

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday, 19 April 2006

Present:

Councillors:

Lt Col A J M Drake (Chairman)
G P Chamberlain (Vice-Chairman)

Miss V Ash	Mrs A E Liverton
Mrs M J Boote	G K Liverton
R W Boote	S C Luxton
P W Burrows	Ms S M Merritt
D G Button	A T Moulding
G P Chamberlain	R Mudge
T A Cope	Mrs F I Newth
D J Cox	J B Nicholson
A E J Dinnis	Mrs H E Parr
P A Diviani	R C Peachey
Mrs C E Drew	Miss S M Randall Johnson
Miss J M Elson	T G Reeves
J E D Falby	Mrs L A Roden
R G Franklin	Mrs M A Rogers
C F A Gibbings	Mrs P A Stott
A R Giles	Mrs B O Taylor
Mrs P A Graham	P C Townsend
M J L Green	A J Toye
J P Halse	B J Toye
B C J Hughes	C H Wale
S Hughes	Dr H W Waterworth
D R H Hull	A J Wilkinson
H J Jeffery	Mrs E E Wragg
D R A Key	S C Wragg
J A Knight	

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 6.55 pm

***70 Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 February 2006 and of the Special meeting held on 22 March 2006 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***71 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K W George, J H Glanvill, Mrs M L Hardy, A W J Reed, P J Skinner, N J Spence and Mrs B O Taylor

***72 Question**

The Leader, pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 8.2 and 8.5 confirmed that no arrangements were being considered which would prevent Councillors from speaking at Council meetings. The Leader confirmed that Members were always given the opportunity to speak and to ask relevant questions.

***72 Question (cont)..**

At the Special meeting of the Council on 22 March 2006, the Chairman had introduced the item on East Devon Local Plan Inquiry by advising that the public and Members had been given every opportunity to be involved at each stage of its progress. The Inspector's reports into objections considered at Parts 1 & 2 of the Inquiry had been considered in depth at the meeting of the Development Control Committee on 14 March 2006. Members were asked not to go back over long-debated issues but to concentrate primarily on the recommendations from the Development Control Committee.

Councillor Giles stated that he had been unable to attend the meeting of the Development Control Committee on 14 March 2006, at which the Inspector's reports on the Local Plan had been discussed due to his attendance at a Devon County Council meeting.

***73 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees**

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

Executive Board	Minutes	162-208
Development Control	Minutes	47-58*
Planning Inspections	Minutes	25-28
Licensing & Enforcement	Minutes	14-16
Licensing and Enforcement Subs A-E	Minutes	A-E

*Development Control Minute 54: East Devon Local Plan 1995-2011. This minute had already been referred to the Special meeting of the Council on 22 March 2006.

2. that the under-mentioned minutes be received, the Executive Board (minutes 166 and 186) having noted or accepted the Scrutiny and Corporate Overview Committees recommendations with or without amendment.

Corporate Overview	Minutes	29-37
Scrutiny	Minutes	18-25

Arising from consideration of the above minutes:-**a) Corporate Overview Committee – Sidford Car Park (Executive Board Minute 86)**

Local Ward Members had arranged to hold a meeting with the Sidford Traders Association to discuss Sidford Car Park issues. The outcome of this meeting would be reported back to the Portfolio Holder – Economy and Regeneration for him to take into account when the review of charges was undertaken in 12 months time.

b) Concessionary Fares Scheme (Scrutiny Committee Minute 19)

Officers would investigate all identified anomalies within the East Devon Scheme and a further report would be prepared in due course to highlight the issues.

The Portfolio Holder – Resources reminded Members of the reasons why East Devon had withdrawn from the Devon-wide scheme;

Concessionary Fares Scheme (Scrutiny Committee Minute 19) (cont)..

The Council was only statutorily obliged to provide a scheme within its district boundaries but already East Devon had gone beyond this basic requirement. It was hoped that the scheme could be further extended but this would be dependant on a number of factors including cost and take-up.

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee agreed that the scheme should be kept under scrutiny.

Chairman Date.....

Presentation

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman reminded Councillors that a presentation would be given on planning design by the Council's Urban Design Officer. Members were strongly encouraged to attend.