

**CABINET**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2014**

**AT 4.30 PM**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILLITON**

**Present:**

Councillor T Taylor ..... Leader

Councillor K V Kravis  
Councillor C Morgan  
Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew  
Councillor D J Westcott

Councillor K M Mills  
Councillor S J Pugsley  
Councillor K H Turner

**Members in Attendance:**

Councillor M J Chilcott  
Councillor B Heywood  
Councillor E May  
Councillor D D Ross  
Councillor D J Sanders

Councillor A P Hadley  
Councillor A F Knight  
Councillor P H Murphy  
Councillor K J Ross

**Officers in Attendance:**

Chief Executive (P James)  
Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)  
Assistant Director – Resources (P Fitzgerald)  
Assistant Director – Business Development (I Timms)  
Assistant Director – Property & Development (K Ibezi)  
Economic Regeneration and Tourism Manager (C Matthews)  
Divisional Manager (Estates) (T Child)  
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

**CAB12     Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**CAB13     Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 June 2014**

(Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 4 June 2014 - circulated with the Agenda.)

**RESOLVED** that, subject to amending the first line in paragraph 3 of CAB9 to read 'The Lead Member for Environment – General presented the item....', the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 4 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

**CAB14 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Member of</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Councillor K H Turner	All	Brompton Ralph	Spoke and voted
Councillor D J Westcott	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted
Councillor P H Murphy	All	Watchet	Spoke
Councillor K J Ross	All	Dulverton	Spoke

In addition, Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew declared a personal interest relating to Item 7 – Request for Allocation of Planning Obligations Funding as he owned the land on which the Crowcombe play equipment was situated.

**CAB15 Public Participation**

No member of the public had requested to speak.

**CAB16 Forward Plan**

(Copy of latest Forward Plan published 19 June 2014 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of this item was to approve the latest Forward Plan published 19 June 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the latest Forward Plan published 19 June 2014 be approved.

**CAB17 Cabinet Action Plan**

(Copy of the Action Plan – circulated with the Agenda.)

**RESOLVED** that CAB89 – Tobacco Declaration be carried forward.

**CAB18 Request for Allocation of Planning Obligations Funding**

(Report No. WSC 98/14 – 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 presented the report and provided details on the proposals that had been considered by the Planning Obligations Group and updated Members on specific projects. She went on to propose the recommendations contained in the report which were seconded by Councillor D J Westcott.

**RESOLVED (1)** that the allocation of £6,250 for play equipment at Culvercliffe Play area to be added to the Capital Programme and funded from planning obligation contributions be agreed.

**RESOLVED (2)** that the minor changes to the project being delivered by ARTlife have been made in agreement with the appropriate consultees and partners be noted.

**CAB19**     **Allocation of HPC Section 106 Tourism Information Funds**

(Report No. WSC 100/14 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to consult with Cabinet on a suggested approach for the allocation of the HPC Section 106 Phase 2 (Part 1) Visitor Information funds.

The Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Growth presented the report and advised that the way Tourist Information Centres were funded and supported by local authorities had changed and it was now the towns that hold them that take the main responsibility, and as a result needed support from Section 106 monies. She went on to propose the recommendations which were duly seconded by Councillor C Morgan.

Members appreciated the hard work undertaken by the Economic Regeneration and Tourism Manager and thanked all who had been involved in continuously securing large funding pots to support the visitor information centres. A thank you was extended to all the volunteers involved in helping to provide an excellent tourism service. The point was also raised that it was important to support tourism going forward as it was key to West Somerset's economy.

In response to a question as to whether HPC Section 106 monies were available for applications received from other tourist related ventures, the Economic Regeneration and Tourism Manager confirmed that there was a separate allocation for tourism mitigation and the Hinkley Point Tourism Action Partnership was currently formulating a strategy to identify priorities and needs. She advised that there would be an opportunity for Members to have an input on the matter at the next Economic Development and Tourism Policy Advisory Group meeting on 24 July, which would start at 11am.

**RESOLVED (1)** that it be recommended to Council to agree that the allocation of the Phase 2 (Part One) Section 106 Tourism allocation of £50,000 to those local authorities and visitor centres named within the Section 106 Agreement as follows:

- i.    £20,000 to West Somerset Council for the purposes of supporting Minehead, Porlock and Watchet Tourism Information Centres.
- ii.   £15,000 to Sedgemoor District Council for the purposes of supporting Burnham-on-Sea Tourism Information Centre.
- iii.  £15,000 to Somerset County Council for the purposes of supporting the Sedgemoor Services Visitor Centre (located on the M5).

**RESOLVED (2)** that in respect of this allocation it be recommended to Council to approve an additional expenditure budget of £50,000 to the Revenue Budget for Tourism Information Centres with a corresponding income budget of £50,000 for the Section 106 contribution.

**CAB20     Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of CAB21 on the grounds that, if the press and public were present during that item, there would be likely to be a disclosure to them of exempt information of the class specified in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended as follows:

The item contained information that could release confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It was therefore proposed that after consideration of all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**CAB21     Sale of Barnsclose Business Units, Dulverton**

(Report No. WSC 101/14, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to approve the freehold sale of the Barnsclose Business Units, Dulverton.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support presented the item and provided Members with the background information. She proposed the recommendations contained within the report which were duly seconded by Councillor C Morgan.

A discussion took place on the reasons for selling the business units and clarification was sought on the overage clause.

Members articulated particular concerns regarding recommendation 3.2 of the report and asked some detailed questions about the financial and resource implications on the asset disposal, and deliberated on how to make the best use of the capital receipt. It was suggested that it would be prudent if the decision on the capital receipt be made when the business units were sold.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that recommendation 3.2 of the report be withdrawn in order to further consider the financial implications. On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED. This then became the new substantive motion on which there was no further debate.

**RESOLVED** that the Barnsclose Business Units be sold subject to existing tenancies for £105,000 (one hundred and five thousand pounds) plus VAT with each party being responsible for their own costs.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm