

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTHERN RURAL COMMUNITY FORUM

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNOH
ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS, SG6 3JF
ON THURSDAY, 22ND MAY, 2025 AT 7.30 PM**

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: David Barnard, Joe Graziano, Ralph Muncer, Lisa Nash, Steven Patmore, Louise Peace, Vijaiya Poopalasingham and Laura Williams.*

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio recording – 1 hour 9 minutes and 04 seconds

N.B: There is no separate audio recording of this meeting. Time stamps refer to the recording of Annual Council on the 22 May 2025.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dominic Griffiths, Claire Strong, Paul Ward and Caroline McDonnell.

2 ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR CIVIC YEAR 2025-26

Councillor Louise Peace proposed Councillor Dominic Griffiths for Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Lisa Nash.

Councillor Ralph Muncer nominated Councillor David Barnard for Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Steven Patmore.

Following a vote, neither nominated candidate was successful.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager advised that the election of the Chair would therefore take place at the next meeting of the Southern Rural Community Forum.

3 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR FOR CIVIC YEAR 2025-26

Councillor Ralph Muncer nominated Councillor Joe Graziano for Vice-Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Steven Patmore.

Councillor Laura Williams nominated Councillor Vijaiya Poopalasingham for Vice-Chair of Southern Rural Community Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Vijaiya Poopalasingham. Following a vote, neither nominated candidate was successful.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager advised that the election of the Vice-Chair would therefore take place at the next meeting of the Southern Rural Community Forum.

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm

Chair