

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P BEDFORD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors W J Aron, E N Bauer, Mrs P A Bradwell, C J T H Brewis, M Brookes, P A Carpenter, K J Clarke, Reverend S P Cliff, N D Cooper (Vice-Chairman), G K Dark, C J Davie, R G Davies, D R Dickinson, M Exton, Mrs C M H Farquharson, C Farrar, I G Fleetwood, M W Gilbert, G M Gooding, Mrs B Harvey OBE, J R Hicks, M J Hill OBE, R Hills, J D Hough, D C Hoyes, R L Hubbard, N I Jackson, Miss A M Jenkyns, B W Keimach, S F Kinch, C E H Marfleet, J R Marriott, G A Marsh, Mrs P A Mathers, K Milner, Major R Newell, P J O'Connor, C R Oxby, R J Palmer, R B Parker, R J Phillips, E J Poll, Mrs S Rawlins, P A Robinson, B G Singleton, P A Skinner, K J Smith, M Smith, C L Strange, A N Stokes, E W Strengiel, J M Swanson, Mrs C A Talbot, A H Turner MBE, JP, C J Underwood-Frost, W S Webb, A P Williams, S F Williams, Mrs S Woolley, C N Worth, R Wootten and B Young.

Mr J A Hanna and Mr J Krawiec (Standards Added Members) were also in attendance.

Prayers were led by the Reverend Andrew Higginson.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P Bosworth, D Brailsford, E R Chapman, H R Johnson, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs M J Overton, Mrs A Puttick, R Sellars, R A Shore, R B Singleton-McGuire, M Tinker, T M Trollope-Bellew, and Mrs P F Watson.

51. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

No declarations of Councillors' Interests were declared at this stage of the proceedings.

52. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made special mention to hosting the presentations of the Elizabeth Cross. Five Elizabeth Crosses had been presented to the next of kin of members of the armed forces lost in active service since 1948. Memorial Scrolls had also been presented to family members. The ceremony had been held at the Judges' Lodgings

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and had been a very moving occasion for all and gave proper recognition to the great loss which each family had suffered.

It was reported that a message of thanks had been received from the Lord-Lieutenant for hosting the successful event.

Councillors were also made aware of the successful conviction of a man, who thought he was attacking County Offices. Last month he was for 27 months by a Judge at Lincoln Crown Court. The Judge had paid tribute to a member of County Council's staff, Gary Taylor, who had helped to bring the man to justice, taking a punch to his face in the process. Mr Taylor, who worked in Highways at the City Hall, followed the man as he left the building and, despite risks to his own safety, pursued him so that the police could arrest him. The Chairman extended his thanks to Mr Taylor, on behalf of the County Council, for his bravery, and the Council expressed their appreciation of Mr Taylor's actions with a round of applause.

The Chairman, on a sadder note reported the death of former County Councillor Bob Rainsforth. Councillor Rainsforth represented the Gainsborough South Division between 1973 and 1985. He was also Chairman of West Lindsey District Council between 2001 and 2003.

The Chairman invited Councillors and Officers to stand in silent memory and to pay tribute to Councillor Rainsforth.

54. ANNOUNCEMENTS/STATEMENTS BY THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Chairman reported that statements/announcements had been circulated at report 6.0 of the green book.

The following announcements were received at the meeting.

The Executive Councillor for Corporate Development was delighted to report that Legal Services Lincolnshire had won an award for 'In house Innovation for 2010 at the British Legal Awards, beating off strong competition. The Executive Councillor also reported that the Customer Service Centre had won an award for 'Innovation in Operational Excellence', It was highlighted that only 6 awards had been presented and that over 300 private and public sector organisations had taken part.

The Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport advised that the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership had won the prestigious Prince Michael International Road Safety Award for Education and Training with its "2 fast 2 soon" young driver initiative.

The Executive Councillor for Economic Development reported that decision of East Lindsey District Council to refuse permission for the wind farm at Baumber had been upheld, and tribute was paid to Lincolnshire County Council and East Lindsey officers' involvement in the campaign, as it was important to protect the landscape and tourism of Lincolnshire.

The Leader of the Council announced changes to his Executive Councillor Portfolio responsibilities (details of which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting) with the addition of Councillor K Smith as Executive Councillor for Finance and Human Resources. It was noted that Councillor Mrs S Woolley's responsibilities now encompassed Youth Offending Service, Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Community Engagement and County Farms.

The Leader highlighted an amendment to the previously circulated information sheet, that Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell Portfolio was now 'Children's Services and Adult Education'. Information relating to the changes to the Executive Councillor responsibilities are detailed at Appendix 'A' to these Minutes.

The Leader also advised that the government settlement figure had been received for the next two to four years and that 26% savings were required to be made over the next four years, with 11.2% savings being made next year.

Councillors were reminded that a seminar was due to be held on 21 December 2010, which would provide further information about the Council's proposed budget, that the Executive would be considering the budget proposals at its meeting on 5 January 2011 and that final budget recommendations would then be considered by the Executive on the 1 February 2011, prior to the Council meeting on 11 February 2011.

55. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND CHAIRMAN OF ANY COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE NOMINEE OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY

Questions pursuant to Council procedure Rule 10.3 were asked and answered as follows:

<u>Question By</u>	<u>Answered By</u>	<u>Subject</u>
(A) Mrs C A Talbot	C L Strange	'Love Food, Hate Waste' Initiative
(B) C J T H Brewis	Mrs P A Bradwell	The future of Youth Club provision in Lincolnshire
(C) R B Parker	G A Marsh	Comparison of the new Government Grant Settlement figure to the proposed cuts in Adult Social Care
(D) J R Marriott	M J Hill OBE	Cost of clearing the County Office's car park
(E) P A Skinner	G A Marsh	Changes to the Alzheimer's Society contract
(F) N I Jackson	B G Singleton	IT Services and its vulnerability
(G) Miss A M Jenkyns	Mrs P A Bradwell	Update on the Annual Performance Assessment for Children's Services

(H) K J Clarke	G A Marsh	Sheltered Homes Accommodation – proposed changes to warden’s functions
(I) Mrs B Harvey OBE	M J Hill OBE	Adverse weather conditions – the need to work closer with the community, and Town and Parish Councils
(J) J D Hough	Mrs P A Bradwell	Educational Maintenance Allowance – for poorer families post 16
(K) Major R T Newell	P A Robinson	Removal of the Boston power boat from the Boston Fire Station
(L) C E H Marfleet	G A Marsh	Result of the Care Quality Commission report
(M) D R Dickinson	B G Singleton	Update on the current position of the Standards Committee

56. LINCOLNSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

That Mrs Lynette Gaylard be appointed to serve on Lincolnshire SACRE under Group A of its membership, representing the Ground Level Network of Churches in Lincolnshire.

57. APPOINTMENT TO THE EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

1. That Councillors A H Turner MBE JP and S F Williams be appointed to the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
2. That the above said Members be authorised to attend transitional meetings.

3. That the Council continues to be represented on the Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee until it is abolished.

58. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

1. That the formation of , and the involvement of the County Council in, the South East Lincolnshire Joint Planning Committee on the terms of the Memorandum of Intent for the purposes of preparing a Joint Local Development Framework for the South East Lincolnshire area, be approved.
2. That Councillors E J Poll, M Brookes and G K Dark be nominated as the three Member representatives to the South East Lincolnshire Joint Planning Committee and that Councillors W S Webb, P A Skinner and C J T H Brewis be nominated as the Council's three substitute Members.

59. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the following Committees, having been printed, be received:

(i) Planning and Regulation	6 September 2010 4 October 2010 1 November 2010
Audit	20 September 2010 8 November 2010
Pensions	14 October 2010 2 November 2010
Standards	25 October 2010

60. MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

- (i) Motion by Councillor C J T H Brewis

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In accordance with paragraph 13.8 of the Council's Procedure Rules, Councillor C J T H Brewis advised that he wished to withdraw his motion. The Council gave consent to its withdrawal.

(ii) Motion by Councillor R B Parker

It was moved and seconded that

'Lincolnshire, like other parts of the United Kingdom, has experienced extreme cold weather conditions in the last two weeks and more is expected shortly. These poor weather conditions come after severe cold weather conditions in 2009/10 which were described then as being the most severe for twenty years.

A review of Winter Highway Maintenance Services was undertaken by a Highways, Transport and Technology Task and Finish Group and recommendations made, which are in the process of being implemented. Nevertheless the recent extreme cold weather in Lincolnshire has had a significant impact on the quality of life of people in the county, and particularly those who live in the Lincoln area and in the North of the county where the problem has persisted longer than elsewhere.

It is clear that the severe weather conditions and other natural occurrences like flooding place exceptional demands on local people, local communities, local councils and other local organisations. How these exceptional demands are met depends on the availability of financial and non financial resources. The current severe weather conditions have prompted questions about:

- What constitutes an appropriate response by the County Council at a time of emergency or crisis, bearing in mind the capacity of individual communities?
- The availability of resources from private contractors to supplement the Council's fleets of vehicles at times of emergencies
- The extent for joint working and joint funding between local Councils and the NHS to reduce slips, trips and falls
- The extent that local people and local communities should be expected 'to do things for themselves' (example- to clear footpaths and side roads of snow and ice).
- What more can Councils do to help local people and local communities meet demands for services that the Council does not feel able to meet.

What should be the relationship between the state (in this case the County Council) local communities and local groups is complex, often controversial

and yet vital to our quality of life. Local people need to be clear about what the County Council can or will do to deliver those services that they can not deliver for themselves.

That the Communities Scrutiny Committee be requested to consider the issues raised in the motion (and such others as it sees fit) and to provide a report, with recommendations, to the relevant Portfolio Holders.'

RESOLVED

That the Communities Scrutiny Committee be requested to consider the issues raised in the motion (and such others as it sees fit) and to provide a report, with recommendations, to the relevant Portfolio Holders.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm