

Eden District Council Meeting 27th May 2021.

1. Councillor Connell was re-elected chairman and Doug Banks, vice-chairman.

2. Chairman's Acceptance Speech: Councillor Connell said that this would be his final year as chair.

The government has announced a £5 billion Restart Business Grant and there would be up to £18k for the hospitality industry locally. There is a Green Eden Business Project which is a new initiative to help businesses to reduce their carbon footprints with grants funded by EDC.

3. Statement from Council Leader Virginia Taylor.

VT said that the full range of services had been maintained by EDC during the pandemic. Many people have lost someone close during the pandemic. The health service was stretched to breaking point. EDC was involved with local resilience groups. Also Cumbria had its own home grown test and trace system and was so successful that Dr. Colin Cox, public health physician, was mentioned in the national press. Multiple grants have been provided to business. Also there was a hardship fund. Despite the changes to local government, the services will still be needed. There will not be total centralisation. It has been a difficult year as we have not been able to talk to each other properly.

4. Election of Chairs of Committees

Mike Eyles was elected chair of Accounts and Governance, Gordon Nicholson chair of the Budget Committee, Mary Robinson to Human Resources, Deb Holden to Licencing, Joan Raine to Overview and Scrutiny and William Pattison to Planning.

5. Appointments to Outside Bodies

There are 13 outside bodies where EDC has representation. Lissie Sharp was re-elected to Alston Moor Partnership and Town Heritage Initiative. I was re-elected to The Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee and Eden Health and Wellbeing Forum. Other outside bodies include: Cumbria Police and Crime Panel, Greenwich Leisure Limited, Lake District National Park Authority, Appleby Fair Coordinating Group, North Pennines AONB Partnership.

6. Member Champions

There are four of these. Lissie Sharp was elected Children's and Young People's Champion. The other three were Mike Eyles to Armed Forces, Joan Raine to Older People and Doug Lawson to The Homeless.