

## 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, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 at 2.15 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor J.J. Kunkler - Chairman

Councillor B G Ashley	Councillor Mrs E M Hannaford-Dobson
Councillor K R F Beard	Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe
Councillor G Brewer	Councillor C P G Hoddinott
Councillor P A Brown	Councillor C P Humphries
Councillor Mrs K Callow	Councillor A Molland
Councillor D D Campbell	Councillor R T Parsons
Councillor Mrs T Carr	Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins
Councillor N D Carter	Councillor P W Richardson
Councillor W B Cavill	Councillor A Skittrall
Councillor Mrs J K Combe	Councillor A H Still
Councillor A P J Duck	Councillor Mrs M S N Taylor
Councillor P Evans	Councillor B J Twigger
Councillor Mrs S M Findlay	Councillor P N Veasey
Councillor J N Fogg	Councillor Mrs P Winchcombe
Councillor Mrs J M Giles	Councillor A S Wood
Councillor L H Grundy	

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor P.L. Colling  
Councillor Mrs. R.S.E. Cummins  
Councillor D.T.B. Hunter  
Councillor S.J. Miles  
Councillor J.D. Percy-Caldwell  
Councillor J.D. Ody  
Councillor Dr. J.P.M. Reid  
Councillor C.R.W. Stone

#### **PART 1**

#### **Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present**

#### **46. MINUTES**

The minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2006, were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs. J.M. Giles as an apology for that meeting.

#### 47. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

#### 48. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

##### 1. Long Service Awards

The Chairman presented Long Service Awards to the following members of staff:-

<b>Stuart Harper</b>	Environment and Leisure - 20 years service
<b>Michael Malcolm</b>	Environment and Leisure - 20 years service
<b>Hugh Leader</b>	Environment and Leisure – 20 years service

##### 2. Devizes Leisure Centre

The Chairman informed Members that he had attended the re-opening of the Leisure Centre and had been impressed by the facilities. He congratulated Members of the Council on having the courage to invest in what he felt was a top class facility.

##### 3. Chairman's Christmas Party

The Chairman announced that he would be hosting a party for all staff and Members on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at Browfort.

The Leader of the Council made the following announcement.

##### 1. LGA Conference

The Leader of the Council reported that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had announced that plans to reorganise Local Government had been dropped, and also that it was intended to reduce the number of performance indicators collected.

The Chief Executive had no announcements to make.

#### 49. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

**50. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 6<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE, 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Executive Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, were submitted by way of report. Arising there from:-

1. Minute No.24 - Resolution to support the Sustainable Communities Bill

On consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT**

- (1) The principles contained within the Sustainable Communities Bill be supported and the Government be lobbied to ensure that sufficient funding is made available to ensure its affective implementation.
- (2) The local media be informed of the decision to support the Bill in principle.
- (3) A letter be sent to the local MP to ask him to support the Bill in principle.
- (4) A letter be sent to the Local Works Campaign in order to express support in principle.

2. Minute No.25 - The Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change

On consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the proposal to commit the Council to the signing of the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change be approved.

3. Minute No.30 - The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Kennet District Council) Order 2006 – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

On consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute it was

**RESOLVED**

## **THAT**

- (1) The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Kennet District Council) Order 2006 be adopted, subject to the amendment of Schedule 1d so that it reads "all open spaces which are maintained by or on behalf of Kennet District Council, registered social landlord/ housing association land and all town or parish councils within Kennet".
- (2) The level of fines initially be set as a fixed penalty fine of £75.00 with a reduction to £50.00 if paid within 10 days of the date of the fine.
- (3) The level of fines to be reviewed annually and that the power to set the level of fine and conditions hereafter be delegated to the Environmental Health and Protection Services Manager in consultation with the Financial Services Manager.

### **51. PLANNING POLICIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policies Executive Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

### **52. RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings of the Resources Executive Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

### **53. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2006, were submitted by way of report. Arising there from:-

#### **1. Minute No.28 - Membership of Outside Bodies**

On consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute it was

**RESOLVED**

## **THAT**

- (1) The Council adopt the criteria and process for Membership on Outside Bodies contained in Annex A of the report.
- (2) The Council adopt the recommendations for changes to the list of Outside Bodies contained in Appendix B of the report.

### **54. REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2006, (site), 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2006, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 (site) and 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, were submitted by way of report. Arising there from:-

1. Minute No.59 - Planning Applications for Decision

It was noted that Mr. Thomson should have been recorded as a Director of PACT, and that Mr. Deck should have been recorded as Chairman of the Pewsey Parish Council Planning Committee.

### **55. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006/07**

The Policy Manager introduced report C/20/05, and explained the importance of the Best Value Performance Plan with regard to Audit Commission requirements, Governments Procedures and Comprehensive Performance Assessments.

In response to questions by Members, the Director of Resources clarified the details of a reference in the Best Value Performance Plan to the single non emergency number.

## **RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Council adopt the Best Value Performance Plan for 2006/07.

### **56. MID TERM REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE STRATEGY**

The Policy Manager introduced report C/21/05 and reminded Members of a recent series of seminars for Members which had sought their recommendations on how the Corporate Strategy could be reviewed to more closely reflect the budgetary priorities of the medium term financial strategy. Members were informed that they were being asked to consider a draft strategy for further consultation

over the summer.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Council note the draft revised strategy and approve it for further consultation subject to Pewsey being added to the list of areas in the fourth paragraph of Priority 2: Developing Strong Safe and Healthy Communities.

**PART 2**

**Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public**

**None**

Chairman  
24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006