

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**
held at The Town Hall, Tiverton on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 7.00pm

Present

Councillors: E J Berry (Chairman)
M D Binks, R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe, D
R Coren, N V Davey, W J Daw, R M Deed, 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, Mrs B M Hull, D J Knowles, M R Lee,
M A Lucas, E G Luxton, R F Radford, Mrs J R
Rendle, Mrs J Roach, C R Slade, J D Squire,
Mrs M E Squires, R L Stanley, Mrs M E Turner, N
A Way, P F Williams, K D Wilson, Mrs N Woollatt
and R Wright

Apologies

Councillors: Mrs E M Andrews, Mrs H Bainbridge, Mrs D L
Brandon, J M Downes, Mrs C Heal, D F Pugsley,
F J Rosamond and T W Snow.

1 CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mrs M E Squires nominated Councillor E J Berry for election as Chairman of the District Council for the Year 2014/2015. This nomination was seconded by Councillor P J Heal. It was then:-

RESOLVED that Councillor E J Berry be elected
Chairman of the Mid Devon District Council for the
Municipal Year 2014/2015.

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Councillor E J Berry then made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman addressed the Council and thanked the Members for having re-elected him as their Chairman.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30 April 2014 were approved as a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chairman.

4 VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Mrs B M Hull **MOVED**, seconded by Councillor M R Lee:-

“That Councillor R F Radford be appointed as Vice Chairman
of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014/2015”.

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

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Councillor R

F Radford then made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for having re-appointed him as its Vice Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY

Councillor Mrs M E Turner nominated Councillor Mrs J Roach for election as Chairman of Scrutiny. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Mrs N Woollatt.

Upon a vote being taken, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J Roach be elected Chairman of Scrutiny for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

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

The Council had before it Tables setting out the proposed allocation of seats on Committees and other Council bodies.

Arising thereon:-

Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Seats on Committees and other Council Bodies

The Chairman **MOVED THAT**,

(a) the Tables be approved with regard to the allocation of seats on Committees and other bodies;

(b) Members be appointed to Committees in accordance with the names notified to the Chief Executive by each of the Political Groups represented on the Council, to give effect to the approved allocation of seats as determined in (a) above;

(c) Members also be appointed to Working Groups and other Internal Bodies in accordance with the names notified to the Chief Executive by each of the Political Groups represented on the Council, to give effect to the approved allocation of seats as determined in (a) above;

(d) the Chief Executive be authorised to give effect to such changes to membership of Committees, Working Groups and other internal bodies as may be notified to him from time to time by the relevant Political Group to which those seats have been allocated by the Council.

(e) the appointment to seats remaining to be filled by Members, not being members of a Political Group, shall be made at this meeting.

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED** and the following Tables **APPROVED** including the appointment of Councillor Mrs J Roach to the Scrutiny Committee and the Appointments Panel, the appointment of Councillor D J Knowles to the Planning Committee, the Planning Working Group, the Planning Policy Advisory Group, the Licensing and Regulatory Committees and the Community Well-Being Policy Development Group, the appointment of Councillor D F Pugsley to the Licensing and Regulatory Committees, the appointment of Councillor J D Squire to the Audit Committee, the Licensing and Regulatory Committees and as a Planning Committee substitute, the appointment of Councillor R Wright to the Decent and Affordable Homes Policy Development Group and the Standards Committee the appointment of Councillor K D Wilson to the Planning Committee and the Planning Working Group and the appointment of Councillor Mrs N Woollatt to the Managing the Environment Policy Development Group and the Standards Committee.

| | Totals | Independent Non-Aligned Group (ING) 6 | Conservatives (Con) 24 | Liberal Democrats (LD) 3 | Westex Independent Group 2 | Ungrouped 7 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| % Based on current membership of 42 | 100 | 14.29 | 57.14 | 7.14 | 4.76 | 16.67 |
| Committee Seats | 90 | 13 | 51 | 7 | 4 | 15 |
| Other Bodies | 22 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

| COMMITTEE | No on Committee | ING 13 | Con 51 | LD 7 | WIG 4 | Ungrouped 15 |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Scrutiny | 10 | 1.43 1 | 5.71 6 | 0.71 1 | 0.48 1 | 1.67 1 |
| Audit | 5 | 0.71 1 | 2.86 3 | 0.36 0 | 0.24 0 | 0.83 1 |
| Managing the Environ PDG | 7 | 1.00 1 | 4.00 4 | 0.50 1 | 0.33 0 | 1.17 1 |
| Dec/Aff Homes PDG | 7 | 1.00 1 | 4.00 4 | 0.50 1 | 0.33 0 | 1.17 1 |
| Comm Well Being PDG | 7 | 1.00 2 | 4.00 4 | 0.50 0 | 0.33 0 | 1.17 1 |
| Planning | 15 | 2.14 2 | 8.57 9 | 1.07 1 | 0.71 1 | 2.50 2 |
| Licensing | 15 | 2.14 2 | 8.57 8 | 1.07 1 | 0.71 1 | 2.50 3 |
| Regulatory | 15 | 2.14 2 | 8.57 8 | 1.07 1 | 0.71 1 | 2.50 3 |
| Standards Committee | 9 | 1.29 1 | 5.14 5 | 0.64 1 | 0.43 0 | 1.50 2 |
| TOTAL | 90 | 13 | 51 | 7 | 4 | 15 |

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| Other Bodies | No on Group | ING 3 | Con 13 | LD 1 | WIG 1 | Ungrouped 4 |
| Planning Policy Advisory Group | 9 | 1.29 1 | 5.14 5 | 0.64 1 | 0.43 1 | 1.50 1 |
| PWG | 8 | 1.14 1 | 4.57 5 | 0.57 0 | 0.38 0 | 1.33 2 |
| Appointments Panel | 5 | 0.71 1 | 2.86 3 | 0.36 0 | 0.24 0 | 0.83 1 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2014/15

CABINET

Leader – Cllr P H D Hare-Scott
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance – Cllr N V Davey
Cabinet Member for Housing – Cllr R L Stanley
Cabinet Member for Community Well-Being - Cllr R M Deed
Cabinet Member for the Environment - Cllr C J Eginton
Cabinet Member for Working Environment and Support Services – Cllr Mrs B M Hull
Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration – Cllr R J Chesterton

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| Scrutiny (10) E J Berry (C) A V G Griffiths (C) Mrs S Griggs (C) T G Hughes (C) M R Lee (C) Mrs J R Rendle (C) Mrs J Roach (U) T W Snow (ING) Mrs M E Turner (WIG) N A Way (LD) | Audit Committee (5) R Evans (C) M Binks (C) F J Rosamond (ING) C Slade (C) J D Squire (U) | Managing the Environment PDG (7) E J Berry (C) D R Coren (C) J M Downes (LD) M A Lucas (ING) J D Squire (U) Mrs M E Squires (C) Mrs N Woollatt (U) | Decent & Affordable Homes PDG (7) Mrs E M Andrews (ING) W J Daw (C) P J Heal (C) R F Radford (C) Mrs J R Rendle (C) P F Williams (LD) R Wright(U) |
| Community Well-Being PDG (7) Mrs H Bainbridge (C) Mrs D L Brandon (ING) Mrs S Griggs (C) Mrs C Heal (C) D J Knowles (U) M R Lee (C) P F Williams (LD) | Planning Working Group (8) Mrs H Bainbridge (C) Mrs F J Colthorpe (C) P J Heal (C) Mrs L J Holloway (ING) D J Knowles (U) R F Radford (C) Mrs M E Squires (C) K D Wilson (U) | Planning Substitutes (5) E J Berry (C) Mrs B M Hull (C) M A Lucas (ING) J D Squire (U) P F Williams (LD) | Standards (9) R J Chesterton (C) Mrs F J Colthorpe (C) R M Deed(C) R Evans(C) Mrs L J Holloway(ING) C Slade(C) N Woollatt (U) P F Williams(LD) R Wright (U) |

| Planning Committee (15) | Licensing Committee (15) | Regulatory Committee (15) | Planning Policy Advisory Group (9) |
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| Mrs H Bainbridge (C) M D Binks (C) Mrs D L Brandon (ING) Mrs F J Colthorpe (C) J M Downes (LD) C J Eginton (C) A V G Griffiths (C) P J Heal (C) Mrs L J Holloway (ING) D J Knowles (U) E G Luxton (WIG) R F Radford (C) Mrs M E Squires (C) R L Stanley (C) K D Wilson (U) | Mrs E M Andrews (ING) R J Chesterton(C) Mrs F J Colthorpe C) D R Coren (C) N V Davey (C) R Evans (C) A V G Griffiths (C) T G Hughes (C) D J Knowles (U) M R Lee (C) M A Lucas (ING) E G Luxton (WIG) D F Pugsley (U) J D Squire (U) P F Williams (LD) | Mrs E M Andrews (ING) R J Chesterton(C) Mrs F J Colthorpe (C) D R Coren (C) N V Davey (C) R Evans (C) A V G Griffiths (C) T G Hughes (C) D J Knowles (U) M R Lee (C) M A Lucas (ING) E G Luxton (WIG) D F Pugsley (U) J D Squire (U) P F Williams (LD) | R J Chesterton (C) Mrs F J Colthorpe (C) Mrs B M Hull (C) D J Knowles (U) M A Lucas (ING) E G Luxton (WIG) Mrs M E Squires (C) R L Stanley (C) P F Williams (LD) |
| | Appointments Panel (5) E J Berry (C) P H D Hare-Scott (C) Mrs B M Hull (C) Mrs J Roach (U) F J Rosamond (ING) | | C – Conservatives ING – Independent Non- Aligned Group LD – Liberal Democrats WIG – Westex Independent Group U – Ungrouped Member |

7 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Chairman **MOVED**,

“**THAT** Members be appointed to outside bodies in accordance with the list circulated”

Upon a vote being taken the **MOTION** was declared to have been **CARRIED** and the following appointments **APPROVED**.

| Outside Body | Representative/s | Appointment Length |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Blackdown Hills ANOB Partnership | F J Rosamond | Annual |
| Broadpath Landfill Liaison Committee | Mrs D L Brandon | Annual |
| Business Forum Mid Devon | P H D Hare-Scott | Annual |
| Culm Valley Children’s Monitoring Group | R F Radford | Annual |
| Citizens Advice Bureau – Torridge, Mid Devon & Bude | F J Rosamond | 4 years until May 2015 |

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| Community Safety Partnership | R M Deed | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Council for the Protection of Rural England Devon Area Executive Committee | J D Squire | Bi-annual |
| Cullompton Town Team (Newly formed this year) | Mrs L J Holloway T W Snow | Annual |
| Cullompton Traffic Issues & Environment Working Group | Mrs L J Holloway | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum | J M Downes J D Squire | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Devon Authorities Waste Reduction & Recycling Committee | M A Lucas | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Devon Districts Forum | P H D Hare-Scott N V Davey | Annual |
| Devon Historic Buildings Trust | M R Lee | Annual |
| Devon and Exeter Rail Project Working Party | R M Deed T W Snow | Annual |
| General Assembly of LGA | P H D Hare-Scott | 4 years until May 2015 |
| INVOLVE – Voluntary Action in Mid Devon | D J Knowles | Annual |
| Mid Devon Children's Centres Advisory Board | M D Binks | 4 years until 2015 |
| Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership - Exe Local Action Group - Creedy Local Action Group - Culm Local Action Group | Mrs J R Rendle R Wright Mrs E M Andrews | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee | Mrs L J Holloway R J Chesterton | Bi-annual |

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| Most Sparsely Populated Councils Group | Mrs M E Squires | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Museums Libraries and Archives South West (consultation only – no meetings) | D J Knowles | Annual |
| South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust | R M Deed | May 2014 |
| South West Councils | P H D Hare-Scott (Deputy N V Davey) | Annual |
| South West Councils Employers Panel | Mrs B M Hull | Annual |
| Tiverton Adventure Playground Committee | D J Knowles | 4 years until May 2015 |
| Tiverton & District Community Transport Association | R M Deed | Annual |
| Tiverton & Mid Devon Museum Trust Executive Committee | Mrs M E Turner | 4 years until May 2015 |

8 SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

The Chairman **MOVED**:-

“**THAT** the Council agree the existing scheme of delegations as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution”

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

9 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

The Chairman **MOVED**:-

“**THAT** the following programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year 2014/15 be approved:-

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| 2 July 2014 | 17 December 2014 |
| 3 September 2014 | 25 February 2015 |
| 29 October 2014 | 29 April 2015 |

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

(The Meeting ended at 7.35pm)

CHAIRMAN