

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2013

AT 4.30 PM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILLITON

Present:

Councillor T Taylor Leader

Councillor K V Kravis
Councillor S J Pugsley
Councillor K H Turner

Councillor C Morgan
Councillor D J Sanders
Councillor D J Westcott

Members in Attendance:

Councillor H J W Davies
Councillor J Freeman
Councillor D D Ross

Councillor M O A Dewdney
Councillor E May
Councillor M A Smith

Officers in Attendance:

Chief Executive (A Dyer)
Corporate Director (B Lang)
Climate Change & Community Liaison Manager (A Lamplough)
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

CAB125 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

CAB126 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 2013

(Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 3 April 2013 - circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 3 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

CAB127 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
Councillor D Westcott	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted
Councillor K H Turner	All	Brompton Ralph	Spoke and voted
Councillor H J W Davies	All	County	Spoke

The Leader congratulated Councillor H J W Davies on his recent election as County Councillor and wished him all the best.

CAB128 **Public Participation**

No member of the public had requested to speak.

CAB129 **Forward Plan**

(Copy of latest Forward Plan published 25 April 2013 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of this item was to approve the latest Forward Plan published 25 April 2013.

RESOLVED that the latest Forward Plan published 25 April 2013 be approved.

CAB130 **Cabinet Action Plan**

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

RESOLVED that CAB124 – Commissioning of Property Consultants be deleted as actioned.

CAB131 **Request for Allocation of Planning Obligations Funding**

(Report No. WSC 59/13, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to make a proposal for the allocation of capital monies secured through planning obligations to an individual scheme.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support presented this item and outlined the details in the report. She drew Members' attention to the four project proposal options and reported that, following discussions with Somerset County Council, Option 4 was the recommended choice which would enhance the path to an adoptable standard, increase the width of the path and include an upgrade of the lighting columns. An explanation was given as to the funding sources for the project and the Lead Member thanked Minehead Town Council for their contribution of £6,000 which, she pointed out, showed a good example of inter-authority working.

The Lead Member proposed the recommendations contained in the report which were duly seconded by Councillor D J Sanders.

The point was made that the footpath was very well used, however because of its bad condition it gave a poor impression to visitors in the area.

The Climate Change & Community Liaison Manager confirmed that because the work on the land beside Morrisons' car park involved the replacement of cabling and not enhancement work, section 106 monies could not be used to fund the whole project. She also provided an update on timescales and reported that, subject to Council approval, it was envisaged that Somerset County Council (SCC) would work on a design scheme in June (to be verified by West Somerset Council (WSC)) and works would commence over the summer period.

In response to Members' concerns, an assurance was provided that the upmost was being done to increase the path to its maximum width in order to become a dual purpose path which would eventually link up to the Steam Coast Trail, however there were restrictions in certain places which had already been explored with SCC Highways.

Officers were thanked for the work undertaken on the proposals to enhance the footpath.

Subject to Council approving Resolution (4) below, it was

RESOLVED (1) that the virement of income to the value of £5,000 to part fund the capital cost of this project (see paragraph 6.1 of the report) be approved.

RESOLVED (2) that the commencement of the works to enhance the footpath be subject to the current legal agreement (see paragraph 5.4.4 of the report) between WSC and SCC being amended or replaced to reflect the proposed enhancements and a commitment to the footpath being formally adopted.

RESOLVED (3) that the Chief Executive is granted delegated authority to determine whether resolution (2) above has been satisfactorily discharged.

RESOLVED (4) that it be recommended to Council that the sum of £35,000 is allocated from the balance of monies held under the Morrisons Development Section 106 Agreement to the Minehead Street Lighting and Cycle Path Project.

CAB132 Member Reporting on Membership of Outside Body for Information

(The following reports were circulated with the Agenda:

- Exmoor Tourism Partnership Report by Councillor D Sanders
- Into Somerset Report by Councillor D Sanders
- Dunster Steering Group by Councillor D Sanders
- LARC Report by Councillor D Sanders
- Leaders Update Report by Councillor T Taylor
- Artlife Report by Councillor D Westcott
- CLOWNS Report by Councillor D Westcott
- Home Start Report by Councillor D Westcott
- Safer Somerset Community Safety Partnership by Councillor D Westcott

RESOLVED that the reports on membership of outside bodies be noted.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm