

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **South Somerset District Council** held on **Thursday 21 August 2014** in the Council Chamber.

(7.30 - 8.05 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Mike Best (Chairman)
Councillor Carol Goodall (Vice-Chairman)

Cathy Bakewell	Tim Inglefield	Sylvia Seal
Mike Beech	Andy Kendall	Gina Seaton
Dave Bulmer	Jenny Kenton	Peter Seib
John Calvert	Mike Lewis	Angie Singleton
Tim Carroll	Pauline Lock	Sue Steele
Tony Capozzoli	Tony Lock	Paul Thompson
Pauline Clarke	Ian Martin	Linda Vijeh
Nick Colbert	Paul Maxwell	William Wallace
John Dyke	Nigel Mermagen	Colin Winder
Tony Fife	Graham Oakes	Derek Yeomans
Nigel Gage	Sue Osborne	Martin Wale
Jon Gleeson	Ric Pallister	Barry Walker
Dave Greene	Shane Pledger	Lucy Wallace
Anna Groskop	David Recardo	Nick Weeks
Brennie Halse	John Richardson	
Henry Hobhouse	Jo Roundell Greene	

Officers

Ian Clarke	Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services)
Lynda Pincombe	Community Health & Leisure Manager
Rina Singh	Strategic Director (Place & Performance)
Paul Wheatley	Principal Spatial Planner
Martin Woods	Assistant Director (Economy)
Angela Cox	Democratic Services Manager
Steve Barnes	Play and Youth Facilities Officer

37. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John V Chainey, Peter Gubbins, Graham Middleton, Terry Mounter, David Norris, Ros Roderigo, Kim Turner and Andrew Turpin. Apologies were also received from Mark Williams, Chief Executive, Vega Sturgess, Strategic Director and Donna Parham, Assistant Director.

38. Minutes (Agenda Item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

39. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest made.

40. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 4)

There were no questions from members of the public present.

41. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 5)

The Chairman read out a statement regarding the assistance provided by SSDC officers to a group of illegal immigrants found in a lorry at Southfields, Ilminster on 19th August.

Councillor Sue Steele advised that the SSDC Playdays held in Ilton on 10th and 19th August had been attended and enjoyed by over 88 local children and she thanked the staff in the Community Health and Leisure team for arranging them.

Councillor Sylvia Seal, as Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, advised that Yeovil Country Park and Ham Hill had both received a Green Flag award for the 9th successive year. Chard Reservoir had also received the same award for the 5th successive year. The award was in recognition of the highest possible standards for maintenance and excellent facilities. The Chairman joined her in congratulating the staff of the Countryside team for their achievement.

Councillor Ric Pallister advised that, as Leader of the Council, he was reassigning part of the Area South Portfolio. He confirmed that he would be taking Community Safety into his Portfolio, leaving the Yeovil Vision within the Area South Portfolio. He would then invite Cllr Tony Fife to oversee the Community Safety role on his behalf. There would be no financial implications in taking this decision and, as required in the Constitution, he was reporting this to Council for information.

42. Chairman's Engagements (Agenda Item 6)

The list of Chairman's Engagements was noted.

43. Gold Star Awards 2014 (Agenda Item 7)

The Community Health & Leisure Manager provided Members with a short power point presentation on the successful Gold Star Awards, which were held each year in conjunction with the Western Gazette to recognise local young people and the adult volunteers who worked with them. She listed the categories for the awards as: Against the Odds (Junior), Contribution to the Arts (Junior), Junior Club of the Year (Junior), Inspirational Young Person of the Year (Junior), Young Achiever (Junior), Sports Coach of the Year (Adult), Young Sports Performer of the Year (Junior), Young Carer and Lifetime Achievement Award (Adult). She encouraged Members to nominate people from their Wards who they felt should be recognised and invited all Members to attend the presentation ceremony on 28th October at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that the Junior categories were for under 18's and the Lifetime Achievement award could be for a person of any age.

Several Members who had attended previous presentation evenings expressed their support for the event and encouraged all Members to attend an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Councillor Sylvia Seal, as Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, thanked officers of the Community Health & Leisure team for arranging the annual event.

44. Further Main Modifications to the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 - 2028) (Agenda Item 8)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Spatial Planning introduced the item, outlining the four further main modifications which the Planning Inspector had highlighted in his letter of 16th July following the public hearings in June 2014.

He advised that following approval by Council, the proposed modifications would be released for public consultation between 28th August and 10th October and the results of the consultation responses would be reported to District Executive and Council before submission to the Planning Inspector.

Councillor Martin Wale asked that recommendation 1 be reworded to approve for public consultation the further Main Modifications to the South Somerset Local Plan (2006-2028). This was seconded and on being put to the vote, was carried (voting: 45 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions).

- RESOLVED:** That Council:-
1. approved for public consultation the further Main Modifications to the South Somerset Local Plan (2006-2028) (see Appendix A); and
 2. noted that the further Main Modifications had been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Assessment and Equality Analysis as required.
- (Voting: 45 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions).*
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45. Appointment of Temporary Councillors to Rimpleton Parish Council (Agenda Item 9)

The Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services) said the Parish Council were no longer quorate, and were unable to co-opt new Councillors. Therefore, three District Councillors had agreed to temporarily act as Rimpleton Parish Councillors to progress urgent business.

There was no discussion and Members unanimously agreed the recommendations of the report.

- RESOLVED:** That Council agreed to:
1. the appointment of the following persons as temporary members of Rimpleton Parish Council until such time as an

election or co-option can be held and those elected or co-opted have taken up office:

- Councillor Michael Lewis
 - Councillor Tony Capozzoli
 - Councillor Henry Hobhouse
2. authorise the Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services) to make the necessary Order with effect from 22nd August 2014.
(Voting: unanimous in favour)
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46. Constitution Update - HR Management Rules (Agenda Item 10)

The Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services) advised that the proposed changes to the HR Management Rules and Disciplinary Policy would bring existing SSDC policies in line with current legislation and ACAS guidelines.

There was no debate and Members were unanimously in favour of the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: That Council approved the revisions to the HR Management Rules and Disciplinary Policy as detailed in Appendices A and B to the report.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

47. Report of Executive Decisions (Agenda Item 11)

The report of Executive decisions was noted.

48. Motions (Agenda Item 12)

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

49. Questions Under Procedure Rule 10 (Agenda Item 13)

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

50. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 14)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council would take place on **Thursday, 18th September 2014** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Subsequent to the meeting, it was agreed that the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council would take place on **Thursday, 6th November 2014** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date