

## MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a **MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 6.00 pm

### **Present**

**Councillors:** E J Berry (Chairman)  
Mrs H Bainbridge, M D Binks, R J Chesterton,  
Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, W J  
Daw, C J Eginton, R Evans, A V G Griffiths, Mrs  
S Griggs, P H D Hare-Scott, P J Heal, Mrs L J  
Holloway, T G Hughes, M R Lee, M A Lucas, E  
G Luxton, D F Pugsley, R F Radford, Mrs J R  
Rendle, Mrs J Roach, F J Rosamond, C R  
Slade, T W Snow, J D Squire, Mrs M E Squires,  
R L Stanley, Mrs M E Turner, N A Way, K D  
Wilson, Mrs N Woollatt and R Wright

### **Apologies**

**Councillors:** Mrs E M Andrews, Mrs D L Brandon, R M Deed,  
J M Downes, Mrs C Heal, Mrs B M Hull, D J  
Knowles and P F Williams

## 75 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30 October 2013 were approved as a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chairman.

## 76 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed Members that he would be holding his Christmas Reception for Officers at 12 noon the following day and Members were most welcome to join him.

## 77 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public present.

## 78 **PETITIONS**

There were no petitions from members of the public.

## 79 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **(1) Motion No 475 (Councillor Mrs N Woollatt – 16 October 2013)**

The following motion had been referred to the Planning Committee for consideration and report:-

“That this council undertakes a review of the area covered by the Article IV Direction, which currently applies to the whole of the Conservation Area in Cullompton, with a view to restricting the Direction to those parts of the

Conservation area which have not already lost their historical or architectural integrity.

Secondly, that, with the exception of any which would reasonably be considered to be in such a part of the Conservation Area and thereby likely to remain covered by the Article IV Direction, this council suspends current investigations and actions regarding breaches of the Article IV Direction in Cullompton until such time as the review has been completed and any potential alterations to the area covered by the Direction have been implemented.”

In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.6(a) Councillor Mrs N Woollatt had requested that her Motion be altered to remove the following wording: “with the exception of any which would reasonably be considered to be in such a part of the Conservation Area and thereby likely to remain covered by the Article IV Direction...” That was **AGREED**.

The Planning Committee had considered the proposal and recommended that it be rejected.

Following debate, and upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have **FAILED**.

**Note:** Councillor Mrs N Woollatt declared a personal interest as she lived within the Conservation Area in Cullompton.

**(2) Motion No 476 (Councillor Mrs J Roach – 6 November 2013)**

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:-

“This Council resolves to seek AONB status for the Exe Valley”.

The **MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor Mrs J Roach and seconded by Councillor Mrs M E Turner. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council had ruled that the **MOTION** should **STAND REFERRED** to the Cabinet.

**(3) Motion 477 (Councillor D F Pugsley – 21 November 2013)**

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:-

“That this Council should adopt the Glossary of Planning Terms on the government's web-site (or alternatively the Lawson-Fairbank Glossary of Planning Terms)”.

The **MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor D F Pugsley and seconded by Councillor T W Snow. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council had ruled that the **MOTION** should **STAND REFERRED** to the Planning Committee.

**(4) Motion 478 (Councillor D F Pugsley – 21 November 2013)**

The Council had before it a **MOTION** submitted for the first time:-

That this Council approve the amended political allocation of seats as set out in the attachment

The **MOTION** was **MOVED** by Councillor D F Pugsley and seconded by Councillor Mrs N Woollatt. In accordance with Procedure Rule 13.4 the Chairman of the Council had ruled that the **MOTION** should be debated at this meeting.

Following debate, and upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have **FAILED**.

**80 PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 November 2013.

**81 PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT – SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the special meeting of the Committee held on 20 November 2013.

**82 PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 December 2013.

**83 CABINET – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2013**

The Leader presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 31 October 2013.

**Arising thereon:-**

**(1) Schedule of Meetings 2014/15 (Minute 74)**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor N V Davey:-

**“THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in Minute 74 be **ADOPTED”**

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

**84 CABINET – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2013**

The Leader presented the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 28 November 2013.

**Arising thereon:-**

**(1) Provision of Affordable Housing – Cordwents Farm, Halberton  
(Minute 82b)**

The Leader **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor N V Davey:-

**“THAT** the recommendation of the Cabinet as set out in  
Minute 82b be **ADOPTED”**

Following debate and upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to  
have been **CARRIED**.

**85 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 11  
NOVEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report of the meeting  
of the Committee held on 11 November 2013.

**86 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER  
2013**

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee presented the report of the meeting  
of the Committee held on 9 December 2013.

**87 AUDIT COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER  
2013**

The Chairman of the Audit Committee presented the report of the meeting of  
the Committee held on 19 November 2013.

**88 MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP –  
REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Managing the Environment Policy Development Group  
presented the report of the meeting of the Group held on 19 November 2013.

**89 DECENT AND AFFORDABLE HOMES POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP –  
REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development  
Group presented the report of the meeting of the Group held on 26  
November 2013.

**90 COMMUNITY WELL BEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – REPORT  
– SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Community Well Being Policy Development Group  
presented the report of the special meeting of the Group held on 5 November  
2013.

**91 COMMUNITY WELL BEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – REPORT  
– MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Community Well Being Policy Development Group presented the report of the meeting of the Group held on 3 December 2013.

92 **LICENSING COMMITTEE – REPORT – MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2013**

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee presented the report of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 December 2013.

**(1) Third review of the Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 (Minute 12)**

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor D R Coren:-

“**THAT** the recommendation of the Licensing Committee as set out in Minute 12 be **ADOPTED**”

Upon a vote being taken, the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED**.

93 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 12.2.

94 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER INTERNAL BODIES**

Following Councillor J D Squire having left the Conservative Group and Councillor R Wright having left the Liberal Democrat Group, the Council reviewed the allocation of seats on Committee, Sub Committees, Working Groups and other internal bodies.

The Chairman **MOVED** seconded by the Leader:-

“**THAT** the tables be approved with regard to allocation of seats on Committees, Sub Committees, Working Groups and other internal bodies”.

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED** and the following tables **APPROVED** including the appointment of Councillor R Wright to the Audit Committee, the appointment of Councillor J D Squire to the Community Well-Being Policy Development Group and the Planning Committee.

	<b>Total s</b>	<b>Independent Non-Aligned Group (ING) 6</b>	<b>Conservatives (Con) 23</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats (LD) 5</b>	<b>Westex Independent Group 2</b>	<b>Ungrouped 6</b>
% Based on current membershi p of 42	100	14.29	54.76	11.90	4.76	14.29
Committee Seats	90	13	50	10	4	13
Other Bodies	22	3	13	2	1	3

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>No on Committee</b>	<b>ING 13</b>	<b>Con 50</b>	<b>LD 10</b>	<b>WIG 4</b>	<b>Ungrouped 13</b>
Scrutiny	10	1.43 1	5.48 6	1.19 1	0.48 1	1.43 1
Audit	5	0.71 1	2.74 3	0.60 0	0.24 0	0.71 1
Managing the Environ PDG	7	1.00 1	3.83 4	0.83 1	0.33 0	1.00 1
Dec/Aff Homes PDG	7	1.00 1	3.83 4	0.83 1	0.33 0	1.00 1
Comm Well Being PDG	7	1.00 1	3.83 4	0.83 0	0.33 0	1.00 2
Planning	15	2.14 2	8.21 8	1.79 2	0.71 1	2.14 2
Licensing	15	2.14 2	8.21 8	1.79 2	0.71 1	2.14 2
Regulatory	15	2.14 2	8.21 8	1.79 2	0.71 1	2.14 2
Standards Committee	9	1.29 2	4.93 5	1.07 1	0.43 0	1.29 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Other Bodies</b>	<b>No on Group</b>	<b>ING 3</b>	<b>Con 13</b>	<b>LD 2</b>	<b>WIG 1</b>	<b>Ungrouped 3</b>
Planning Policy Advisory Group	9	1.29 1	4.93 5	1.07 1	0.43 1	1.29 1
PWG	8	1.14 1	4.38 5	0.95 1	0.38 0	1.14 1
Appointments Panel	5	0.71 1	2.74 3	0.60 0	0.24 0	0.71 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

## 95 QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

Councillor K D Wilson asked the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration for confirmation that any Member could attend a meeting of the Planning Policy Advisory Group; the Cabinet Member stated that this was correct.

Councillor D F Pugsley asked the Leader if he had a date for the State of the District Debate, the Leader stated that the debate would take place in the New Year.

Councillor Mrs J Roach asked the Chairman in the absence of the Cabinet Member when the audio recording equipment would be available. Councillor C R Slade stated that the equipment had been purchased and would be ready for use in the New Year.

Councillor M D Binks voiced his concerns to the Leader in the absence of the Cabinet Member regarding computer equipment failure at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre. The Leader stated that he too had concerns and that he would find out whether the issues with the equipment had been rectified.

96 **MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Councillor F J Rosamond reported that as the Council Representative on the Citizens Advice Bureau he had received news that a grant of £250,000 grant had been received for the areas of West, Mid and North Devon along with Torridge, this money would be used to improve services for young people and rural outreach.

(The meeting ended at 7.10pm)

**CHAIRMAN**