

 EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held  
at Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday, 10 December 2003

Present:

Councillors:

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

Miss V Ash	G K Liverton
Mrs M J Boote	Ms S M Merritt
P W Burrows	A T Moulding
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 M A Rogers
Miss J M Elson	N Rogers
J E D Falby	P J Skinner
R G Franklin	N J Spence
K W George	Mrs P A Stott
A R Giles	Mrs B O Taylor
J H Glanvill	P C Townsend
Mrs P A Graham	A J Toye
M J L Green	B J Toye
J P Halse	C H Wale
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
B O Ingham	
H J Jeffery	
D R A Key	

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 8.30 pm.

\*51 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 October 2003 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

\*52 Apology

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S C Luxton.

\*53 Obituaries: Late Lt Cmdr L Colborne (RNVR) and Mr A W Summers

The Chairman of the Council referred to the recent deaths of two former Members of the Council – Lt Cmdr L Colborne (RNVR) and Mr A W Summers. She paid tribute to their service as Members of the Council and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

\*54 Exmouth Town Council Quality Parish Status

The Chairman announced that on Monday, Exmouth Town Council had been awarded Quality Parish Status. Members were advised that Exmouth was one of the first 10 town/parish councils in the Country to receive the award and was one of the largest towns to do so. Exmouth Town Council was the first in East Devon to achieve Quality Parish Status. The Chairman congratulated Exmouth on this achievement.

\*55 Presentation of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals

The Chairman presented the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals to Messrs Alan Stevenson, Simon Sparrow, Dennis Hutchings and Barrie Whittock in recognition of their valued long service to the Sidmouth Independent Lifeboat.

\*56 Certificate in recognition of service

The Chairman of the Council referred to the achievement of Parish Councillor Gordon Persey who had served on the Broadhembury Parish Council for 50 years. The Chairman advised that Mr Persey was unable to attend the meeting but that she would visit him at his home with Councillor P J Skinner, Ward Member, to present the certificate in recognition of his service to the local community.

\*57 Questions

The Environment Portfolio Holder pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 answered a question from Councillor Cope regarding the quality of decisions being made at the end of long Development Control meetings. In response to a supplementary question pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.5, the Portfolio Holder advised that consideration would be given to starting the meetings at an earlier time and encouraged Councillors to be more concise.

The Environment Portfolio Holder pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 answered a question from Councillor Burrows regarding the determination of an item concerning tree work at Emlor homes in Seaton.

\*58 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees

**RESOLVED** (1) that the under-mentioned minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved subject to the Economy Overview minute referred to at 114(2) of the Executive Board minutes being amended to 18 and subject to amendments made to the recommendations at Executive Board Minutes 96 (detailed in full below incorporating the amendments) and the addition to Minute 118, are detailed below.

Executive Board	Minutes	83-130
Development Control	Minutes	21-29
Planning Inspections	Minutes	13-17
General Licensing Sub	Minutes	14-23
Employment Appeals	Minutes	4-6

\*58 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees (cont)

- (2) that the under-mentioned minutes be received, the recommendations contained therein having been referred to the Executive Board (Min No 114 refers) for decision, with the Board having noted or accepted the recommendations contained therein with or without amendment, subject to the Economy Overview minute referred to at recommendation 1 therein being amended to 17.

Special Joint Overview	Minutes	1-2
Communities Overview	Minutes	17-21
Environment Overview	Minutes	25-37
Economy Overview	Minutes	11-19

Arising from consideration of the above Minutes:-

(a) Car Parking Charges 2004/05 (Executive Board Minute 96)

Prior to discussion on this minute, the Leader of the Council made a statement about the Council's budget shortfall within the current financial year for reasons given at Minute 94 and the need for corrective action to be taken.

Feedback from consultations with Parish/Town Councils and Business Associations/Chambers of Commerce in respect of the proposed increased charges was noted. Members discussed special cases including the free and lower rate car parks within the district and the impact of the flood alleviation works on traders in Ottery St Mary. Members were aware that retaining concessions could mean that the revenue shortfall would have to be met from other services or from Council Tax.

- RESOLVED:**
- (1) that real time parking be introduced in all car parks currently subject to a charge, excluding Colyton and Lypstone, to allow customers to purchase parking in units of 15 minutes,
  - (2) that the recommendation of the Executive Board be approved, with amendments, as set out below:-
    - a) a uniform charging policy be introduced with charges being increased to a rate equivalent to 60p per hour in all car parks, excluding Colyton and Lypstone, subject to the maximum stay restrictions currently in force;
    - b) in respect of the car parks in Colyton and Lypstone, the tariff be 20p per hour with the opportunity to purchase a 10p ticket for the first half hour;
    - c) the cost of all parking permits and weekly tickets including heavy goods and public service vehicles be increased as detailed;

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- d) the maximum charge for 24 hour parking at Beer Cliff Top car park be £2.40;
- e) hourly charging at coastal long stay car parks be allowed up to 9 hours at 60p per hour with a £7 charge to apply thereafter for parking up to 24 hours;
- f) Exmouth Town Hall car park to be pay and display Saturday and Sunday 8.30 am – 5.30 pm with parking limited to a maximum of 2 hours;
- g) Coach parking charges be varied with the inclusion of 2 hours at £2 and 4 hours at £4;
- h) A Portfolio Holder working party; (comprising Members of the Economy Overview Committee, namely: Councillors D G Button, T G Reeves and J E D Falby and 4 Conservative Members), review, in January, whether to introduce charges in the Council's free car parks together with the operational matters arising from the consultation exercise, with the Chief Executive being given delegated authority in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Economy to implement any charges recommended;

(3) that the Parking Places Order be amended accordingly and the increased charges be implemented immediately thereafter.

(b) Draft Consultation Paper on a New Planning Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) – Sustainable Development in Rural Areas (Executive Board Minute 118)

Following detailed discussion and a free vote on the draft consultation paper, the recommendation of the Executive Board was confirmed subject to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister being advised that this Council wanted to retain designations in respect of Areas of Great Landscape Value and Coastal Protection Zone.

(c) Dualling of A303/A30 – Ilminster to Honiton (Executive Board Minute 103)

The Leader confirmed that the Council was in full support of the dualling of this stretch of road and the paper being prepared by the Highways agency were awaited.

(d) Seaton Regeneration Area (Executive Board Minute 130)

In reply to a question, the Leader confirmed that an effective mechanism was needed as a means of consulting with relevant parties in respect of the above.

(e) Travel and Transport in East Devon (Communities Overview Committee Minute 20)

In reply to a question, the Chairman of the Communities Overview Committee confirmed that the Joint Task and Finish Forum would be investigating Travel and Transport in East Devon and not car parking.

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(f) Sidmouth International Festival (Economy Overview Committee Minute 13)

In reply to a question, the Chairman of the Economy Overview Committee asked Officers to note the concerns of Members in respect of car parking concessions being given to organisations.

(g) Performance Monitoring Report (Economy Overview Committee Minute 15)

The Chairman of the Economy Overview Committee confirmed that the Corporate Director – Economy was preparing the report requested by Councillor Burrows at the above meeting and would be sent to him as soon as possible.

(h) Otterton (Application No 03/P1312) Planning Inspections Committee (Minute 15d)

The Chairman of the Planning Inspections Committee confirmed that the amended application would be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

\*59 Trinity Hill Local Nature Management Forum

**RESOLVED** that Councillor A T Moulding be appointed as Chairman of the Trinity Hill Local Nature Management Forum to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor H J Jeffery.

\*60 Devon and Cornwall Home and Leisure Safety Council

**RESOLVED** that a replacement for Councillor Mrs M J Boote as one of the two representatives on the above Safety Council be not appointed as it was felt that only one representative was necessary for this Outside Body.

\*61 East Devon Business Forum

**RESOLVED**

- a) that an East Devon Business Forum be created (to replace the East Devon Business Advisory Council) to consist of the representatives set out in Para 5.1 of the report,
- b) that the proposed arrangements set out in Paras 5.2 and 5.3 of the report be approved with the authority's membership on the Forum being 2 Members in addition to the Leader and Portfolio holder – Economy, with the East Devon Business Advisory Council's secretarial arrangements being retained,
- c) that, in addition to the Leader and Portfolio holder – Economy, Councillors Mrs C E Drew and R Mudge represent the Council on the Forum.

\*62 Christmas and New Year

The Chairman and Leader of the Council wished all Members a happy Christmas and New Year.

Chairman ..... Date.....