

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held
at Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday, 15 October 2003

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	A T Moulding
G P Chamberlain	R Mudge
B H Clark	B Nicholson
D J Cox	Mrs H E Parr
R H H Cross	A S Pascoe
A E J Dinnis	R C Peachey
P A Diviani	Miss S M Randall Johnson
Lt Col A J M Drake	A W J Reed
Miss J M Elson	T G Reeves
J E D Falby	Mrs M A Rogers
K W George	N Rogers
A R Giles	N J Spence
J H Glanvill	Mrs P A Stott
Mrs P A Graham	Mrs B O Taylor
J P Halse	P C Townsend
Mrs M L Hardy	A J Toye
B C J Hughes	B J Toye
S Hughes	C H Wale
D R H Hull	Dr H W Waterworth
B O Ingham	A J Wilkinson
H J Jeffery	Mrs E E Wragg
D R A Key	S C Wragg

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 8.15 pm

*33 Minutes

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2003 and of the ordinary meeting of the Council also held on 16th July 2003 were confirmed and signed as true records.

*34 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Mrs R E Burrow, T A Cope, R G Franklin, M J L Green and P J Skinner.

*35 Mr J Golding: Head of Housing and Social Inclusion

The Chairman of the Council welcomed Mr J Golding – the new Head of Housing and Social Inclusion to his first meeting of the Council.

*36 Obituaries: Late Messrs P J Stone, B H Bagwell and G W J Miller

The Chairman of the Council referred to the recent deaths of three former Members of the Council – Mr P G Stone, Mr B H Bagwell and Mr G W J Miller. She paid tribute to their service as Members of the Council and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

*37 'Don't Let Devon go to Waste' Campaign

The Chairman of the Council referred to the 'Don't Let Devon go to Waste' Campaign which had received the Green Apple Award for Excellence and had been entered for the European Environment Award. The Green Apple trophy would be presented by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Minister for Women at the House of Commons on 6 November 2003.

*38 NHS Organ Donations

The Chairman of the Council referred to the support given to Archant Devon's campaign for people to register on the NHS Organ Donation Register, by putting donor card displays in all 13 of the Council's reception areas. Since the launch of the campaign more than 1000 cards had been put into local communities in Devon and in the first month of the launch there had been a 26% rise in people taking up donor cards. A supply of the cards was available in the Members' area.

*39 Sidmouth Concert Society – Concert on Sunday, 19 October 2003

The Chairman of the Council drew to Members' attention that she had available two spare complimentary tickets for a concert – which she and her husband could not attend - being given on Sunday, 19 October 2003 by Sidmouth Concert Society of which the District Council were patrons.

*40 Talaton Village Community Shop and Post Office – Queen's Golden Jubilee Award

The Chairman of the Council presented a certificate to Talaton Village Community Shop and Post Office in recognition of their achievement in gaining the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Community Groups in July 2003.

*41 Best Kept Village Competition – 2003

The Chairman of the Council presented the Cups won in the Best Kept Village Competition 2003. Kilmington, (runner-up in the Large Villages Category in Devon) as the highest scoring large village in East Devon, received the Baker Cup. Dalwood, as the highest scoring small village in East Devon, received the Glanvill Cup.

*42 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – Geographic Realignment

A presentation was given on the geographic realignment of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary by Superintendent S Swani and Chief Inspector N Jarrold who answered Members' questions on this subject.

*43 Questions

The Leader of the Council, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 and 8.5, answered questions by Councillor D G Button regarding the date when the draft Comprehensive Performance Assessment report was received and to whom it was circulated.

The Community Portfolio Holder, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 and 8.5, answered questions by Councillor P W Burrows regarding whether the Council supported the idea that Housing Association tenants be permitted to buy the properties they are renting.

The Community Portfolio Holder, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2, answered a question by Councillor R C Peachey inviting her to make a statement with respect to the housing stock within East Devon.

In the absence of the Environment Portfolio Holder a written reply was tabled to a question by Councillor P W Burrows, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2, regarding whether efforts had been made to make residents in the Seaton area aware of an error in the Local Plan Review concerning Seaton and also regarding the presentation of the Local Plan at Seaton Town Hall on 8th October 2003 of which many residents were unaware. A supplementary question pursuant to Procedure Rule 8.5 was answered by the Leader of the Council in which she undertook that the error would be publicised in the newspapers and that anyone wanting the revised plan would be supplied with one.

The Chairman of the Development Control Committee, pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 8.2 and 8.5, answered questions by Councillor J P Halse regarding whether satisfactory progress was being made in speeding up the processing of planning applications in accordance with Government guidelines as a result of the Area Planning Committee system being discontinued.

*44 Minutes of Executive Board and Committees

RESOLVED

1. that the undermentioned minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved:

Executive Board	Minutes	27-82
Development Control	Minutes	7-20
Planning Inspections	Minutes	4-12
General Licensing Sub	Minutes	6-13
Housing Allocations	Minutes	1-6
Audit and Accounts	Minutes	1-4
Employment Appeals	Minutes	1-3

2. that the undermentioned minutes be received, the Executive Board (Min. No. 74 refers) having noted or accepted the recommendations contained therein with or without amendment:-

Communities Overview	Minutes	10-16
Environment Overview	Minutes	8-24
Economy Overview	Minutes	7-10

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Arising from consideration of the above minutes:-

- (a) Partnership and Networks, Consultation Documents – Draft Policies (Executive Board Minute No 41)

Councillor P A Diviani drew attention to his personal interest which was in respect of the Blackdown Hills Rural Partnership rather than the East Devon AONB Partnership as recorded.

- (b) Madeira Bowling Club, Exmouth – Financial Assistance (Executive Board Minute No 67)

In reply to a question, the Resources Portfolio Holder indicated that the Corporate Asset Management Forum was looking at all property owned by the District Council as to condition and whether it should be owned by the District Council. Its recommendations would go to the Executive Board and Overview Committees.

- (c) Flood and Coastal Defence Funding Review (Environment Overview Committee Minute No 13)

The Chairman of the Environment Committee drew attention to an amendment made by the Committee to Minute No 13 which would be recorded in the minutes of the Environment Overview Committee of 9 October 2003.

- (d) Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Devon (Environment Overview Committee Minute No 15)

Councillor A R Giles asked for it to be recorded that he had declared a personal (not a prejudicial) interest in this matter.

- (e) Byelaws at Shelly Beach, Exmouth and elsewhere – Effectiveness and Enforcement (Environment Overview Committee Minute No 17)

The Chairman of the Environment Overview Committee said that he would look further into a concern which was expressed that a report regarding byelaws which was being presented to the Exe Estuary Joint Advisory Committee later that month, should have first been referred to the Task and Finish Forum the Overview Committee had decided to establish.

- (f) Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Forum (Economy Overview Committee Minute No 8)

The Council noted the comments of the Leader of the Council who drew to its attention that the logical time to introduce the revised Overview Committee structure with four Committees, including the new Strategic Overview Committee, would be from the beginning of the new Civic Year in May 2004. This would allow sufficient time for the relevant remits to be prepared. It would then be a matter for the Overview Committees themselves to decide who was to be elected as their Chairmen.

*46 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive regarding the Boundary Commission for England's proposals to allocate an extra Parliamentary Constituency to Devon with consequential changes to the existing Constituencies. The recommendations had a limited impact for either the East Devon or the Tiverton and Honiton Constituencies. Exeter City Council had objected to the Commission's proposals for both the Exeter Borough Constituency and the proposed new Mid Devon County Constituency and proposed that two wards of Exeter City (St Loyes and Topsham) be transferred to the East Devon Constituency with consequential knock-on implications for neighbouring Constituencies to be readjusted by the Boundary Commission.

RESOLVED that the Council supports the original proposals made by the Boundary Commission for England in its Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

*47 Executive Board Portfolios (Article 6 of the Council's Constitution - pages 32/33)

RESOLVED that Car Parks be transferred from the Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A J Wilkinson) at his request - because of his involvement with the Corporate Asset Management Forum - to the Economy Portfolio Holder (Councillor P A Diviani) and that consequential changes be made to the Council's Constitution.

*48 Exmouth Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P A Stott be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Exmouth Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee caused by the resignation of Mr B Walker.

*49 Devon County Council's Health Overview/Scrutiny Committee

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C E Drew be appointed to fill a vacancy on Devon County Council's Health Overview/Scrutiny Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor D R A Key from that Committee.

*50 Mr K J Field - Principal Member Services Officer: Retirement

The Chairman of the Council referred to the forthcoming retirement of Mr K J Field (Principal Member Services Officer). On behalf of the Council she thanked him for his services and wished him well for the future.

Chairman Date.....