



Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday, 18 May 2005 TIME: 10.30am

VENUE: Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Gloucester.

Membership

Mr R Allen	P	Mrs J Girling	P	Mr S Parsons	P
Mr D Andrewartha	P	Mr S Glanfield	P	Mr A Pearce	P
Mr P Awford	P	Mr A Gravells	P	Mr A Preest	P
Mr B Booth	P	Mrs J Hall	P	Mr D Prince	P
Mr R Brown	a	Mr N Hanman	P	Ms M Rutter	P
Mr M Butler	P	Mr T Harman	P	Mrs C Sheppard	P
Mr P Chamberlain	P	Ms D Hibbert	P	Mr G Shurmer	P
Mr S Connors	P	Mr T Hicks	P	Mr M Skinner	P
Mr A Cook	P	Mr J Hilton	P	Ms K Sudbury	P
Dr J Cordwell	P	Mr B Hogan	P	Mr R Theodoulou	P
Ms B Cromwell	P	Mr C Jones	P	Mr B Thornton	P
Mr W Crowther	P	Mr R MacDonald	a	Mr L Tomlins	P
Mr B Dare	P	Mr S McHale	P	Ms P Tracey	P
Mr G Dawson	P	Mr P McLain	P	Mr R Vines	P
Lady M Dunrossil	P	Mr P McLellan	P	Mr S Waddington	P
Mr W Evans	P	Mr S McMillan	P	Mr S Wheeler	P
Mr C Fellows	P	Mr G Morgan	P	Mr W Whelan	P
Ms S Friend	P	Mr D Nash	P	Ms K Williams	P
Mr R Garnham	P	Mrs J Nash	P	Mrs L Williams	P
Mr C Gillams	P	Mrs M Nolder	P	Ms S Williams	P
Ms G Gillespie	P	Mr B Oosthuysen	P	Mr C Windsor-Clive	P

☞ = Chairperson P = present a = apology/absent

Honorary Aldermen

Lt Col. McLelland	a	Mrs M G Rees	a	Mr J Rawson	a
Mr P Drake	a	Mr T Parker	P	Mr J Sewell	a
		Mr D Pritchard	P	Mr A Williams	a

P = present a = apology

- 53. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON** – Mrs Di Phillips invited nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Cllr Mavis, Lady Dunrossil was proposed by Cllr Dare and seconded by Cllr Garnham. Cllr Dare stated that all being well, it was the intention that Cllr Mavis, Lady Dunrossil would be nominated each year for the life of this Council.

On there being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED

THAT Cllr Mavis, Lady Dunrossil be elected Chairperson for the ensuing year.

Cllr Dunrossil then made and signed the declaration of acceptance and the roll of honour.

Cllrs Dunrossil, Dare, Hilton and Rutter in turn expressed their thanks to Mrs Phillips for her work as Chairperson and for being an excellent Ambassador for the County Council during her year in office.

Mrs Phillips said that it had been a pleasure during the past year to represent the County Council as its Chairperson. There had been noticeable improvements in the Council during the past four years, which was thanks to the excellent staff employed by the Authority. She expressed particular thanks to Sharon Clutterbuck and Shainaz Pandor for their support during her period in office. She also expressed thanks to Cllr Morgan for his support as her vice-chairperson. She was pleased with one particular achievement during the year and that was the refurbishment of the Chairman's Room!

- 54. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON** - Cllr Dunrossil invited nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Cllr Gordon Shurmer was proposed by Cllr Dare and seconded by Cllr Vines. Cllr Charmian Sheppard was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Deryck Nash.

On being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED

THAT Cllr Gordon Shurmer be elected Vice-Chairperson for the ensuing year.

Cllr Shurmer then made and signed the declaration of acceptance and the roll of honour.

- 55. RETURN OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS** – Council received the list of councillors elected on 5 May 2005.

- 56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Macdonald & Brown and Honorary Aldermen Lt. Col. Mcllelland, Drake, Rawson and Sewell.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:- Details of the interests declared are attached to the signed copy of the minutes.

58. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Chairperson read the following announcement:

58.1 Public Sector Business Continuity Manager of the Year Award - Eddie Coventry, Head of Emergency Management Service has won this award in recognition of exceptional achievement in the role of BCM in the public sector where candidates were judged on their experience and understanding of business continuity issues and their particular professional influence. Eddie joined Gloucestershire County Council as Senior Emergency Planning Officer in 2001 and commenced BCM work in January 2002. He was appointed Head of Emergency Management Service in February 2004.

Eddie was presented with a splendid glass trophy, under the logo of the Gloucestershire County Council at the Business Continuity Awards 2005 celebratory event held in Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London on 12th May attended by 400 managers from the private and public sector.

Many congratulations to Eddie and his team.

58. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – The Chairperson asked for nominations for the appointment of Leader of the Council

Cllr Dare was duly proposed and seconded.

On there being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED

THAT Cllr Dare be appointed as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

59. CABINET MEMBERSHIP AND PORTFOLIOS – Cllr Dare informed Members of the proposed changes to the structure of the Cabinet that he felt necessary to make in order to satisfactorily carry out the promises outlined in the Conservative Groups’ election manifesto. The proposal was that the size of the Cabinet remain as 10 members comprising of the Leader, 3 Lead Members and 6 Portfolio Holders. He made the following nominations, which were seconded by Cllr Glanfield.

Lead Councillor – Children’s Services	Cllr Jackie Hall
Portfolio Holder – Schools	Cllr Joan Nash
Portfolio Holder –Young People	Cllr Alan Pearce
Lead Councillor – Adult Services	Cllr Tony Hicks
Portfolio Holder – Learning Disabilities	Cllr Ron Allen
Lead Councillor – Environment, Community & Resources	Cllr Charles Gillams
Portfolio Holder – Environment	Cllr Stan Waddington
Portfolio Holder – Fire & Regulation	Cllr Shaun Parsons
Portfolio Holder – Resources	Cllr Ray Theoudoulou

Cllr Dare proposed the following motion:

“That the consequential changes to be made to the Constitution as a result of these appointments, be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.”

On being put to the vote it was:

RESOLVED

- (i) To confirm the current size of the Cabinet at 10 Members.**
- (ii) THAT the following Cabinet membership portfolios are appointed for the ensuing year:-**

Lead Councillor – Children’s Services	Cllr Jackie Hall
Portfolio Holder – Schools	Cllr Joan Nash
Portfolio Holder –Young People	Cllr Alan Pearce
Lead Councillor – Adult Services	Cllr Tony Hicks
Portfolio Holder – Learning Disabilities	Cllr Ron Allen
Lead Councillor – Environment, Community & Resources	Cllr Charles Gillams
Portfolio Holder – Environment	Cllr Stan Waddington
Portfolio Holder – Fire & Regulation	Cllr Shaun Parsons
Portfolio Holder – Resources	Cllr Ray Theoudoulou

- (iii) The consequential changes to be made to the Constitution as a result of these appointments be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.**

60. POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS –

60.1 Chairpersons of Scrutiny Committees – Cllr Dunrossil invited nominations for Chairperson of each Scrutiny Committee:

The following nominations were proposed and duly seconded:

- Community Service & Corporate Performance – Cllr Stephen Glanfield, Cllr Lesley Williams & Cllr Dennis Andrewartha
- Education & Skills – Cllr Stephen McMillan, Cllr Ceri Jones & Cllr Bruce Hogan
- Environment of Gloucestershire – Cllr Will Windsor-Clive, Cllr John Cordwell, & Cllr Graham Morgan
- Personal Care – Cllr Julie Girling, Cllr Suzanne Williams & Cllr Margaret Nolder
- Scrutiny of NHS – Cllr Andrew Gravells & Cllr Margaret Nolder

After each Committee Chairpersonship, having been put to the vote it was

RESOLVED

**THAT Cllr Glanfield is elected as Chairperson of Community Services & Corporate Performance Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year;
 Cllr McMillan is elected as Chairperson of Education & Skills Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year;
 Cllr Windsor-Clive is elected as Chairperson of Environment of Gloucestershire Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year;
 Cllr Girling is elected as Chairperson of Personal Care Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year;
 Cllr Gravells is elected as Scrutiny of NHS in Gloucestershire for the ensuing year.**

60.2 Scrutiny Management Committee – It was noted that by virtue of being Chairpersons of Scrutiny Committees, those Members became Members of the Scrutiny Management Committee. In order to achieve political balance, the number of remaining seats on the Committee would be 2 from the Labour Group, 2 from the Liberal Democrat Group, 1 from the Conservative Group and 1 Independent.

RESOLVED

THAT Cllrs M Rutter, S McHale, Deryck Nash, B Crowther, S Garnham & S Connors be appointed to the Scrutiny Management Committee for the ensuing year.

60.3 Membership of Scrutiny Committees - Cllr Dunrossil invited nominations for Scrutiny Committee membership. Cllr Dunrossil advised that the May/June cycle of meetings for the Scrutiny Committees was cancelled to enable Scrutiny Management Committee to meet on 25 May in order to decide how they wish to operate. The NHS Scrutiny Committee would go ahead as planned on 6 June 2005. Member training would be held on 27 May, 3 June and 6 June. It was clarified that members need only attend one training session and state which date they would prefer. The following nominations submitted by Cllrs Dare, Hilton & Rutter were adopted

RESOLVED

THAT the following appointments be made to Scrutiny Committees

➤ **Community Service and Corporate Performance**

<i>Size</i>	<i>Con. 6</i>	<i>Lab. 2</i>	<i>Lib. Dem 2</i>	<i>Other 1</i>
11	C Fellows	L Williams	D Andrewartha	B Cromwell
	S Glanfield	B Evans	D Nash	
	T Harman			
	P McLain			
	M Dunrossil			
	B Thornton			

➤ **Education and Skills:**

Size	Con. 6	Lab. 2	Lib. Dem 2	Other 1
11	S McMillan	B Hogan	C Jones	B Cromwell
	B Thornton	S Friend	C Sheppard	
	M Dunrossil			
	P McLain			
	C Windsor-Clive			
	P Awford			

➤ **Environment of Gloucestershire:**

Size	Con. 6	Lab. 2	Lib. Dem 2	Other 1
11	B Booth	G Morgan	J Cordwell	D Hibbert
	A Gravells	B Oosthuysen	S Wheeler	
	R MacDonald			
	P Awford			
	K Sudbury			
	W Windsor-Clive			

➤ **Personal Care:**

Size	Con. 6	Lab. 2	Lib. Dem 2	Other 1
11	J Girling	M Nolder	R Brown	S Connors
	A Preest	B Evans	S Williams	
	P Tracey			
	K Williams			
	S Glanfield			
	N Hanman			

➤ **Scrutiny of NHS in Gloucestershire:**

Size	Con. 4	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 1	Other 1
7	K Williams	M Nolder	M Skinner	D Prince
	P Tracey			
	K Sudbury			
	A Gravells			

60.4 Remaining Council Bodies – Cllr Dunrossil invited nominations for the membership of the remaining Council bodies. The following nominations submitted by Cllrs Dare, Rutter & Hilton were adopted:

RESOLVED

THAT the following appointments be made to the remaining Council bodies:

Appeals Committee

<i>Size</i>	<i>Con.</i> 9	<i>Lab.</i> 4	<i>Lib. Dem</i> 4	<i>Other</i> -
17	M Dunrossil	S McHale	C Jones	
	P Awford	A Cook	D Nash	
	R Vines	L Williams	P McLellan	
	N Hanman	B Oosthuysen	B Whelan	
	L Tomlins			
	R MacDonald			
	J Girling			
	B Thornton			
	S Macmillan			

Appointments Committee

<i>Size</i>	<i>Con.</i> 3	<i>Lab.</i> 1	<i>Lib. Dem</i> 1	<i>Other</i> -
5	B Dare	M Rutter	J Hilton	
	J Hall			
	C Gillams			

Constitution Committee

<i>Size</i> 9	<i>Con.</i> 5	<i>Lab.</i> 2	<i>Lib. Dem</i> 2	<i>Other</i> -
	A Pearce	B Hogan	J Hilton	
	M Dunrossil	B Evans	C Jones	
	R Allen			
	S Glanfield			
	K Williams			

Planning Committee

<i>Size</i>	<i>Con.</i> 8	<i>Lab.</i> 3	<i>Lib. Dem</i> 3	<i>Other</i> 1
15	B Booth	P Chamberlain	J Cordwell	S Connors
	R Garnham	A Cook	R Brown	
	N Hanman	M Butler	S Wheeler	
	R MacDonald			
	B Thornton			
	L Tomlins			
	R Vines			
	G Shurmer			

Regulatory Committees

➤ Commons and Rights of Way Committee

Size	Con. 4	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 2	Other -
7	R Vines	G Gillespie	D Andrewartha	
	S Waddington		S Wheeler	
	B Booth			
	R Allen			

➤ Safety and Licensing Committee

Size	Con. 4	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 1	Other 1
7	R Vines	G Gillespie	M Skinner	D Prince
	C Fellows			
	N Hanman			
	L Tomlins			

➤ Traffic Regulation Committee

Size	Con. 4	Lab. 2	Lib. Dem 1	Other -
7	G Dawson	A Cook	J Cordwell	
	R Theodoulou	M Butler		
	R MacDonald			
	A Gravells			

Standards Committee

Size	Con. 2	Lab. 2	Lib. Dem 2	Other -
6+ 3 non Councillors	A Pearce	S McHale	D Nash	
	C Gillams	G Gillespie	B Whelan	

Pensions Investment Committee

Size	Con. 1	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 1	Other -
3	R Theodoulou	B Evans	D Nash	

Adoption Panel – 2 Members

Alan Pearce	Margaret Nolder
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60. COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – Members noted the report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services. The nominations submitted by Cllrs Dare, Rutter & Hilton to the outside bodies outlined in Appendix A of the report were adopted and it was

RESOLVED

THAT

- (i) with the exception of those appointments to outside bodies that need to be made urgently to ensure continuity of representation, as described in Appendix A, all other appointments be reviewed against an evaluation matrix to be determined;
- (ii) a full report be presented to the June meeting of the County Council for decisions on whether or not those appointments are to be made.
- (iii) The following appointments to be made:

Gloucestershire Police Authority

No	Con. 5	Lab. 2	Lib. Dem 2	Other
9	C Fellows	L Williams	B Crowther	
	A Preest	S McHale	C Sheppard	
	B Dare			
	S Waddington			
	R Garnham			

LGA General Assembly – 4 Members – 6 Votes (Conservative members to have all 6 votes)

No	Con. 2	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 1	Other
4	B Dare	B Hogan	J Hilton	
	C Gillams			

South West Branch of the LGA

No	Con. 1	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 1	Other
3	B Dare	M Rutter	J Cordwell	

County Council Network

No	Con. 1	Lab. 1	Lib. Dem 1	Other
3	B Dare	M Rutter	J Hilton	

61. **APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL ASSISTANTS** – The Council considered the report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and

RESOLVED

THAT the continuance of political assistants for the qualifying political groups (Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats) be approved.

62. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

THAT

- (a) the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and**
- (b) the public summary of the meeting held on 8 April 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson**

63. **FUTURE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Cllr Dare confirmed that the September meeting date would remain as scheduled – 21 September 2005 and future county council meetings would commence at 10.00am.

64. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

THAT the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda in accordance with the provision of section 100A of the local Government Act 1972 (paragraphs 7,8, & 9).

65. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON

Meeting closed at 11.45