

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Bath Road,  
Devizes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 2.15pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor P.W. Richardson

Councillor B.G. Ashley	Councillor C.P.G. Hoddinott
Councillor K. Beard	Councillor D.T.B. Hunter
Councillor J.A. Booth	Councillor J.J. Kunkler
Councillor P. Brown	Councillor S.J. Miles
Councillor Mrs K. Callow	Councillor A. Molland
Councillor D. Campbell	Councillor R.T. Parsons
Councillor N. Carter	Councillor J.D. Pearcy-Caldwell
Councillor W., Cavill	Councillor Mrs N.G. Rawlins
Councillor Mrs J.K. Combe	Councillor Dr J.P.R. Reid
Councillor A. Connolly	Councillor A. Skittrall
Councillor P. Evans	Councillor A.H. Still
Councillor Mrs S.M. Findley	Councillor C.R.W. Stone
Councillor N. Fogg	Councillor Mrs M.S.N. Taylor
Councillor Mrs J.M. Giles	Councillor B.J. Twigger
Councillor L.H. Grundy	Councillor P.N. Veasey
Councillor Mrs A. Hayhoe	Councillor D.J. Willmott
	Councillor Mrs P. Winchcombe
	Councillor A.S. Wood

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor Mrs R.S.E. Cummins  
Councillor A.P.J. Duck  
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson  
Councillor J.D. Ody

**39. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**40. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs M.S.N. Taylor declared a personal interest in that she was a member of the Police Authority in respect of Agenda Item 11 concerning the Police Re-Organisation Consultation.

Councillor C.P. Humphries declared a personal interest in that he was a member of the Police Authority in respect of Agenda Item 11 concerning the Police Re-Organisation Consultation.

#### **41. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

**1. Top Manager Award**

The Chairman reported that there had been two nominees for the Top Manager Award, Mr Adrian Hampton and Mr John Knight. It had been decided that both would receive an award and the Chairman passed on the congratulations of the Council to both recipients.

**2. The Chairman welcomed Mr Doug Moon, Governor of Erlestoke Prison to the meeting.**

**3. Chairman's Christmas Charity Raffle**

The Chairman reported that his Christmas raffle had taken place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and had raised £328.00 for his nominated Charity, Step Up.

**4. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Anne and Yvonne who had provided the Council with tea and coffee during Committee Meetings and other events throughout the year, and indicated that a collection would be made for them as members left the Council Chamber after the meeting.**

The Leader of the Council reminded members that there would be a training session on Equality and Diversity and that names should be given to the Training Officer in the Human Resources Department for those wishing to attend.

There were no announcements from the Chief Executive.

#### **42. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public.

#### **43. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Development Executive Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

#### **44. PLANNING POLICIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Policies Executive Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**45. RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Executive Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**46. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**47. REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> October (Site Meeting), 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**48. LICENSING COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were submitted by way of report.

A member raised the question of the extra Responsibility Allowance paid to members of the Licensing Committee and asked whether or not the review of this should be brought forward.

Members generally considered that the matter should be dealt with at the review date already agreed.

**49. HUMAN RESOURCES – 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**50. NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule Number 11 Councillor A. Still, supported by Councillor A. Wood, submitted the following Notice of Motion:-

“That the only flag permitted to be flown on Kennet District Council premises is the Union Jack”.

The Chairman of Council indicated that in accordance with Paragraph 11.04 of Part 4 (1) A of the Kennet District Council Constitution he intended the matter to be dealt with at the meeting rather than referred to the appropriate committee.

Members considered that the motion would in many ways be unworkable with other flags needing to be flown at different times. It was considered that the general rules applicable to when the Union flag was flown were followed by the staff managing the Council's buildings.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Notice of Motion be not adopted.

**51. NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

In accordance with Council Procedure Number 11 Councillor A. Wood supported by Councillor A. Still submitted the following Notice of Motion:-

“That in the event that a member is permitted by the Council to remain a member after six months of not having attended, the time after six months shall not attract the basic allowance or any special allowances”.

The Chairman of the Council indicated that in accordance with Paragraph 11.04 of Part 4 (1) A of the Kennet District Council Constitution he intended the matter to be dealt with at the meeting rather than referred to the appropriate committee.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Notice of Motion be not adopted.

**52. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

The Council received the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for members' allowances containing its recommendations for the various levels of members' allowances in 2006/2007. Members discussed parts of the report in detail and it was moved and seconded that the Special Responsibility Allowance in respect of members of the Licensing Committee be reduced from £210 to £100.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Members then discussed a proposition moved and seconded as an amendment that Special Responsibility Allowances should be increased by a flat rate of 2.5% over the previous sum.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

The recommendations contained in the report were then moved and seconded and a recorded vote was requisitioned having regard to Council Procedure Rule No. 5.05 and the proposal was carried by 23 votes in favour to 10 votes against with 4 abstentions.

The result of the recorded vote was as follows:-

**RECORDED VOTES UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 15.05**

**Date: 20/12/2005 Remuneration**

<b>Councillors voting For the proposal</b>	<b>Councillors voting against the proposal</b>	<b>Councillors abstaining from voting</b>
Beard K	Ashley B	Carter N
Booth J	Callow Mrs K	Findlay Mrs S
Brewer G	Cavill W	Fogg N
Brown P	Connolly A	Kunkler J
Campbell D	Hayhoe Mrs A	
Colling P	Hoddinott C	
Combe Mrs J	Miles S	
Evans P	Still A	
Giles Mrs J	Taylor Mrs M	
Grundy L	Wood A S	
Humphries C		
Hunter D		
Molland A		
Parsons R		
Pearcy-Caldwell J		
Rawlins Mrs N		
Reid Dr J		
Richardson P		
Stone C		
Twigger B		
Veasey P		
Willmott D		
Winchcombe Mrs P		

**53. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2006/2007**

The Council received Report FSM/14/2005 by the Financial Services Manager.

The Council was reminded that it was required by statute to calculate its Council Tax base every year and the formula involved.

The Report set out the calculations involved.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT**

1. The Report of the Finance Services Manager (FSM/14/2005) for the calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2006/2007 be approved.
2. That pursuant to the Finance Services Manager Report and in accordance with the Local Authority's calculation of tax base

(Regulations 1992) and the Local Authority's (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulation 2003 the amount calculated by the Kennet District Council as its Council Tax base for the year 2006/2007 shall be 30,457.5.

3. The Finance Services Manager be given delegated authority to determine the Council's estimated collection fund balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

#### **54. POLICE REORGANISATION CONSULTATION**

The Council considered Report DCS/41/2005 by the Director of Community Services.

The Home Secretary had asked all Chief Constables and Police Authorities to review the current structure of the Police Service in England and Wales and consider options for change.

Members also considered a letter sent to the Chief Constable of Wiltshire by the Leader of the Council setting out his personal views and opposition to the proposed reorganisations.

Members spoke at length concerning their opposition to the proposal amalgamations and the hurried nature of the proposals.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the views expressed by the Leader of the Council be endorsed and that a further letter be sent to the Home Secretary expressing the Council's opposition to the proposed restructuring and the haste with which any proposals were intended to be implemented.

#### **55. CHANGE TO POLITICAL BALANCE**

The Committee considered a Report necessitated as a consequence of the change in political group numbers occasioned by an increase in one in the Conservative Group and a decrease in one in the Liberal Democrat Group.

This resulted in a further two seats of the available 84 committee seats being allocated to the Conservative Group.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Liberal Democrat Group seats on the Community Development Executive Committee and the Licensing Committee be allocated to the Conservative Group.

**PART 2**

**Items considered whilst the public were excluded from the meeting  
None**

Chairman  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2006