

WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Council held on 10 May 2017 at 2.30 pm

in the Council Chamber, Williton

Present:

Councillor B Heywood Chairman
Councillor R Woods Vice-Chairman

Councillor I Aldridge	Councillor A Behan
Councillor M J Chilcott	Councillor R Clifford
Councillor M O A Dewdney	Councillor G S Dowding
Councillor S Y Goss	Councillor A P Hadley
Councillor T Hall	Councillor I Jones
Councillor A Kingston-James	Councillor R P Lillis
Councillor B Maitland-Walker	Councillor K M Mills
Councillor C Morgan	Councillor P H Murphy
Councillor J Parbrook	Councillor P Pilkington
Councillor S J Pugsley	Councillor R Thomas
Councillor N Thwaites	Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew
Councillor K H Turner	Councillor D J Westcott

Officers in Attendance:

Chief Executive (P James)
Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)
Assistant Director Energy Infrastructure (A Goodchild)
Community and Client Services Manager (S Weetch)
Finance Manager (J Nacey)
Community and Housing Lead – Energy Infrastructure (L Redston)
Media and Communications Officer (D Rundle)
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Reverend Andrew Thomas.

C1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor B Heywood be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

C2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor R Woods be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor B Heywood provided a warm welcome to Honorary Aldermen G Burnell, T Knight, T Taylor, E May and Mrs E Woods who were in attendance, as well as welcoming the newly elected Members, Councillors P Pilkington and A Kingston-James to the meeting.

Councillor Heywood went on to thank Councillors for re-electing him as Chairman for a second term, and was flattered by the endorsement. He also thanked the Vice-Chairman and Assistant Chief Executive for their support and guidance over the past year. The Chairman spoke highly of Councillor Pugsley who was attending his 30th Annual Council meeting since being elected in 1987 and declared him the 'father of this Council'! He concluded by advising Members of the recent engagements he had attended.

C3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Davies and T Venner.

C4 Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

Name	Minute No.	Member of	Action Taken
Cllr I Aldridge	All	Williton	Spoke and voted
Cllr M Chilcott	All	SCC	Spoke and voted
Cllr S Goss	All	Stogursey	Spoke and voted
Cllr A Kingston-James	All	Minehead	Spoke and voted
Cllr B Maitland-Walker	All	Carhampton	Spoke and voted
Cllr C Morgan	All	Stogursey	Spoke and voted
Cllr P H Murphy	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted
Cllr J Parbrook	All	Minehead	Spoke and voted
Cllr R Thomas	All	Minehead	Spoke and voted
Cllr N Thwaites	All	Dulverton	Spoke and voted
Cllr A H Trollope-Bellew	All	Crowcombe	Spoke and voted
Cllr K H Turner	All	Brompton Ralph	Spoke and voted
Cllr D J Westcott	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted

C5 Minutes

(Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 March 2017, circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record:

- (i) C89 The last paragraph be amended to read, "The Leader requested that the supplementary questions be sent to him in writing and it was agreed the Leader would provide a written response following the meeting."

- (ii) C91 To amend the last line of the fifth bullet point to read, "...and it was reported that the Environment and Planning Committee of Watchet Town Council considered the matter and were supportive of the proposals."

Administrator's Note: Subsequent to the meeting the answers to the supplementary questions were circulated to all West Somerset Council Members.

C6 **Public Participation**

No members of the public spoke at the meeting on any items on the agenda.

C7 **Appointment of Leader**

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew as Leader be confirmed for the third year of a four year term.

C8 **Cabinet**

The Leader announced the following appointments and portfolios:

Name	Political Group	Lead Member
Councillor A Trollope-Bellew	Conservative	Leader and Performance and Corporate Support
Councillor M Chilcott	Conservative	Deputy Leader and Resources and Central Support
Councillor M Dewdney	Conservative	Environment
Councillor A Hadley	Conservative	Regeneration and Economic Growth
Councillor C Morgan	Conservative	Energy Infrastructure
Councillor S J Pugsley	Conservative	Executive Support and Democracy
Councillor K H Turner	Conservative	Housing, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor D J Westcott	Conservative	Community and Customer

The Leader thanked Councillor K Mills for her work during her four year term as Regeneration and Economic Growth portfolio holder. He added that she had worked exceptionally hard, attending copious meetings and had achieved a great deal for West Somerset in her economic development role.

RESOLVED that the appointments be noted and that the Corporate Plan, Constitution and any other relevant documents be updated accordingly.

C9 **Allocation of Seats to Committees**

RESOLVED that the nominations for Committee seats made by the political groups be ratified and that the composition of the Committees be as detailed below.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
9 seats in total	
Conservative 6	
West Somerset Opposition 3	
Name	Political Group
Councillor G S Dowding	Conservative
Councillor B Maitland-Walker	Conservative
Councillor J Parbrook	Conservative
Councillor R Clifford	Conservative
Councillor R Woods	Conservative
Councillor N Thwaites	Conservative
Councillor P Murphy	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor I Aldridge	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor P Pilkington	West Somerset Opposition

LICENSING COMMITTEE	
11 seats in total	
Conservative 8	
West Somerset Opposition 3	
Name	Political Group
Councillor S Y Goss	Conservative
Councillor R P Lillis	Conservative
Councillor J Parbrook	Conservative
Councillor R Thomas	Conservative
Councillor N Thwaites	Conservative
Councillor K H Turner	Conservative
Councillor D J Westcott	Conservative
Councillor A Kingston-James	Conservative
Councillor I Aldridge	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor T Venner	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor I Jones	West Somerset Opposition

PLANNING COMMITTEE	
15 seats in total	
Conservative 11	
West Somerset Opposition 4	
Name	Political Group
Councillor G S Dowding	Conservative
Councillor S Y Goss	Conservative
Councillor B Heywood	Conservative
Councillor B Maitland-Walker	Conservative
Councillor K Mills	Conservative
Councillor C Morgan	Conservative
Councillor A Kingston-James	Conservative
Councillor J Parbrook	Conservative
Councillor S J Pugsley	Conservative
Councillor K H Turner	Conservative
Councillor R Woods	Conservative

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Councillor I Jones	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor P H Murphy	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor T Venner	West Somerset Opposition

AUDIT COMMITTEE	
7 seats in total	
Conservative 5	
West Somerset Opposition 2	
Name	Political Group
Councillor R P Lillis	Conservative
Councillor K Mills	Conservative
Councillor R Thomas	Conservative
Councillor N Thwaites	Conservative
Councillor R Woods	Conservative
Councillor P Pilkington	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor T Venner	West Somerset Opposition

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL	
8 seats in total	
Conservative 6	
West Somerset Opposition 2	
Name	Political Group
Councillor S Y Goss	Conservative
Councillor B Heywood	Conservative
Councillor B Maitland-Walker	Conservative
Councillor J Parbrook	Conservative
Councillor K Turner	Conservative
Councillor D Westcott	Conservative
Councillor P Pilkington	West Somerset Opposition
Councillor T Venner	West Somerset Opposition

STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
9 seats in total	
3 West Somerset District Councillors	
3 Independent Members	
3 Parish/Town Councillors	
Councillor P H Murphy	
Councillor N Thwaites	
Councillor D J Westcott	

C10 Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

The following appointments were made:

Scrutiny Committee

Chairman

Councillor P H Murphy

Vice-Chairman

Councillor N Thwaites

Planning Committee

Chairman

Councillor S J Pugsley

Vice-Chairman

Councillor B Maitland-Walker

Licensing Committee

Chairman

Councillor R P Lillis

Vice-Chairman

Councillor D J Westcott

Audit Committee

Chairman

Councillor R P Lillis

Vice-Chairman

Councillor K Mills

Local Development Panel

Chairman

Councillor K H Turner

Vice-Chairman

Councillor S Y Goss

C11

Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that the Members appointed to serve on Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2017-2018 be as follows:

ORGANISATION	REPS 2017/2018
Management Committee of Broadlands	Councillor J Parbrook
MATA Regal Theatre Co Ltd	Councillor A Kingston-James
Monitoring and Evaluation Group West Somerset Sports & Leisure Centre	Councillor T Hall
Somerset County Playing Fields Association	Councillor H J W Davies
Somerset Passenger Transport Forum	Councillor M O A Dewdney
Exmoor National Park (politically balanced)	Councillor S J Pugsley Councillor B Heywood Councillor M O A Dewdney Councillor I Jones
Somerset Building Preservation Trust	Councillor G S Dowding
The Parrett Drainage Board	Councillor B Maitland-Walker (Dunster Area) Councillor C Morgan (Stockland Area)
West Somerset Railway Partnership Development Group	Councillor A Hadley Deputy: Councillor K Mills
WSC Member Champion	Councillor P H Murphy
South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) Members Meeting	Chair of Audit Committee – Councillor R P Lillis
Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee	Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Councillor S Dowding

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West Somerset Advice Bureau	Councillor J Parbrook Deputy: Councillor R Clifford
ENGAGE - West Somerset Voluntary Sector Development agency	Councillor R Lillis Deputy: Councillor N Thwaites
Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group	Councillor M O A Dewdney Councillor C Morgan Councillor S Goss
Minehead EYE Management Committee	Councillor D J Westcott
Somerset Armed Forces Community Covenant Partnership	Councillor S Dowding
Minehead Coastal Community Team	Councillor R Thomas Councillor A Hadley (PH) Councillor J Parbrook Deputy: Councillor B Maitland-Walker
Police and Crime Panel	Councillor S Dowding
Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor K Turner

Administrator's Note: Following the meeting, it was advised that West Somerset Council representation was no longer required for Early Years Partnership and Wessex Water Customer Liaison Panels.

C12

Appointment of Representatives on Internal Bodies

RESOLVED that the Members appointed to serve on Internal Bodies for the municipal year 2017-2018 be as follows:

Joint Partnership Advisory Board (JPAG)	Councilor A H Trollope-Bellew Councillor M J Chilcott Councillor A P Hadley Councillor R P Lillis Councillor N Thwaites Councillor B Maitland-Walker Councillor P Murphy Councilor I Aldridge
Asset Project Group	Councillor K Turner Councillor A P Hadley Councillor G S Dowding Councillor P Murphy
Planning Obligations Board for Hinkley Point	Councillor M Chilcott Councillor C Morgan
Planning Obligations Group	Councillor M Chilcott Councillor P Murphy

Hinkley Housing Board	Councillor M Chilcott Councillor C Morgan Councillor K Turner Councillor P Murphy
Hinkley Leisure Fund	Councillor M Chilcott Councillor C Morgan Councillor D Westcott
Harbour Board	Councillor M Dewdney Councillor J Parbrook Councillor R Woods Councillor T Venner Non-voting members: Councillors C Morgan, M Chilcott

C13 **Replacement of Designated Public Place Orders with Public Spaces Protection Order in respect of Minehead, Watchet and Williton**

(Report No. WSC 50/17, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an update of work in preparation for the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders to replace existing Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO) that address anti-social behaviour issues in Minehead, Watchet and Williton. Further to request that Members agreed to the introduction of such an order to come into effect on 1 June 2017. The replacement of the existing DPPO's was a requirement under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The Lead Member for Community and Customer presented the report and provided background information. He went on to propose the recommendation which was duly seconded by Councillor M Dewdney.

Specific questions were raised in regard to what support would the Police provide in respect of controlling anti-social behaviour under the new legislation, as well as enquiring as to how many fixed penalty notices for Minehead, Watchet and Williton had been served per year under the DPPO process.

The Community and Client Services Manager undertook to respond to the question regarding fixed penalty notices in writing, and agreed to discuss the matter of support with the Police.

RESOLVED that the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order to address the possession and consumption of alcohol within the geographic areas shown on the appended maps to the report of Minehead, Watchet and Williton be agreed.

C14 **West Somerset Council 2017-2020 Asset Strategy**

(Report No. WSC 51/17, circulated with the Agenda.)

This item was withdrawn.

C15 **HPC Planning Obligations Board – Allocation of CIM Funding**

(Report No. WSC 52/17, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to present the recommendations of the Hinkley Point C Planning Obligations Board (POB) for the allocation of monies from the Community Impact Mitigation (CIM) Fund secured through the Section 106 legal agreement for the Site Preparation Works at Hinkley Point.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support outlined the details of the report, providing information on the project. Members were informed that the POB felt the bid did not meet the funding criteria and the reasons for turning down the application were given. The Lead Member drew attention to the CIM Fund uncommitted balances shown in Appendix A to the report as there was ring-fenced West Somerset money still available. She advised Sedgemoor District Council had allocated all of its funding to projects, as well as stating that applicants from all of Somerset could apply to the 1st and 2nd Annual Payment and the Board looked forward to receiving more projects.

The Lead Member proposed the recommendation of the report which were seconded by Councillor C Morgan.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Hinkley C Planning Obligations Board be endorsed as follows:

- (i) That the application from Burnham on Sea Events for the Busy Burnham project for £105,000 is not approved as the application did not meet the funding criteria, especially sustainability and value for money.

The meeting closed at 3.20 pm.