

## **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, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 at 2.15 pm

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

Councillor A Adamson	Councillor C P G Hoddinott
Councillor K R F Beard	Councillor C Howard
Councillor J Beinhorn	Councillor C P Humphries
Councillor G Brewer	Councillor D Hunter
Councillor P Brown	Councillor J J Kunkler
Councillor D Campbell	Councillor A Lake
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 A Duck	Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins
Councillor Mrs S Evans	Councillor Mrs J Triggs
Councillor P Evans	Councillor B Twigger
Councillor Mrs S Findlay	Councillor P Veasey
Councillor Mrs E Fogg	Councillor S Wheeler
Councillor N Fogg	Councillor C Williams
Councillor R Gamble	Councillor A S Wood
Councillor Mrs J M Giles	Councillor Mrs S Zweck
Councillor L Grundy	
Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe	

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

Councillor J D Caldwell  
Councillor Mrs L Mayes  
Councillor J Seed  
Councillor D Willmott

#### **PART 1**

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

#### **53. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 5th of June 2007, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 54. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

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

The Chairman made the following announcements: --

### 1) Councillor C P Humphries

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Chris Humphries back to meetings of the Council after his serious traffic accident whilst on holiday in Thailand. Members warmly applauded his return.

### 2) Long Service Awards

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Vanessa O'Rourke the Accounts Receivable Clerk, who had worked for Kennet District Council since 1987 and also welcomed Mr Brian Hancox, a driver for the Environment and Leisure directorate who had worked for the Council for over 20 years and was still working despite having reached his 65th birthday in 2004.

Mrs O'Rourke and Mr Hancox were congratulated on their loyal service to the Council and were presented with gifts of their choice.

### 3) Royal Visit to Bromham

The Chairman congratulated the parish of Bromham on their recent royal visit from HRH Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall and on the way in which the event was organised despite poor weather conditions.

### 4) Civic Service

The Annual Civic Service would be held on Sunday the 7th of October 2007.

### 5) Christmas Party

The Chairman announced that she would be holding a Christmas party for both staff and members on Friday the 14th of December 2007.

### 6) Marlborough Jazz Festival

Councillor N. Fogg was congratulated by the Chairman on the organisation of the annual Marlborough Jazz Festival.

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

1) Councillor C P Humphries

The Leader of the Council echoed the Chairman's comments with regard to Councillor Chris Humphries.

2) Wiltshire County Council Bid for Unitary Status

The Leader of the Council reported that a decision would be made by the Government prior to the rising of Parliament for the summer recess on Thursday the 26th of July 2007.

3) Member Champions

The Leader of the Council reported that the Policy Board was reviewing the role of Member Champions.

4) Devizes Marketplace

The Leader of the Council drew the attention of members to the report by CABE in praise of the works undertaken to Devizes marketplace.

There were no announcements by the Chief Executive.

## **56. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

## **57. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 12TH OF JUNE 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Executive Committee held on the 12th of June 2007, were submitted by way of report.

Arising therefrom: --

### Application for Funding for Kennet Economic Partnership - Minute Number 19

on consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

#### **THAT**

1. the Council transfer the sum of £50,000 from general reserves to an earmarked reserve to fund half the cost of a Kennet Economic Partnership (KEP) for two years;
2. that the effectiveness of the KEP be reviewed after eighteen months;

3. that the Director of Community Services be given delegated authority to enter into such contractual and other arrangements as may be necessary to establish the KEP with no more than ten representatives on the Board.

Notice of motion by Councillor Mrs A. Hayhoe and Councillor G. Brewer - The Use of Cohousing to Meet Housing Need - Minute Number 22

On the recommendation contained in minute number 22 being put to the Council the mover of the motion indicated that the report called for the Community Development Executive Committee meeting in September 2007 to receive a full report but this would not be available as there was still a large amount of work to do to research the matter and moved an amendment to recommendation number 3 to the effect that an update on the subject be presented to the September meeting with a full report presented to a later meeting. The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder of the recommendations contained in the minute and it was: --

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT**

1. the contents of the report be noted and
2. the Planning Services Manager be requested to promote permissive policies for co-housing in the emerging local development framework and future housing policies, and
3. a request be made for further research to be undertaken regarding the possibility of developing a model for co-housing that conforms with the definition of 'intermediate housing' with an update being presented to the next meeting of the Community Development Executive meeting in September 2007 with a full report to a later meeting.

**58. PLANNING POLICIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 21ST OF JUNE 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policies Executive Committee held on the 21st of June 2007, were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**59. RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 29TH OF JUNE 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the Resources Executive Committee held on the 29th of June 2007, were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**60. REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on the 17th of May 2007, the 30th of May 2007 (site meeting), 14th of June 2007 and 5th of July 2007 were submitted by way of report.

Arising therefrom:

Planning Application Number K/56065/F - Minute Number 55(3)

In response to a question from a member the Head of Legal Services confirmed that the applicant was required to pay the Council's full legal costs in respect of a section 106 agreement and that information with regard to the likely costs involved was available to an applicant prior to commencement of work by the legal section.

**61. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 21ST OF JUNE 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on the 21st of June 2007 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**62. OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD - 5TH OF JUNE 2007 AND 10TH OF JULY 2007**

The minutes of the meetings of the Overview of Scrutiny Management Board held on the 5th of June 2007 and the 10th of July 2007 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**63. APPLICATION FOR UNITARY STATUS - JUDICIAL REVIEW**

The Council considered the report by the Chief Executive on the legal challenge being mounted by another local authority to the bid for unitary status.

The report informed members of a request for financial support, towards the costs of litigation, received from Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council. The total cost allocated by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council was £45,000 and they were requesting £5,000 from each council that had expressed support for their action.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the sum of £5,000 be allocated to Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council towards the cost of litigation in respect of opposing the unitary bid.

**64. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007/2008**

The Council considered report C/16/07 by the Corporate Services Manager on the Best Value Performance Plan for 2007/2008.

This was the eighth annual Best Value Performance Plan and members were reminded that the Council had a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to produce an annual Best Value Performance Plan to reflect the strategic objectives and corporate priorities for the Council for the forthcoming year.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Best Value Performance Plan for 2007/2008 be adopted.

**PART 2**

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

**None**

Chairman  
23rd of October 2007