

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at
Knowle, Sidmouth, on Wednesday, 8 December 2010

Present:

Councillors:

Graham Liverton (Chairman)
Tony Reed (Vice Chairman)

Vivienne Ash	John Humphreys
David Atkins	Ben Ingham
Ray Bloxham	Stephanie Jones
Peter Bowden	David Key
Graham Brown	Jim Knight
Peter Burrows	Ann Liverton
Derek Button	Stuart Luxton
Bob Buxton	Andrew Moulding
David Chapman	Frances Newth
Iain Chubb	Darryl Nicholas
Trevor Cope	Marion Olive
David Cox	Helen Parr
Andrew Dinnis	Bob Peachey
Paul Diviani	Ken Potter
Christine Drew	Sara Randall Johnson
Vivien Duval Steer	Philip Skinner
Jill Elson	Pauline Stott
Chris Gibbings	Brenda Taylor
Roger Giles	Ian Thomas
Graham Godbeer	Graham Troman
Mike Green	Mark Williamson
Steve Hall	Tim Wood
Peter Halse	Eileen Wragg
May Hardy	Steve Wragg
Stuart Hughes	

Also Present

Officers:

Mark Williams, Chief Executive
Diccon Pearse, Corporate Director
Rachel Pocock, Head of Legal, Licensing and Democratic Services
Diana Vernon, Democratic Services Manager

Apologies

Councillors:

Roger Boote
Geoff Chamberlain
Malcolm Florey
Ray Franklin
Pat Graham
Douglas Hull
John Jeffery
Barry Nicholson

Honorary Aldermen
Jennifer Sharratt
Barry Willoughby

The meeting started at 6.30pm and finished at 7.15 pm.

***49 Public question time**

There were no questions from the public raised at this point of the meeting.

***50 Declarations of interest**

Councillor/ Officer	Minute number	Type of interest	Nature of interest
Jill Elson	*55	Personal	Governor of Exmouth Community College

***51 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 October 2010 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***52 Obituaries**

The Chairman advised of the death of three former East Devon District Councillors.

Dr Phyllis Austin passed away in October. Dr Austin represented Woodbury Ward from 1984 until she retired in 1991. She served on a number of Committees and Sub-Committees including Public Health, Environmental Protection, Property Services, Planning and Policy.

William Gordon Hallett passed away in November. He represented St Thomas Rural Ward becoming Woodbury Ward from 1973 until 1979 and similarly served on a number of Committees, Sub Committees and Outside Bodies. These included the Planning and Environment Committees on which he served as Vice Chairman, Economy and Employment, Transportation, Manpower Services and Property Services and the Industry Committee.

Roy Francis Chapple passed away this week. He represented Seaton Ward from June 1973 until 1984. He served on a wide number of Committees, Sub Committees and Outside Bodies including Amenities, Policy and Resources and Rural Aid. He served as Chairman of the Economy and Employment and Industry Committees between 1979 and 1984.

Members were invited to stand as a mark of respect

***53 Questions**

The Leader of the Council had responded in writing to a question about the possibility of introducing car parking charges at the Knowle Council Offices; this and other suggestions for achieving a balanced budget would be taken into account during the budget process.

***54 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees**

RESOLVED (1) that the under-mentioned minutes be received and the recommendations approved

Executive Board	Minutes	91-113, 114-130
Development Management	Minutes	36-41, 42-45
Planning Inspections	Minutes	1-2, 3-4
Audit and Governance	Minutes	23-26, 27-35
Standards Committee	Minutes	8-15
Licensing and Enforcement	Minutes	12-16
Licensing and Enforcement Sub	Minutes	19-25

***54 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees (cont)..**

(2) that the under-mentioned minutes be received.

The Executive Board (minutes 98 and 120) had noted or accepted the following Overview/Scrutiny Committees' recommendations with or without amendment.

O/S Co-ordinating Committee	Minutes	24-30, 31-37
O/S Economy Committee	Minutes	17-23, 24-28
O/S Service Delivery/ Performance	Minutes	19-27
O/S Communities	Minutes	15-22

Arising from consideration of the above minutes:-

a) Executive Board – 1 December 2010

Councillor Jim Knight to be added to the list of apologies given.

b) Executive Board minute 130 (Review of Council Office accommodation)

RESOLVED that the Review of Council Office Accommodation Working Party comprise the Leader, Portfolio Holder Economy and Councillors Vivien Duval Steer, David Atkins and Steve Wragg.

c) Service Delivery and Performance O/S Committee – 27 October 2010

The list of those present to be amended to include Councillor Brenda Taylor.

d) Licensing and Enforcement

In presenting the minutes, the Chairman, Chris Gibbings advised that, following annual assessment, the Licensing Team had retained the Customer Service Excellence Charter standard. He thanked John Tippin (Licensing Manager) and his team for their continued hard work and levels of service provided.

***55 Award to the Countryside Team – Green Apple (Gold)**

The Chairman congratulated the Countryside Team on being awarded the prestigious Green Apple Award (Gold) for Think Deep (DVD previously shown to Council). Members were advised that The Green Apple Awards were the longest running industry environmental awards in the UK. Three levels of awards were recognised, bronze, silver and gold. Think Deep had been awarded the illustrious gold award in the Media category for Environmental Best Practice.

The film's producer Hannah Vincent from Pangaea TV; Dan Eynon, Head of Geography at Exmouth Community College, the three student presenters from the film and East Devon's Education Ranger, James Chubb, had travelled to the Houses of Parliament to receive the award in November.

Dan Eynon and Charlie Plowden (Countryside Manager) were invited to introduce and explain the rationale behind the Council's newest educational production – Ecologic. This was the third and final part of the Sustainability Trilogy and again had been developed through effective and positive partnership working with Exmouth Community College.

EDDC recognised the need for sustainability issues to be understood at a local level. The Ecologic DVD would be sent to every Secondary School in Devon where it would be used as a real and important learning resource within the geography curriculum, promoting active and independent thought in respect of the environment.

***55 Award to the Countryside Team – Green Apple (Gold) (cont)..**

James Chubb, Education Ranger was praised for his involvement in the project and his work with schools and young people. The DVD was then shown to Members of the Council.

Following the showing of the DVD, the Chairman warmly thanked Exmouth College and the Countryside Team. He said that the Council was proud of the work being undertaken and of the Council's valued working relationship with Exmouth College.

RESOLVED that a copy of the Ecologic DVD be forwarded to Hugo Swire, MP, asking him to forward this to the Prime Minister.

***56 Council membership on Committees, Joint and Outside Bodies**

Members considered and nominated the following representatives:

- RESOLVED**
- (1) **Interviewing (Corporate Directors)**
This item was withdrawn.
 - (2) **South West Audit Partnership (SWAP)**
that the Chairman and Vice Chairman (as substitute) of the Audit and Governance Committee be appointed to represent the Council on this Partnership. (The Council had now out-sourced its internal audit function to SWAP; each Partner Authority had to be present at the Board meetings for these to be quorate.)
 - (3) **SPARSE (Rural Special Interest Group)**
that the Member Rural Champion be appointed to represent the Council on this Outside Body which promotes and seeks to achieve consensus on rural best practice and service interests.

Chairman

Date