

Norfolk County Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13 May 2013

Present:

Adams Tony	Iles Brian
Agnew Stephen	Jordan Cliff
Aldred Colin	Joyce James
Askew Stephen	Kemp Alexandra
Baker Michael	Kiddle-Morris Mark
Bearman Richard	Law Jason
Bird Richard	Leggett Judy
Borrett Bill	Long Brian
Boswell Andrew	Mackie Ian
Bremmer Bert	Monson Ian
Brociek-Coulton Julie	Mooney Joe
Byrne Alec	Morgan Elizabeth
Carttiss Michael	Morphew Steve
Castle Mick	Nobbs George
Chamberlin Jenny	Northam Wyndham
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael	Parkinson-Hare Rex
Childs Jonathon	Perkins Jim
Clancy Stuart	Proctor Andrew
Coke Toby	Ramsbotham David
Collis David	Richmond William
Corlett Emma	Roper Daniel
Cox Hilary	Sands Mike
Crawford Denis	Shaw Nigel
Dearnley Adrian	Smith Matthew
Dewsbury Margaret	Smith Roger
Dixon Nigel	Smyth Paul
Dobson John	Somerville Margaret
East Tim	Spratt Bev
FitzPatrick Tom	Storey Martin
Foss Edward	Strong Marie
Foulger Colin	Thomas Alison
Garrod Tom	Thomas David
Georgiou Peter	Timewell John
Gihawi Deborah	Virgo Judith
Gilmour Paul	Walker Colleen
Grey Alan	Ward John
Gunson Adrian	Watkins Brian
Gurney Shalagh	Whitaker Sue
Hacon Pat	White Tony
Harrison David	Wilby Martin
Hebborn Stan	Wilkinson Margaret
Humphrey Harry	

Total present: 83

Apology:

An apology for absence was received from Mr B Hannah.

Opening Remarks by Mr Ian Monson, the Outgoing Chairman of the Council.

Mr Ian Monson, the outgoing Chairman of the Council welcomed the 40 new Members for whom this was their first meeting following the County Council election. At Members request, Mr Monson said that he would write on behalf of the County Council to Norwich City Football Club to congratulate them on their win in the Premiership at the weekend which secured their Premiership League status for next season.

1 Election of Chairman (Mr Monson in the Chair)

- 1.1 Mr Castle moved, seconded by Mr Nobbs, "That Mrs Walker be nominated, on an interim basis, as Chairman until the next meeting of the Council."
- 1.2 Mr Proctor moved, seconded by Mr Adams, "That Mrs Cox be nominated as Chairman for the ensuing year."
- 1.3 There then followed a recorded vote (which can be found at Appendix A to these minutes), and with 40 votes in favour of Mrs Cox, and 39 votes in favour of Mrs Walker, and 4 recorded abstentions, it was

RESOLVED

That Mrs Hilary Cox be elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year.

- 1.3 Mrs Cox, having made the statutory declaration of office, thanked the Council for the honour and privilege conferred upon her and formally took the Chair.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2013 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting:

Paragraph 9.4 was amended to read Mrs Kemp rather than Dr Kemp.

Paragraph 9.6 was amended to include (as a matter of fact) a note that the County Council had a responsibility to work with others to provide Mental Health Services.

3 Election of Vice-Chairman

- 3.1 Mr Proctor moved, seconded by Mr Mackie, "That Mrs Leggett be nominated as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year."
- 3.2 Mr Nobbs moved, seconded by Mrs Walker, "That Mr Joyce be nominated as Vice-Chairman, on an interim basis, until the next meeting of the Council."
- 3.3 There then followed a recorded vote (which can be found at Appendix B to these minutes) and, with 43 in favour of Mr Joyce, and 40 votes in favour of Mrs Leggett, it was

RESOLVED

That Mr Joyce be elected as Vice-Chairman, on an interim basis, until the next meeting of the Council.

4 Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Chairman

- 4.1 Mr Borrett moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Mr Ian Monson, and thanked him for his hard work and dedication and for all that he had done for Norfolk County Council during his year of office.
- 4.2 In seconding the motion, Mr Coke, Mr Nobbs, Dr Strong and Mr Bearman paid tribute to the hard work of Mr Monson.
- 4.3 The motion having been carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED

That the Council place on record its grateful thanks to Mr Monson, stating that he had performed his duties admirably and was a great ambassador for the County.

- 4.4 Mr Monson addressed the Council, saying that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as Chairman of Norfolk County Council. He said that during his year of office in which the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics and Paralympics had taken place he had done his very best to represent and uphold the high values of the Council and of Norfolk and to give his support to the work of volunteers and voluntary groups in the county as well as those working for the County Council. He thanked his partner Annie; the Democratic Support Team, led by Susan Farrell; Catherine Wilkinson, the Chairman's PA, for whom nothing had been too much trouble; and he also expressed his thanks to his driver Ed Hopkins.

5 Chairman's Announcements

- 5.1 The Chairman was sad to announce the passing of two former Members of the Council. Firstly, David Gall, in early April 2013. David Gall was Member for Northgate from 1993 until 2000. Also in early April 2013, there was the passing of former Chairman of the Council, Neville Chapman. Neville Chapman was elected as Member for West Depwade in 1985, and had held the position of Chairman of Norfolk County Council in 2003 to 2004, before retiring in 2005.
- 5.2 Members joined the Chairman in silent tribute to both Mr Gall and Mr Chapman.
- 5.3 The Chairman began her year in office by saying that she was delighted to be the new Chairman as it was such a privileged position and she would use the opportunity to show her commitment to local issues and local values to more people in the county. She said it was a great honour to be Chairman of the County Council and she intended to fulfil the role with great enthusiasm. She then reminded Members about the Enterprising Norfolk programme which was for all Members including those re-elected, and would focus on the new direction for the Council. She said that a briefing session by Anne Gibson, Acting Managing Director, would follow the close of the meeting.

6 Declarations of Interest

- 6.1 A number of "other interests" were declared that have not been recorded in these minutes. This is because they relate to matters which were not considered before the meeting was adjourned.

7 Election of a Leader

- 7.1 Mr Adams moved, seconded by Mr Proctor, that Mr Borrett be nominated for the position of Leader of the Council.
- 7.2 Following a recorded vote (which can be found at Appendix C to these minutes), with 40 votes in favour, and 43 votes against the nomination, the motion was declared **LOST**.
- 7.3 The meeting was then adjourned for 15 minutes in order for informal discussions to take place between Party Group Leaders.
- 7.4 When the meeting reconvened Mr Coke moved, seconded by Mr Nobbs
- “That everything after Agenda Item 8 is postponed and considered at an extraordinary Council meeting on Friday, 24 May 2013 at 10 am - the matter of leadership to also be considered at that meeting.”
- 7.5 On being put to the vote the motion was carried and it was

RESOLVED on a show of hands

Accordingly

8 Notice of Motion By Mr Dobson

- 8.1 In accordance with the Council's procedural rule 11.7 (a), the Council signified its acceptance, without discussion, of the following alteration to the motion set out on the agenda that was moved by Mr Dobson and seconded by Mr East.

“The new Council now calls for an extraordinary, full Council meeting to be held within five weeks of the date of this motion, but after the date of the final submissions in the public inquiry ordered by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government into the award by the Council's Planning Committee of planning consent for the incinerator, solely to debate whether to proceed with procurement in its present form, or at all. As preparation for the debate officers are to prepare short, succinct reports covering the continuing need for such a large incinerator, paying regard to the amounts of solid, residual, household waste still forecast to require disposal by burning over the next 25 years; the public funding (including PFI) of the incinerator, given that substantially more of the waste needed to keep it running may comprise private sector industrial and commercial waste from within and outside Norfolk's boundaries; the proximity principle, to take into account in particular the important artery (A47) in the existing road network to support the additional HGV movement now forecast; the prior scrutiny of the environmental and health risks posed by the incinerator; challenges now made to the method officially used to calculate the carbon footprint of the incinerator. Reports are to address the major, identified discrepancies under these headings as recently identified by objectors in the course of the public inquiry. Additionally, the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 4 June 2013, is asked to consider the specified question of the contractual penalties which would arise in the event of the Council withdrawing from the contract.”

- 8.2 Mr Nobbs moved the following amendment which was seconded by Mr Castle:

“This new Council wishes to make good, as a matter of urgency, the democratic deficit on the part of the former Council in respect of the processes surrounding the

decision to award a contract to Cory Wheelabrator for the procurement of a multi-burn incinerator at the Willows, King's Lynn."

- 8.3 Mr Dobson and Mr East said that they were willing to accept the amendment which then became the substantive motion.
- 8.4 Mrs Walker left the meeting before the Council considered this matter. There followed a recorded vote (which can be found at Appendix D to these minutes) and, with 81 votes in favour and 1 vote against, it was

RESOLVED

"This new Council wishes to make good, as a matter of urgency, the democratic deficit on the part of the former Council in respect of the processes surrounding the decision to award a contract to Cory Wheelabrator for the procurement of a multi-burn incinerator at the Willows, King's Lynn. The new Council now calls for an extraordinary, full Council meeting to be held within five weeks of the date of this motion, but after the date of the final submissions in the public inquiry ordered by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government into the award by the Council's Planning Committee of planning consent for the incinerator, solely to debate whether to proceed with procurement in its present form, or at all. As preparation for the debate officers are to prepare short, succinct reports covering the continuing need for such a large incinerator, paying regard to the amounts of solid, residual, household waste still forecast to require disposal by burning over the next 25 years; the public funding (including PFI) of the incinerator, given that substantially more of the waste needed to keep it running may comprise private sector industrial and commercial waste from within and outside Norfolk's boundaries; the proximity principle, to take into account in particular the important artery (A47) in the existing road network to support the additional HGV movement now forecast; the prior scrutiny of the environmental and health risks posed by the incinerator; challenges now made to the method officially used to calculate the carbon footprint of the incinerator. Reports are to address the major, identified discrepancies under these headings as recently identified by objectors in the course of the public inquiry. Additionally, the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 4 June 2013, is asked to consider the specified question of the contractual penalties which would arise in the event of the Council withdrawing from the contract."

- 8.5 The meeting concluded at 12.35 pm; it having been agreed (at minute 7.4) to postpone consideration of the other items on the agenda to an extraordinary meeting on 24 May 2013.

Chairman



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Recorded Vote – Minute 1.3

Name	Mrs Cox	Mrs Walker	Abstain	Name	Mrs Cox	Mrs Walker	Abstain
Adams Tony	X			Iles Brian	X		
Agnew Stephen		X		Jordan Cliff	X		
Aldred Colin		X		Joyce James		X	
Askew Stephen	X			Kemp Alexandra		X	
Baker Michael		X		Kiddle-Morris Mark	X		
Bearman Richard			X	Law Jason	X		
Bird Richard		X		Leggett Judy	X		
Borrett Bill	X			Long Brian	X		
Boswell Andrew			X	Mackie Ian	X		
Bremmer Bert		X		Monson Ian	X		
Brociek-Coulton Julie		X		Mooney Joe	X		
Byrne Alec	X			Morgan Elizabeth			X
Carttiss Michael	X			Morphew Steve		X	
Castle Mick		X		Nobbs George		X	
Chamberlin Jenny	X			Northam Wyndham	X		
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael	X			Parkinson-Hare Rex		X	
Childs Jonathon		X		Perkins Jim		X	
Clancy Stuart	X			Proctor Andrew	X		
Coke Toby		X		Ramsbotham David		X	
Collis David		X		Richmond William	X		
Corlett Emma		X		Roper Daniel		X	
Cox Hilary	X			Sands Mike		X	
Crawford Denis		X		Shaw Nigel	X		
Dearnley Adrian			X	Smith Matthew		X	
Dewsbury Margaret	X			Smith Roger	X		
Dixon Nigel	X			Smyth Paul		X	
Dobson John	X			Somerville Margaret	X		
East Tim		X		Spratt Bev	X		
FitzPatrick Tom	X			Storey Martin	X		
Foss Edward		X		Strong Marie		X	
Foulger Colin	X			Thomas Alison	X		
Garrod Tom	X			Thomas David		X	
Georgiou Peter		X		Timewell John		X	
Gihawi Deborah		X		Virgo Judith	X		
Gilmour Paul		X		Walker Colleen		X	
Grey Alan		X		Ward John	X		
Gunson Adrian	X			Watkins Brian		X	
Gurney Shalagh	X			Whitaker Sue		X	
Hacon Pat		X		White Tony	X		
Harrison David		X		Wilby Martin	X		
Hebborn Stan		X		Wilkinson Margaret		X	
Humphrey Harry	X						

40 For Mrs Cox
39 For Mrs Walker
4 Abstentions

Recorded Vote – Minute 3.3

Name	Mrs Leggett	Mr Joyce	Abstain	Name	Mrs Leggett	Mr Joyce	Abstain
Adams Tony	x			Iles Brian	x		
Agnew Stephen		x		Jordan Cliff	x		
Aldred Colin		x		Joyce James		x	
Askew Stephen	x			Kemp Alexandra		x	
Baker Michael		x		Kiddle-Morris Mark	x		
Bearman Richard		x		Law Jason	x		
Bird Richard		x		Leggett Judy	x		
Borrett Bill	x			Long Brian	x		
Boswell Andrew		x		Mackie Ian	x		
Bremmer Bert		x		Monson Ian	x		
Brociek-Coulton Julie		x		Mooney Joe	x		
Byrne Alec	x			Morgan Elizabeth		x	
Carttiss Michael	x			Morphew Steve		x	
Castle Mick		x		Nobbs George		x	
Chamberlin Jenny	x			Northam Wyndham	x		
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael	x			Parkinson-Hare Rex		x	
Childs Jonathon		x		Perkins Jim		x	
Clancy Stuart	x			Proctor Andrew	x		
Coke Toby		x		Ramsbotham David		x	
Collis David		x		Richmond William	x		
Corlett Emma		x		Roper Daniel		x	
Cox Hilary	x			Sands Mike		x	
Crawford Denis		x		Shaw Nigel	x		
Dearnley Adrian		x		Smith Matthew		x	
Dewsbury Margaret	x			Smith Roger	x		
Dixon Nigel	x			Smyth Paul		x	
Dobson John	x			Somerville Margaret	x		
East Tim		x		Spratt Bev	x		
FitzPatrick Tom	x			Storey Martin	x		
Foss Edward		x		Strong Marie		x	
Foulger Colin	x			Thomas Alison	x		
Garrod Tom	x			Thomas David		x	
Georgiou Peter		x		Timewell John		x	
Gihawi Deborah		x		Virgo Judith	x		
Gilmour Paul		x		Walker Colleen		x	
Grey Alan		x		Ward John	x		
Gunson Adrian	x			Watkins Brian		x	
Gurney Shalagh	x			Whitaker Sue		x	
Hacon Pat		x		White Tony	x		
Harrison David		x		Wilby Martin	x		
Hebborn Stan		x		Wilkinson Margaret		x	
Humphrey Harry	x						

40 For Mrs Leggett
43 For Mr Joyce

Recorded Vote – Minute 7.2

Name	For	Against	Abstain	Name	For	Against	Abstain
Adams Tony	x			Iles Brian	x		
Agnew Stephen		x		Jordan Cliff	x		
Aldred Colin		x		Joyce James		x	
Askew Stephen	x			Kemp Alexandra		x	
Baker Michael		x		Kiddle-Morris Mark	x		
Bearman Richard		x		Law Jason	x		
Bird Richard		x		Leggett Judy	x		
Borrett Bill	x			Long Brian	x		
Boswell Andrew		x		Mackie Ian	x		
Bremmer Bert		x		Monson Ian	x		
Brociek-Coulton Julie		x		Mooney Joe	x		
Byrne Alec	x			Morgan Elizabeth		x	
Carttiss Michael	x			Morphew Steve		x	
Castle Mick		x		Nobbs George		x	
Chamberlin Jenny	x			Northam Wyndham	x		
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael	x			Parkinson-Hare Rex		x	
Childs Jonathon		x		Perkins Jim		x	
Clancy Stuart	x			Proctor Andrew	x		
Coke Toby		x		Ramsbotham David		x	
Collis David		x		Richmond William	x		
Corlett Emma		x		Roper Daniel		x	
Cox Hilary	x			Sands Mike		x	
Crawford Denis		x		Shaw Nigel	x		
Dearnley Adrian		x		Smith Matthew		x	
Dewsbury Margaret	x			Smith Roger	x		
Dixon Nigel	x			Smyth Paul		x	
Dobson John	x			Somerville Margaret	x		
East Tim		x		Spratt Bev	x		
FitzPatrick Tom	x			Storey Martin	x		
Foss Edward		x		Strong Marie		x	
Foulger Colin	x			Thomas Alison	x		
Garrod Tom	x			Thomas David		x	
Georgiou Peter		x		Timewell John		x	
Gihawi Deborah		x		Virgo Judith	x		
Gilmour Paul		x		Walker Colleen		x	
Grey Alan		x		Ward John	x		
Gunson Adrian	x			Watkins Brian		x	
Gurney Shalagh	x			Whitaker Sue		x	
Hacon Pat		x		White Tony	x		
Harrison David		x		Wilby Martin	x		
Hebborn Stan		x		Wilkinson Margaret		x	
Humphrey Harry	x						

40 For Mr Borrett
43 Against

Recorded Vote – Minute 8.4

Name	For	Against	Abstain	Name	For	Against	Abstain
Adams Tony	x			Iles Brian	x		
Agnew Stephen	x			Jordan Cliff	x		
Aldred Colin	x			Joyce James	x		
Askew Stephen	x			Kemp Alexandra	x		
Baker Michael	x			Kiddle-Morris Mark	x		
Bearman Richard	x			Law Jason	x		
Bird Richard	x			Leggett Judy	x		
Borrett Bill	x			Long Brian	x		
Boswell Andrew	x			Mackie Ian		x	
Bremmer Bert	x			Monson Ian	x		
Brociek-Coulton Julie	x			Mooney Joe	x		
Byrne Alec	x			Morgan Elizabeth	x		
Carttiss Michael	x			Morphew Steve	x		
Castle Mick	x			Nobbs George	x		
Chamberlin Jenny	x			Northam Wyndham	x		
Chenery of Horsbrugh Michael	x			Parkinson-Hare Rex	x		
Childs Jonathon	x			Perkins Jim	x		
Clancy Stuart	x			Proctor Andrew	x		
Coke Toby	x			Ramsbotham David	x		
Collis David	x			Richmond William	x		
Corlett Emma	x			Roper Daniel	x		
Cox Hilary	x			Sands Mike	x		
Crawford Denis	x			Shaw Nigel	x		
Dearnley Adrian	x			Smith Matthew	x		
Dewsbury Margaret	x			Smith Roger	x		
Dixon Nigel	x			Smyth Paul	x		
Dobson John	x			Somerville Margaret	x		
East Tim	x			Spratt Bev	x		
FitzPatrick Tom	x			Storey Martin	x		
Foss Edward	x			Strong Marie	x		
Foulger Colin	x			Thomas Alison	x		
Garrod Tom	x			Thomas David	x		
Georgiou Peter	x			Timewell John	x		
Gihawi Deborah	x			Virgo Judith	x		
Gilmour Paul	x			Ward John	x		
Grey Alan	x			Watkins Brian	x		
Gunson Adrian	x			Whitaker Sue	x		
Gurney Shalagh	x			White Tony	x		
Hacon Pat	x			Wilby Martin	x		
Harrison David	x			Wilkinson Margaret	x		
Hebborn Stan	x						
Humphrey Harry	x						

81 For the motion
1 Against

