

WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Council held on 17 May 2018 at 2.30 pm

in the Council Chamber, Williton

Present:

Councillor B Heywood Chairman
Councillor J Parbrook Vice-Chairman

Councillor I Aldridge	Councillor B Allen
Councillor A Behan	Councillor M J Chilcott
Councillor H Davies	Councillor M Dewdney
Councillor G S Dowding	Councillor S Goss
Councillor A P Hadley	Councillor I Jones
Councillor R Lillis	Councillor B Maitland-Walker
Councillor K Mills	Councillor C Morgan
Councillor P H Murphy	Councillor J Parbrook
Councillor P Pilkington	Councillor S Pugsley
Councillor R Thomas	Councillor N Thwaites
Councillor A Trollope-Bellew	Councillor K Turner
Councillor D Westcott	Councillor R Woods

Officers in Attendance:

Chief Executive (P James)
Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)
Assistant Director Energy Infrastructure (A Goodchild)
Community and Housing Lead – Energy Infrastructure (L Redston)
Meeting Administrator (A Randell)

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 J Parbrook be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

C3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clifford and 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 H Davies	All	SCC	Spoke and votes
Cllr S Goss	All	Stogursey	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

Councillor Westcott declared a personal interest due to living in the vicinity in relation to item number C14 and chose not to vote.

Councillor Chilcott declared a personal interest in relation to item number C14 but chose to speak and voted on this item.

C5 Minutes

(Minutes of the meetings of Council held on 19 March 2018 (Special), 21 March 2018 and 25 April 2018 (Special), circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of Council held on 19 March 2018 (Special), 21 March 2018 and 25 April 2018 (Special) be confirmed as correct records.

C6 Public Participation

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

C7 Appointment of Leader

Councillor Trollope-Bellew confirmed that discussion around Unitary proposals would be held with Somerset County Council and all district Councils Leaders and Chief Executives.

Councillor Murphy requested that Councillors work together to consider Unitary proposals for the benefit of those who live in Somerset.

Councillor Trollope-Bellew and Davies commended Councillor Chilcott for all her hard work as a Cabinet member and congratulated her on her position as Deputy Leader of Somerset County Council.

Councillors Trollope-Bellew, Chilcott and Morgan thanked Andrew Goodchild on his professional work and were indebted to him for all his work with the authority.

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 Dewdney	Conservative	Resources and Central Support
Councillor A Hadley	Conservative	Regeneration and Economic Growth
Councillor B Maitland-Walker	Conservative	Environment
Councillor C Morgan	Conservative	Energy Infrastructure
Councillor S J Pugsley	Conservative	Deputy Leader and Executive Support and Democracy
Councillor K H Turner	Conservative	Housing, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor D J Westcott	Conservative	Community and Customer

The Leader of the Opposition reported that there were no announcements of appointments of Shadow Lead Members at this stage. Cllr Murphy also thanked Councillor Chilcott for her hard work and looked forward to working with her successor.

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 R Lillis	Conservative
Councillor J Parbrook	Conservative
Councillor R Clifford	Conservative
Councillor R Woods	Conservative
Councillor N Thwaites	Conservative

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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
Councillor I Aldridge	West Somerset Opposition
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

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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 R Woods

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 2018-2019 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 A Hadley
Somerset County Playing Fields Association	Councillor H J W Davies
Somerset Passenger Transport Forum	Councillor B Maitland-Walker
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 N Thwaites
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
West Somerset Advice Bureau	Councillor I Aldridge Deputy: Councillor R Clifford
ENGAGE - West Somerset Voluntary Sector Development agency	Councillor R Lillis Deputy: Councillor N Thwaites
Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group	Councillor B Maitland-Walker 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
Watchet Coastal Community Team	Councillor R Woods
Police and Crime Panel	Councillor S Dowding
Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor K Turner

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Appointment of Representatives on Internal Bodies

RESOLVED that the Members appointed to serve on Internal Bodies for the municipal year 2018-2019 be as follows:

Joint Partnership Advisory Board (JPAG)	Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew Councillor J Parbrook Councillor A P Hadley Councillor R P Lillis Councillor N Thwaites Councillor B Maitland-Walker Councillor P Murphy Councillor 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 Dewdney Councillor C Morgan
Planning Obligations Group	Councillor A Hadley Councillor P Murphy Councillor M Dewdney
Hinkley Housing Board	Councillor M Dewdney Councillor C Morgan Councillor K Turner Councillor P Murphy
Hinkley Leisure Fund	Councillor M Dewdney Councillor C Morgan Councillor D Westcott
Harbour Board	Councillor B Maitland-Walker Councillor J Parbrook Councillor R Woods Councillor T Venner Non-voting members: Councillors C Morgan, M Dewdney

C13 **HPC Planning Obligations Board – Allocation of CIM Funding, Grant Applications**

(Report No. WSC 39/18, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to present the recommendations of the Hinkley Point C Planning Obligations Board, 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 presented the report and provided background information.

The Lead Member proposed the recommendations which were duly seconded by Councillor Dewdney.

During the debate the following points were made:

- Concerns were expressed over parking issues with rooms being rented out in the Cannington area to workers at the Hinkley site.
- Cannington benefited from two bypasses with Hinkley traffic having to use specific routes. It was considered that the focus should be on traffic from Hinkley Point C and problems arising from this.
- Clarification was given that the Cannington bypass was not part of the site preparation works. The impact of the traffic, noise, construction and housing of workers in the surrounding area was recognised.
- The response from residents stated that there was still an effect experienced through the increase in traffic and buses from Hinkley stations A and B in Stogursey; and that problems experienced at Cannington were no worse than Stogursey.
- Food banks were supported but the demand for food banks in consideration of high employment levels was criticised.
- Food banks were used for those in crisis and were closely monitored by referrals only.
- Councillors broadly supported Parish Councils on how funding was used.

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

(1) To approve the release of £110,000 from the 2nd Annual CIM Fund Payment to Bridgwater Foodbank for the Bridgwater Foodbank Premises Purchase Project subject to the conditions set by the Planning Obligations Board.

(2) To approve the release of £182,952 from the HPC CIM Fund ring-fenced for Cannington to Cannington Parish Council for the Cannington Traffic Calming Scheme from the subject to the conditions set by the Planning Obligations Board.

(3) To approve the release of £73,000 funding Project from the 2nd Annual CIM Fund Payment to On Your Bike (Recycle) Ltd for the On Your Bike Bridgwater project subject to the conditions set by the Planning Obligations Board.

C14 **Planning Obligations Allocation – New Sports and Community Hall, Minehead**

(Report No. WSC 40/18, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to make proposals for the allocation of monies secured through planning obligations to individual schemes.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support outlined the details of the report.

The Lead Member proposed the recommendations of the report which were seconded by Councillor Dewdney.

During the debate the following points were made:

- It was considered that the facilities being built would help to maintain the communities in the area, with a modern hall for the community to use in the heart of the town.
- This was good news for the local football association, Age UK were interested in using the facility to increase mobility for the area, for residents to thrive along with the facilities that currently exist.
- The risk of the project was minimised due to the town hall underwriting the costs of the project. The Town Council were commended for this.

RESOLVED (1) that the allocation of £120,000 to Minehead Town Council for the provision of a new sports and community hall be agreed. The total project cost is £757,047.

RESOLVED (2) that £120,000 be drawn from the S106 contributions available in Minehead, pooled from two developments; Summerfield's Development at 'College Green' (£103,500) and ERM development in Blenheim Road (£16,500).

Councillor Morgan thanked all Councillors for continuing to work together in light of it being the last year of the authority existing as a single entity.

The meeting closed at 4:02pm.