

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday, 11 April 2007

Present:

Councillors:

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

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

Apologies: Councillors:

Mrs M J Boote	B Nicholson
R W Boote	C H Wale
K W George	

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 7.12 pm

***59 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 February 2007 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***60 Parish Councils – filling of vacancies**

The Chairman agreed that the temporary appointment of Members of Parish Councils would be discussed as a matter of urgency. It had become evident that not all of the Parish Councils would be able to act following the May 2007 elections because insufficient candidates had been nominated.

***60 Parish Councils – filling of vacancies (cont)..**

RESOLVED that the Chief Executive be authorised to make any orders he deems necessary pursuant to Section 39 (4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 or Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972, as appropriate, where there are so many vacancies in the office of Parish Councillor that a Parish Council is unable to act.

***61 Charter Mark accreditation**

The Chairman announced that the Environmental Health Service had been awarded the Charter Mark for excellence in customer service delivery. The award was a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment of all staff involved in delivering the range of services.

Leon Winston, the Charter Mark Assessor, had been invited to speak. He advised that Charter Mark had been awarded to the Environmental Health Service because it had demonstrated that everyone in the team had worked together in a customer focused and committed way to improve service delivery. He recognised that this work reflected the Council's corporate emphasis on improved customer service and access. He said that the Team had gone 'the extra mile' to provide a good service and had much to be proud of.

John Dunn of the Environmental Health Section received the award on behalf of the Service. The Chairman congratulated the Team for their efforts and for helping to make the Council even better.

***62 Questions**

The Portfolio Holder – Environment, pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 8.2 and 8.5, stated that provision of Civic Amenity Recycling facilities was the responsibility of the County Council but that this Council would respond to any proposed sites which the County had in mind and would continue to try to help find a suitable site.

The Portfolio Holder – Resources, pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 8.2 and 8.5 confirmed that a report would be referred to the Council for making a one-off contribution from the 2007/08 revenue budget to Seaton Town Council towards the maintenance of the festoon lights on Seaton sea front. It was suggested that this contribution could unlock further sources of external funding.

The Portfolio Holder – Communities, pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 8.2 and 8.5 acknowledged the need for improved leisure and sports facilities in Seaton and that the discussion on their provision would be continued after the elections in May when the new Council was in place.

***63 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees**

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

Executive Board	Minutes	158-201
Development Control	Minutes	46-58
Planning Inspections	Minutes	26-30
Licensing & Enforcement	Minutes	10-13
Licensing and Enforcement Sub A & B	Minutes	25-26
Audit and Corporate Governance	Minutes	15-24
Standards Committee	Minutes	14-16

***64 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees**

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

The Executive Board (minutes 164 and 191) had noted or accepted the Scrutiny and the Housing Review Board recommendations with or without amendment.

Scrutiny	Minutes	46-65
Housing Review Board	Minutes	61-73

Arising from consideration of the above minutes:-

a) Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing (Executive Board Minute 173)

Councillor Miss J M Elson declared a prejudicial interest in this item (as holder of a Hackney Carriage Driver's licence), on which there was no further discussion.

b) Concessionary Fares Scheme 2007/08 (Executive Board Minute 174)

In response to a question about the further extension of the Concessionary Fares Scheme, the Leader confirmed that the Council would encourage residents to travel to Exeter by bus rather than use the Exeter park and ride facilities.

***65 Retiring Members**

The Chairman of the Council presented plaques and certificates to the following members who were not seeking re-election to the District Council on 3 May 2007:-

Councillors:	Jed Falby	(4 years service)
	Ms Shan Merritt	(4 years service)
	Mrs Leslie Roden	(4 years service)
	Nick Spence	(4 years service)
	Peter Townsend	(4 years service)
	Mrs Kathleen Bamsey	(8 years service)
	Tony Wilkinson	(8 years service)
	Mrs Ruth Burrow	(9 years service)
	Dr Bill Waterworth	(16 years service)
	Bernard Hughes	(24 years service)

The Chairman paid tribute individually to the service given by each of the retiring members and extended the Council's thanks for their very valuable work over the years.

Councillors Tony Wilkinson, Bill Waterworth and Bernard Hughes received a standing ovation. The Chairman and Members of the Council spoke in appreciation of the Councillors' contribution to the work of the Council and difference they had made during challenging times.

In turn the Vice Chairman presented a plaque and certificate to the Chairman who was retiring after 16 years combined service. The Vice Chairman said that Councillor Lt Col Drake had been an asset to the Council. In acknowledging the tributes paid by the Vice Chairman and Members of the Council, the Chairman said that it had been a privilege and honour to represent the Council and he thanked Members and Officers for their help and support over the years.

Chairman

Date