

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SOUTHERN RURAL COMMUNITY FORUM**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERONON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, SG6 3JF  
ON THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** *Councillors: David Barnard, Joe Graziano, Dominic Griffiths, Caroline McDonnell, Ralph Muncer, Steven Patmore, Louise Peace, Vijaiya Poopalasingham, Claire Strong, Paul Ward and Laura Williams.*

**In Attendance:** *James Lovegrove (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager).*

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

*Audio Recording 1 hour 13 minutes 25 seconds*

*N.B: There is no separate audio recording of this meeting. Time stamps refer to the recording of Annual Council on the 23 May 2024.*

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lisa Nash.

**2 ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR CIVIC YEAR 2024-2025**

Councillor Paul Ward nominated Councillor Dominic Griffiths for Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Caroline McDonnell.

Councillor Ralph Muncer nominated Councillor David Barnard for Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Steven Patmore, and following a vote, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor David Barnard be elected as Chair of the Southern Rural Community Forum for the Civic Year 2024-25.

**3 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR FOR CIVIC YEAR 2024-2025**

Councillor David Barnard nominated Councillor Claire Strong for Vice-Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Ralph Muncer.

Councillor Paul Ward nominated Councillor Lisa Nash for Vice-Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Dominic Griffiths, and following a vote, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Claire Strong be elected as Vice-Chair of the Southern Rural Community Forum for the Civic Year 2024-25.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm

Chair