

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, 21st October, 2008 at 2.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor D J Willmott – Chairman

Councillor A Adamson
Councillor K R F Beard
Councillor J Beinhorn
Councillor G Brewer
Councillor P Brown
Councillor A Connolly
Councillor Mrs J D'Arcy-Irvine
Councillor Mrs P Dow
Councillor A Duck
Councillor Mrs S Evans
Councillor P Evans
Councillor Mrs S Findlay
Councillor Mrs E Fogg
Councillor N Fogg
Councillor R Gamble
Councillor Mrs J M Giles
Councillor L Grundy

Councillor Mrs A Hayhoe
Councillor C P G Hoddinott
Councillor C Howard
Councillor D Hunter
Councillor A Lake
Councillor Mrs L Mayes
Councillor A Molland
Councillor J Ody
Councillor R Parsons
Councillor Mrs N G Rawlins
Councillor J Seed
Councillor Mrs J Triggs
Councillor P Veasey
Councillor S Wheeler
Councillor C Williams
Councillor Mrs P Winchcombe
Councillor Mrs S Zweck

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J Caldwell
Councillor S Dagger
Councillor S Dobson
Councillor C P Humphries

Councillor J J Kunkler
Councillor S Miles
Councillor B Twigger
Councillor A S Wood

PART 1

Items considered whilst the public were entitled to be present

57. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd July 2008, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

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

The Chairman made the following announcements.

Long service awards

The Chairman welcomed and made long service presentations to three staff: Stuart Hatton-Pocklington (Systems & Office Team Leader), Carol Strickland (Senior Benefits Assessor) and Trudy Fisher (Senior Rating Officer). He spoke in appreciation of the service they had given the Council. All three would be presented with gifts of their choice.

Urgent business

The Chairman said that under the provisions of Section 100B 4 (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he intended to permit an item of urgent business to be considered at the meeting on the grounds that a decision on the matter could not await the next meeting of the Council. He said that the item would be taken at the end of the agenda.

There were no announcements from the Leader or Chief Executive.

60. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

61. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 9th SEPTEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Executive Committee held on 9th September 2008 were submitted by way of report.

Arising therefrom: -

Community Grants Funding - Minute Number 46

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

RESOLVED:

THAT

(a) The sum of £216,835 brought forward in the grants earmarked reserve be used to increase the 2008/09 budget for discretionary grants.

(b) The sum of £338,165 be vired from the 2008/09 salaries and related costs budget to the Discretionary Grants budget.

(c) The sum of £194,279 be vired from the capital budget for the purchase of the Devizes Clinic to the Major Community Grants capital budget.

62. REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 17th JULY, 7th AUGUST, 28th AUGUST, 18th SEPTEMBER, and 9th OCTOBER 2008

The minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 17th July, 7th August, 28th August, 18th September, and 9th October 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

63. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 11th SEPTEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 11th September 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

64. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 7th OCTOBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board held on 7th October 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

65. PLANNING POLICIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 25th SEPTEMBER 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Policies Executive Committee held on 25th September 2008 were submitted by way of report. There were no matters arising.

66. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

On noting that:

- the Head of Legal Services, who also held the position of Monitoring Officer, had resigned to take up a post with another local authority,
- the Council was required under section 5(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to appoint a Monitoring Officer to fulfill the duties imposed by the 1989 Act and subsequent legislation, and
- Miss J Lee, solicitor, had been filling the role of Deputy Monitoring Officer and was at present Acting Head of Legal Services,

RESOLVED:

THAT Miss J Lee be appointed to the position of Monitoring Officer in accordance with the requirements of section 5(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

67. LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR WILTSHIRE

The Council considered a report (C/12/08) by the Corporate Services Manager. At the previous meeting of the Council, consideration of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW) had been deferred because the version presented at that meeting had been incomplete. The final complete version of the LAW was now attached to the Corporate Services Manager's report and it was

RESOLVED:

THAT the Local Agreement for Wiltshire be endorsed and that the Leader and Chief Executive be authorised to sign-off the final document.

68. RUSHALL VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT FOR ADOPTION AS AN EMERGING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Council considered a report (PSM/17/08) concerning the Village Design Statement for Rushall and recommending it for adoption as an emerging supplementary planning document to the "saved" Kennet Local Plan.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Village Design Statement for Rushall be adopted as an emerging supplementary planning document for the purposes of development control.

69. URGENT BUSINESS: NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Chairman reported that Councillor J Caldwell had been unable to attend meetings of the Council due to his business commitments abroad and that, unless the Council granted an extension to the six-month non-attendance period under the provisions of Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Caldwell would cease to be a councillor of this Council on 22 October 2008.

On considering this matter,

RESOLVED:

THAT this Council approve the reason for Councillor Caldwell's non-attendance and approve an extension to the six-month non-attendance period for the remainder of the life of the Council.

PART 2

Items considered whilst the meeting was closed to the public

None

Chairman
16th December 2008