

## **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, 22nd July, 2008 at 2.15 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor D J Willmott – Chairman

Councillor A Adamson	Councillor C P Humphries
Councillor K R F Beard	Councillor D Hunter
Councillor G Brewer	Councillor J J Kunkler
Councillor P Brown	Councillor S Miles
Councillor Mrs J D'Arcy-Irvine	Councillor A Molland
Councillor S Dagger	Councillor J Ody
Councillor Mrs P Dow	Councillor R Parsons
Councillor A Duck	Councillor J Seed
Councillor Mrs S Evans	Councillor Mrs J Triggs
Councillor P Evans	Councillor P Veasey
Councillor R Gamble	Councillor S Wheeler
Councillor Mrs J M Giles	Councillor C Williams
Councillor L Grundy	Councillor Mrs P Winchcombe
Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe	Councillor A S Wood
Councillor C P G Hoddinott	Councillor Mrs S Zweck
Councillor C Howard	

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

Councillor J Caldwell	Councillor A Lake
Councillor S Dobson	Councillor Mrs L Mayes
Councillor Mrs S Findlay	Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins
Councillor Mrs E Fogg	Councillor B Twigger
Councillor N Fogg	

### **PART 1**

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

#### **42. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th May 2008, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **43. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in the business referred to under minute no.54 by virtue of being a member of Ludgershall Parish Council.

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

The Chairman made the following announcements.

##### Commemoration of the Council

The Chairman said he felt that, before the Council went out of existence next March, there should be some permanent recognition of the Council's work and achievements. To this end, he had asked for a small group of three members to be established to consider ideas.

##### Long Service Awards

The Chairman welcomed and made long service presentations to two staff: Mark Boden, Chief Executive, and Trish Dealey, Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Development & Control. He spoke in appreciation of the service both had given the Council, and referred in particular to the achievements of the Council under Mark Boden's leadership since becoming Chief Executive in 1998. Both were presented with gifts of their choice.

##### Appointment of Senior Officers to the Unitary Wiltshire Council

The Chairman referred to the appointments of Mark Boden to one of the Corporate Director posts in the new Wiltshire Council, and Mandy Bradley, Brad Fleet and Mark Smith to Service Director posts. He congratulated the four officers and said their success in securing these positions reflected well on the values to which Kennet had always aspired and on the quality of Kennet's staff in general.

There were no announcements from the Leader or Chief Executive.

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

There were no questions from the public.

#### **46. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 10th JUNE 2008**

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Executive Committee held on 10th June 2008 were submitted by way of report.

Arising therefrom: -

##### Devizes, The Shambles – Refurbishment - Minute Number 30

On consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute, it was

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** supplementary provision of £600,000 be made in the Council's capital budget (plus the original £100,000 allocated for the financial year 2008/2009 making a total of £700,000) to refurbish the Shambles Market Hall in Devizes.

**47. REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 6<sup>th</sup> MAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE and 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

The minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May (site meeting), 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**48. RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

The minutes of the meeting of the Resources Executive Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were submitted by way of report.

Arising therefrom: -

Minor Capital Grants Programme 2008/09 – Minute Number 18

On consideration of the recommendation contained in this minute, it was

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT**

- 1) the Head of Finance be given delegated authority to place up to £500,000 of underspending in 2007/2008 into an earmarked reserve for minor grants to be applied in 2008/2009; and
- 2) to the extent that the earmarked reserve is less than the sum of £500,000, the balance be made up by virement from the salaries budget for 2008/2009 to the minor grants budget.

**49. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

The minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

**50. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 6<sup>th</sup> MAY and 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008**

The minutes of the meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board held on 6<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

#### **51. PLANNING POLICIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policies Executive Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

#### **52. CAPITAL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

The Council considered a report by the Interim Assistant to the Chief Executive on capital grants for community projects. The report informed members that the approved budget for these grants was fully committed. With the passage of time, the cost of some of the approved projects had increased to the extent that they could not proceed without top-up funding.

##### **RESOLVED:**

##### **THAT**

- 1) a capital estimate of £250,000 be approved for the purpose of providing additional funding for previously approved community grant applications where absolutely necessary;
- 2) the sum of £250,000 for this purpose be vired from the capital budget for the purchase of the Health Clinic in Devizes; and
- 3) the decision on awarding top-up funding be delegated to the Head of Finance using the guidelines set out at section 5 of the report presented.

#### **53. GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION PROJECTS**

The Council considered a report by the Interim Assistant to the Chief Executive on capital grants for community-based education projects. The report informed members that applications considered by the Grants Sub-Committee had exceeded the approved budget by £413,000.

##### **RESOLVED:**

**THAT** subject to the approval of Wiltshire County Council, a supplementary capital estimate of £413,000 be approved for the purpose of funding education-related community projects within the Kennet District Council area, (bringing the total of this programme to £3,413,000).

#### **54. GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED LIBRARY PROJECTS**

The Council considered a report by the Interim Assistant to the Chief Executive proposing to grant aid, in partnership with Wiltshire County Council, the funding of new libraries at Ludgershall and Pewsey, which in turn would help achieve the Council's wider community objectives.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** subject to the approval of the Wiltshire County Council to the substance of the report presented:

- 1) a supplementary capital estimate of £1.15m million be approved for the purpose of funding new libraries in Pewsey and Ludgershall; and,
- 2) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Head of Finance to agree the details necessary to achieve this objective.

**55. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2008/09**

The Council considered report C/09/08 by the Corporate Services Manager incorporating the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) for 2008/09. Members noted that the statutory requirements for the content of BVPPs had changed. For 2008/09, the content was restricted to reporting the outturn performance indicators for 2007/08 and a statement certifying compliance with the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Best Value Performance Plan for 2008/09 be adopted, as presented.

**56. LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR WILTSHIRE**

The Council considered report C/10/08 by the Corporate Services Manager to which was attached the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW). The aim of the LAW was to set out how local councils, health, police, fire and other services along with the business community and the voluntary sector would work in partnership to improve the quality of life in Wiltshire.

The new Agreement had been approved by the Secretary of State on 30 June 2008, and all partners to it were being asked to endorse it.

Concerns were raised by members at the incompleteness of parts of the text, e.g. in relation to critical figures and inconsistencies in definitions.

The following motion was moved and seconded:

That the Local Agreement for Wiltshire as presented be endorsed and be signed-off on behalf of the Council by the Leader and Chief Executive.

An amendment:

That, noting that the text of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire is incomplete, the Council defer consideration of this matter until its next meeting.

was put to the meeting and was carried; whereupon it became the substantive motion and it was

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT**, noting that the text of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire is incomplete, the Council defer consideration of this matter until its next meeting.

**PART 2**

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

None

Chairman  
21st October 2008