

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday, 13 October 2004

Present:

Councillors:

Mrs A E Liverton (Chairman)
Mrs K J Bamsey (Vice-Chairman)

Miss V Ash	G K Liverton
Mrs M J Boote	S C Luxton
P W Burrows	Ms S M Merritt
D G Button	R Mudge
G P Chamberlain	B Nicholson
B H Clark	Mrs H E Parr
T A Cope	A S Pascoe
D J Cox	R C Peachey
R H H Cross	Miss S M Randall Johnson
A E J Dinnis	A W J Reed
P A Diviani	T G Reeves
Lt Col A J M Drake	Mrs L A Roden
Mrs C E Drew	Mrs M A Rogers
Miss J M Elson	N Rogers
J E D Falby	N J Spence
A R Giles	Mrs P A Stott
Mrs P A Graham	Mrs B O Taylor
M J L Green	P C Townsend
J P Halse	A J Toye
Mrs M L Hardy	C H Wale
B C J Hughes	Dr H W Waterworth
S Hughes	A J Wilkinson
D R H Hull	Mrs E E Wragg
B O Ingham	S C Wragg
H J Jeffery	
D R A Key	

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and ended at 8.00 pm

*11 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2004 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*12 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs R E Burrow, R G Franklin, K W George, J H Glanvill, A T Moulding and B J Toye.

Members were advised that Councillor Glanvill was absent through illness and was receiving treatment in the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital. The Chairman confirmed that she would send a get-well card and best wishes to Councillor Glanvill on behalf of all Members of the Council.

***13 Best Kept Village and Village of the Year Competitions 2004**

The Chairman introduced representatives from the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Community Council of Devon (CCD), the sponsors, Calor, and the judges of the Village of the Year Competition. Villages within East Devon had done particularly well in these competitions this year, both at county and district level. The Chairman stated that the level of success was a tribute to the hard work of the villages concerned and an acknowledgement of community effort and involvement.

The Chairman presented the Cups won in the Best Kept Village Competition 2004. The Baker Cup was presented to Sidbury (as the highest scoring large village in East Devon) and the Glanvill Cup was presented to Offwell (as the highest scoring small village in East Devon). Members were advised that the winners and runners up in these categories would also receive a tree of their choice and a plaque. The runners up were Kilmington in the large village category and Dalwood in the small village category.

The Chairman of CPRE, Cmdr Tim Hale presented Sidbury with the Pertwee Cup and street sign as winner of the 'Past Winners' within the Devon large village category of the Best Kept Village Competition 2004. He also presented a shield and street sign to Offwell as winner of the Small Village Category in Devon. The representative from Calor, Stuart Cook, presented certificates to Offwell and runner up Dalwood.

Peter Dunning, CCD and Cmdr Tim Hale presented the Jean Allen Cup to Kilmington as the winning village in Devon in the countrywide Village of the Year competition. Kilmington would go forward as the Devon candidate to the next round of the competition, the South West Region. Stuart Cook also presented Kilmington and runner up, Sidbury, with certificates in acknowledgement of their success in the Village of the Year competition.

***14 Questions**

The Leader of the Council, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 and 8.5, answered questions by Councillor D Hull confirming that the amended motion in respect of the dualling of the Exeter and Salisbury railway line had been unanimously supported by Members at the last meeting of the Council (minute 9 of 14.7.04 refers) and the subsequent press release reflected this level of support.

The Leader of the Council, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 answered a question by Councillor T Cope in respect of the arrangements and cost of the Exmouth Regeneration Presentation.

The Resources Portfolio Holder, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2, answered a question submitted by Councillor Glanvill detailing the Council's salary bill for 2002/03, 2003/04 and the first six months of 2004/05.

The Community Portfolio Holder, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 answered a question by Councillor R Giles in respect of procedures and confidentiality of reporting incidents of dog fouling.

Minutes of Executive Board and Committees**RESOLVED**

1. that the undermentioned minutes be received and the recommendations approved subject to the additional recommendation at Executive Board Minute 74 (detailed in full below):

Executive Board	Minutes	22-95
Development Control	Minutes	10-36
Planning Inspections	Minutes	5-15
General Licensing Sub	Minutes	13-28
Housing Allocations	Minutes	5-12
Audit and Accounts	Minutes	1-4

2. that the undermentioned minutes be received, Executive Board (Min. No. 70 refers) having noted or accepted the recommendations with or without amendment:-

Communities Overview	Minutes	7-12
Economy Overview	Minutes	12-22
Environment Overview	Minutes	13-35
Strategic Overview	Minutes	6-12
Joint Overview	Minutes	1-3

Arising from consideration of the above minutes:-

(a) Home Safeguard – Marketing Plan (Executive Board Minute 57)

The Leader repeated her challenge to all Councillors to help promote the service so that more East Devon residents and their families would benefit. The Service had put up a display in the Members' Area and Councillors were urged to look at the new equipment and details of the initiative following the meeting

(b) Honiton: Battishorne Kickabout Area and Community Centre

The Leader agreed that the decision, taken following local consultation with stakeholders, including local Ward Members, reflected the wishes of the community.

(Councillor Miss V Ash declared a pecuniary interest in this item as Vice Chairman of the Community Centre Association and left the room during the discussion.)

(c) Town Design Statements and Parish Plans (Executive Board Minutes 61, 62, 63)

The community effort in producing the town designs and parish plans was acknowledged as was the support and help given by the Council, particularly the planning section.

(d) Seaton Regeneration – summary of public responses (Executive Board Minute 72)

The Leader confirmed that adequate notice would be given to local businesses about the plans and proposals for the regeneration of Seaton.

***15 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees - cont**

Arising from consideration of the above minutes – cont

- (e) Results of the consultation on East Devon's Waste Strategy (Executive Board Minute 74)

Members discussed the targets being set by Central Government, how these could be achieved, the practicalities and the funding issues. The Environment Overview Committee and the Executive Board had debated the strategy at length. It was suggested that developers should be asked to include recycling facilities within future developments. It was acknowledged that the authority would need to work jointly with neighbouring authorities to use available resources to maximum effect and to raise public awareness. It was suggested that the communal recycling banks initiative could be further expanded.

RESOLVED that the following be added as additional recommendation (3) to minute 74:

The Corporate Director – Environment investigate how to include a requirement for developers within planning guidance to incorporate recycling facilities into their development proposals, with the final wording being referred to the Environment Overview Committee for consideration.

- (f) Proposals for the Regeneration of Exmouth (Executive Board Minute 79)

The Leader stated that it was the intention of the Council to seek inward investment for the benefit of Exmouth. Steps were being taken to make sure that information on the proposals was freely available. It was acknowledge that the key to the success of the initiative was keeping Exmouth residents fully informed about what the Council planned to achieve, as this would encourage useful feedback. The Council wanted to get it right and provide what was best for Exmouth and East Devon as a whole.

- (g) Development Control Improvement Strategy (Executive Board Minute 87)

The Leader stated that the intention was to increase the staffing of the planning section to improve the efficiency of the service and to meet Central Government targets for determination of applications. To increase the resources within that service, savings from other services would have to be identified through the budget process.

- (h) Economy Overview Committee (13 July 2004)

Councillor D Button asked for it to be recorded that he had given his apologies for this meeting.

- (i) Presentation on the contribution of timber construction to affordable housing (Environment Overview Committee Minute 35)

The Chairman of the Environment Overview Committee welcomed the discussion around timber construction and other options which could be explored to address the affordable housing issue.

(j) General Licensing Sub-Committee (23 August 2004)

Councillor R Mudge asked for the attendance list to be amended. He advised that although he arrived for the start of the meeting, he left before there was any consideration of applications.

*16 **Historic Environment Champion**

RESOLVED that Councillor B Ingham be appointed Historic Environment Champion to take advantage of training opportunities offered through English Heritage as well as being able to network and share best practice with nominated champions from other authorities: the role to be linked with that of Design Champion.

*17 **Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust**

RESOLVED that Councillor D Cox be appointed to the Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust's Council of Governors

Chairman Date.....