

## **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, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at 2.15 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs P M Winchcombe – Chairman

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| Councillor A Adamson       | Councillor C Howard        |
| Councillor K R F Beard     | Councillor J J Kunkler     |
| Councillor J Beinhorn      | Councillor A Lake          |
| Councillor P Brown         | Councillor Mrs L Mayes     |
| Councillor A Connolly      | Councillor S Miles         |
| Councillor S Dagger        | Councillor A Molland       |
| Councillor S Dobson        | Councillor J Ody           |
| Councillor Mrs P Dow       | Councillor R Parsons       |
| Councillor L H Grundy      | Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins |
| Councillor Mrs S Evans     | Councillor J Seed          |
| Councillor P Evans         | Councillor Mrs J Triggs    |
| Councillor Mrs S Findlay   | Councillor P Veasey        |
| Councillor Mrs E Fogg      | Councillor S Wheeler       |
| Councillor N Fogg          | Councillor D Willmott      |
| Councillor R Gamble        | Councillor A S Wood        |
| Councillor Mrs J M Giles   | Councillor Mrs S Zweck     |
| Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe    |                            |
| Councillor C P G Hoddinott |                            |

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor G Brewer  
Councillor J D Caldwell  
Councillor D Campbell  
Councillor A Duck  
Councillor C P Humphries  
Councillor B J Twigger  
Councillor C Williams

### **PART 1**

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

#### **44. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 15th of May 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **45. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **46. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, LEADER AND/OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman made the following announcements: --

1. Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

The Chairman reminded the Council that a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board would be held immediately on the rising of Council in order to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board.

2. Chairman's Charities

The Chairman informed the Council that she would be supporting two charities during her year of office and these would be PHAB and Devizes Area Cancer Research.

The Leader of the Council made the following announcements: --

1. Acceptance of office

The Leader of the Council reminded members that he had not been present when he been elected as Leader of the Council and thanked members for the confidence shown in him. The Leader paid tribute to his predecessor Councillor Chris Humphries who was making good progress in hospital after his severe accident whilst on holiday. He also paid tribute to the former Deputy Leader of the Council Councillor Dominic Campbell who was also experiencing a bout of illness.

2. Results of the MORI Poll

The Leader of the Council reported that the results of the MORI poll had just been released and these indicated that 83% of the population polled were against the introduction of a unitary authority.

There were no announcements from the Chief Executive.

#### **47. SPECIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE - 22ND OF MAY 2007**

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Special Selection Committee held on the 22nd of May 2007 were moved by its Chairman and were duly seconded.

1. Annual Review of Political Balance

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the allocation of seats on the Council's Committees for 2007/2008 be as recommended by the Special Selection Committee and as set out in appendix 1 to these minutes.

2. Membership of Outside Bodies 2007/2008

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the list of representatives who serve on outside bodies for 2007/2008 be as set out in appendix 2 to these minutes except that the Council's representative on the following organisation shall be: --

Community 1st AGM - Councillor Mrs P. M. Winchcombe  
Wiltshire Wiggly Bus Standing Advisory Group - Councillor J.D. Percy-Caldwell  
Sarsen Housing Association - the vacancy be deleted.

**48. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

Members gave consideration to the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of six Committees of the Council having regard to the procedures contained in Council Procedure rule no 1.03. The Chairman of the Council presided at each of the elections.

1. Chairman of Community Development Executive Committee

Councillor P Evans was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of the Community Development Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor P Evans be elected Chairman of the Community Development Executive Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

2. Vice Chairman of Community Development Executive Committee

Councillor B J Twigger was proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of the Community Development Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

## **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor B J Twigger be elected Vice Chairman of the Community Development Executive Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

3. Chairman of Resources Executive Committee

Councillor L.H. Grundy was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of the Resources Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

## **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor L.H. Grundy be elected Chairman of the Resources Executive Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

4. Vice Chairman of Resources Executive Committee

Councillor J D Pearcy-Caldwell was proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of the Resources Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

## **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor J D Pearcy-Caldwell be elected Vice Chairman of the Resources Executive Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

5. Chairman of The Planning Policies Executive Committee

Councillor A R Connolly was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of The Planning Policies Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

## **RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor A R Connolly be elected Chairman of the Planning Policies Executive Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

6. Vice Chairman of The Planning Policies Executive Committee

Councillor G C Brewer was proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of The Planning Policies Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor G C Brewer be elected Vice Chairman of The Planning Policies Executive Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

7. Chairman of The Regulatory Committee

Councillor P A Brown was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of the Regulatory Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor P A Brown be elected Chairman of the Regulatory Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

8. Vice Chairman of The Regulatory Committee

Councillor R T Parsons was proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of the Regulatory Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor R T Parsons be elected Vice Chairman of the Regulatory Committee for the Municipal year 2006/2007.

9. Chairman of Human Resources Committee

Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of the Human Resources Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins be elected Chairman of the Human Resources Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

10. Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Committee

Councillor Mrs. J C Triggs was proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor Mrs J C Triggs be elected Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

11. Chairman of the Licensing Committee

Councillor Mrs. J.M. Giles was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of the Licensing Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor Mrs. J.M. Giles be elected Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

12. Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee

Councillor A Adamson was proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT** Councillor A Adamson be elected Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the Municipal year 2007/2008.

**49. APPOINTMENT OF KENNET MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Council gave consideration to the appointment of three members of the council to serve on the Standards Committee. Councillor Mrs S. M. Findlay being the only remaining existing member indicated that she was willing to continue.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT**

1. Councillors P Evans, Mrs S. M. Findlay, and Mrs N. G. Rawlins be appointed to serve on the standards committee for 2007/2008.
2. The existing parish/Independent members namely Councillor P Deck, Mr A. StG Savill and Mr P. Lefever be reappointed to the Standards Committee for a further three years.

**50. NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on the coming into force of the new model code of conduct for councillors.

The previous code of conduct adopted by the Council on the 23rd of April 2002 had now been revised after a national consultation process. This had resulted in a single revised mandatory Code of Conduct for all local authorities. The regulations containing the new Code had come into force on the 3rd of May 2007 and local authorities had six months in which to adopt the revised code, otherwise it would be applied to them automatically.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT**

1. The Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 together with the preamble incorporating the 10 general principles governing the conduct of members, in place of its existing code;
2. Town and parish councils within Kennet District be recommended to adopt the Code and preamble.

**51. TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - THE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Council considered the creation of the new executive committee entitled the Partnership Development Executive Committee to deal with all aspects of the council's relationship with other councils in Wiltshire.

It was suggested that the committee should consist of eight members which will allow six members from the Conservative Group on two from the Independent Group.

The proposal was unanimously accepted by members and it was: --

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT**

1. a new executive committee be appointed, named the Partnership Development Executive Committee, with a membership of eight comprising six members from the Conservative group and two from the Independent group.
2. the members and chairman of the Partnership Development Executive Committee be remunerated at the standard allowance for members and chairman of executive committees.
3. the Chief Executive be granted delegated power to draw up the terms of reference of the new committee in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

4. the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Partnership Development Executive Committee be held immediately after this item.

**52. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the Council called for nominations for Chairman of the Partnership Development Executive Committee.

Councillor A Molland was proposed and seconded for election as Chairman of the Partnership Development Executive Committee. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Councillor A Molland be elected chairman of the Partnership Development Executive Committee for the municipal year 2007/2008.

The Chairman of the Council then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Partnership Development Executive Committee.

Councillor R. Gamble and Councillor Mrs A. Hayhoe were both proposed and seconded for election as Vice Chairman of the Partnership Development Executive Committee. After a ballot it was: --

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Councillor R. Gamble be elected Vice Chairman of the partnership development executive committee for the municipal year 2007/2008.

**PART 2**

**Items considered was the meeting was close to the public**

**None**

Chairman  
24th of July 2007