committees and Related Appointments for 2013/14

The Full Council was asked to:

- i. determine the constitution and membership of Committees for 2013/14, as set out at a) in the report now presented; and.
- ii. Consider the appointment of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees for 2013/14, as set out at b) in the report now presented.

The Leader moved the report and proposed the names of Chairs and Deputies to be appointed, as set out below, which were seconded by County Councillor Darren Clifford

County Councillor Paul Hayhurst moved and amendment, which was seconded by County Councillor Sandra Perkins:

That the Urgency Committee comprise 13 members and that two additional committees be established: an Executive Committee and a Budget Committee each comprising 13 members.

Following a period of debate Full Council agreed that Urgency Committee would comprise 13 members.

County Councillor Hayhurst accepted a proposal that an urgent meeting of the Urgency Committee be arranged for 10.00am on Friday 24 May to consider the constitution and membership of committees for 2013/14.

Resolved: That:

- i. the Urgency Committee for 2013/14 comprise 13 members;
- ii. the constitution and membership of Committees for 2013/14 be considered by the Urgency Committee; and
- iii. the appointments of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees for 2013/14, as now reported and set out below, be approved.

Committee	Chair	Deputy
Urgency Committee	J Mein	D Borrow
Overview and Scrutiny		
Scrutiny Committee	Lib Dem nomination*	L Beavers
Health Scrutiny	S Holgate	M Iqbal
Education Scrutiny	C Dereli	Conservative nomination*
Other Committees		
Developmental Control	K Ellard	M Dad
Regulatory	J Oakes	K Snape
Commons and Town Greens Sub-Committee	J Oakes	K Snape
Audit & Governance	C Pritchard	T Brown
Pension Fund	T Burns	M Parkinson
- Administration Sub-Committee	M Parkinson	T Burns
Corporate Complaints	M Iqbal	T Brown

Committee	Chair	Deputy
Student Support Appeals	S Prynne	C Dereli
Employment Committee	J Mein	D Borrow
Conduct Committee	J Mein	D Borrow

*To be notified to the county Secretary and Solicitor by the Political Group as appropriate.

10. Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council Representatives

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of 19 Members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority until the Annual Meeting of the Full Council in 2014 on the basis of 9 Labour Members; 8 Conservative Members; 1 Liberal Democrat Member and 1 Independent Member.

Resolved: That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (CFA) until the Annual Meeting of the Full Council in 2014.

Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Independent
F De Molfetta	*	J Sumner	E Oades
M Parkinson			
T Aldridge			
C Crompton			
A Barnes			
S Holgate			
S Serridge			
L Beavers			
D Watts			

*Eight nominees to be supplied to the County Secretary and Solicitor by the Conservative Group

11. Appointments to Local Government Association General Assembly; Urban and Rural Commissions; Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues; County Council's Network

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of representatives to serve on the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly for 2013/14 and to attend the Annual General Meeting of the General Assembly on 2 July 2013. The Full Council was also asked to appoint representatives to serve on the

LGA Urban and Rural Commissions and the Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues for 2013/14.

Resolved: That,

- i. County Councillors Jennifer Mein, David Borrow, Azhar Ali and Geoff Driver be appointed to serve as the County Council's representatives on the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly for 2013/14;
- ii. The representatives approved at (i) above (or nominated substitutes) together with County Councillor Bill Winlow from the Liberal Democrat Group, acting in an observer capacity, be authorised to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting of the LGA General Assembly to be held in Manchester Central on 2 July, and that County Councillor Mein carry the County Council's 12 corporate votes;
- iii. County Councillor David Borrow and a nominated officer be appointed to serve on the LGA Urban Commission for 2013/14;
- iv. County Councillors Jennifer Mein and a nominated officer be appointed to serve on the LGA Rural Commission for 2013/14; and
- v. County Councillor Janice Hanson be appointed to serve of the Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues for 2012/13.
- vi. County Councillors Jennifer Mein, David Borrow, Azhar Ali and Geoff Driver be appointed to the County Councils' Network.

12. Appointments to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of two county councillors to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next County Council elections. Three nominations were proposed, namely:

County Councillors Lorraine Beavers (Labour);
County Councillor Darren Clifford (Labour); and
County Councillor Ken Brown (Conservative).

Each nomination was put to the vote and it was:

Resolved: That:

1. County Councillors Lorraine Beavers and Ken Brown be appointed to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next County Council elections be approved, and
2. The County Secretary and Solicitor, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to approve any changes to the appointments at 1. above.

13. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

The Leader of the Council moved Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 21 March and 11 April 2013.

Resolved: That Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on the 21 March and 11 April 2013 be noted

14. Urgent Key Decisions

Resolved: That the report of Urgent Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and the County Treasurer during the preceding three months, as now presented, be noted.

15. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe presented the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows:

- Scrutiny Committee - 8 February and 15 March 2013
- Health Scrutiny Committee - 5 March 2013
- Education Scrutiny Committee - 12 March 2013

Resolved: That the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as now presented, be received.

16. Audit and Governance Committee

The Leader presented the report of the Audit Committee from its meeting on the 25 March 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Audit Committee, as now presented, be received.

17. Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor David Westley presented the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on the 22 March 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Pension Fund Committee, as now presented, be received.

18. Report of the Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor David O'Toole presented the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting on the 22 April 2013.

Resolved: That the reports of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, as now presented, be received.

Notices of Motion

No notices of motion had been received.

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