

CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2018

AT 4.30 PM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILLITON

Present:

Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Leader

Councillor M Dewdney
Councillor B Maitland-Walker
Councillor K Turner

Councillor A Hadley
Councillor S Pugsley
Councillor D J Westcott

Members in Attendance:

Councillor A Kingston-James

Councillor P Pilkington

Officers in Attendance:

Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)
Assistant Director – Place and Energy Infrastructure (A Goodchild)
Interim Finance Manager (A Stark)
Meeting Administrator (M Prouse)

CAB1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Morgan.

CAB2 Minutes

(Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 7 March 2018 and the Meeting of Special Cabinet held on 19 March 2018 - circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED (1) that the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 7 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

RESOLVED (2) that the Minutes of the Meeting of Special Cabinet held on 19 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

CAB3 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 B Maitland-Walker	All	Carhampton	Spoke and voted
Cllr C Morgan	All	Stogursey	Spoke and voted
Cllr A Trollope-Bellew	All	Crowcombe	Spoke and voted
Cllr K Turner	All	Brompton Ralph	Spoke and voted
Cllr D Westcott	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted

Councillor Maitland-Walker declared an additional interest in regards to Item 8 as a Member of the Task and Finish Group.

CAB4 Public Participation

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

CAB5 Forward Plan

(Copy of the Forward Plan for the month of July 2018 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of this item was to approve the Forward Plan. It was noted that references to officers no longer in post needed to be updated.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan for the month of July 2018 be approved.

CAB6 Cabinet Appointments to Outside and Internal Bodies

(Copy of the Cabinet Appointments – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies for the period to the annual meeting in 2019.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Members appointed to serve on Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2018-2019 be as follows:-

ORGANISATION	REPS 2018/2019
CLOWNS	Lead Member for Community and Customer – Councillor D Westcott
South West Councils Employers Panel	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor M Dewdney
LGA General Assembly	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor S Pugsley
South West Councils	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor S Pugsley
SPARSE	Councillor S Pugsley
Dunster Working Group	Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Growth – Councillor A

	Hadley Ward Member Councillor P Pilkington
Watchet Harbour Advisory Committee	Councillor D Westcott and Councillor R Woods
Somerset Waste Board	Lead Member for Environment – Councillor B Maitland-Walker Lead Member for Resources and Central Support - Councillor M Dewdney
Safer Somerset Partnership	Lead Member for Community and Customer – Councillor D Westcott Councillor S Dowding
Western Somerset LEADER	Councillor A Hadley
Visit Exmoor	Councillor A Hadley
Connecting Exmoor and Dartmoor Board (established 3 Dec 2015)	Councillor K Mills
Somerset Energy Infrastructure Group	Councillor A Trollope-Bellew – Leader Councillor C Morgan – Lead Member for Energy Infrastructure Councillor S Goss
Somerset Rivers Authority	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy: Councillor B Maitland-Walker
Somerset Growth Board	Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Growth - Cllr A Hadley
Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership	Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor K Turner
West Somerset Housing Forum	Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor K Turner
Health and Wellbeing Board	Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor K Turner
Director of iESE (Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise)	Lead Member for Resources and Central Support – Cllr M Dewdney
Somerset West Private Sector Housing Partnership	Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing – Councillor K Turner
Minehead Business Improvement Board of Directors	Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Development – Councillor A Hadley
HotSW Joint Committee	Leader – Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Deputy Leader – Councillor S Pugsley
Somerset Community Foundation Awards Panel (HPC Community Fund)	Lead Member for Resources and Central Support – Cllr M Dewdney

Cabinet Appointments on Internal Bodies

Asset Management Group	Lead Member for Resources and Central Support – Councillor M Dewdney Lead Member for Environment – Councillor B Maitland-Walker Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic Growth – Cllr A Hadley Lead Member for Energy Infrastructure – Councillor C Morgan
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CAB7 **Hinkley Point C: Section 106 Agreement – Stogursey Leisure Contribution and CIM Fund ring fenced for Stogursey Parish**

(Report No. WSC 41/18 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to receive an update on the Stogursey Victory Hall redevelopment project and to make a recommendation to Council to allocate an additional £110,000 from the leisure funds ring fenced to Stogursey Parish and £130,000 from the CIM Fund ring fenced for Stogursey Parish pursuant to the Hinkley Point C Site Preparation Works Section 106 agreement.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support presented the report and provided information on the additional support for a very worthwhile community development most adjacent to the pressures caused by the development of HPC at Hinkley Point. There had been some challenges in raising funding to develop the Victory Hall in the way that the community wished.

He proposed the recommendations which were duly seconded by Councillor Maitland-Walker, Lead Member for the Environment.

The Assistant Director for Energy, Place and Infrastructure provided confirmation in the last two weeks of Parish Council support as alluded to in the report, as well as confirmation had been received in writing that Stogursey Parish Council had offered to contribute £10,000 of its own funds.

This project required further finance due to the original proposal which had been supported with Section 106 finance. Unfortunately the proposal had attracted none of the match funding expected and so the Trustees had revisited the proposition which had now received Planning Permission and garnered support. The intention was to now go back to Match Funders for small amounts of funding to achieve the £1.5 million left to achieve.

RESOLVED (1) that it be recommended to Council to allocate an additional £110,000 of the leisure fund ring-fenced to Stogursey Parish – making a total of £510,000 – towards the redevelopment of the Victory Hall in Stogursey.

RESOLVED (2) that it be recommended to Council to accept the recommendation of Stogursey Parish Council that an additional £130,000 of the CIM Fund ring fenced for Stogursey Parish – making a total of £330,000 – be allocated towards the redevelopment of the Victory Hall in Stogursey.

CAB8 **Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Report**

(Report No. WSC 42/18 – circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to set out the findings of the Task and Finish Group established by the Scrutiny Committee to look into the matter of Health and Wellbeing in West Somerset.

The Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group, Councillor A Kingston-James presented the report and provided an overview of the Group's recommendations.

The Lead Member for Housing, Health and Wellbeing had supported the Group in its work and provided information on the background on the 2012 Health and Social Care Act which gave District Council's more responsibilities in regard to Health. This was done primarily through the Health and Wellbeing Board, of which he was the District's representative on. It was recognised that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy needed updating. West Somerset Council was also signed up to the Prevention Charter.

Councillor Turner proposed the recommendation which was duly seconded by Councillor Trollope-Bellew.

During the debate the following main points were raised:

- The three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB's) in Somerset were currently working on a project looking at how they can aid Mental Health.
- Air Quality was not specifically mentioned but West Somerset was felt to have a higher quality of air than most places in the country.
- The statistic that West Somerset had better than the average for children in low income families was slightly surprising but it was considered this was due to a possible smaller sample size.
- The concept of 'Lifetime Homes' was explained in greater detail.
- A success story was in the prevention of Smoking in recent years, with Somerset having done particularly well in this regard.
- Concerns were raised over the reduction in Councillors and larger wards in the future leading to a weakening of that local connection.
- West Somerset would still be in the future having one of the lowest quartile for number of electors per Councillor.
- Concerns were raised over Homefinder capacity issues and also with registration which had been shown in recent Housing Needs Surveys for example in Porlock, to be under-used.

- People in desperate circumstances could sit down with Council Housing Staff to be helped with registering on Homefinder.

RESOLVED that the excellent report produced by the Task and Finish Group be welcomed and the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 2.9 and 2.10 in principle on the basis that the report would be forwarded to the appropriate Assistant Director/Head of Service so that proper consideration could be given as to when the officer capacity would be in place organisationally to progress them be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

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