

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **South Somerset District Council** held on **Thursday 20 July 2017** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

(7.30 pm - 8.00 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Mike Best (Chairman)
Councillor Tony Capozzoli (Vice-Chairman)

Clare Aparicio Paul	Val Keitch	Dean Ruddle
Jason Baker	Andy Kendall	Gina Seaton
Marcus Barrett	Jenny Kenton	Peter Seib
Neil Bloomfield	Mike Lewis	Angie Singleton
Amanda Broom	Sarah Lindsay	Alan Smith
Dave Bulmer	Mike Lock	Sue Steele
John Clark	Tony Lock	Rob Stickland
Nick Colbert	Paul Maxwell	Gerard Tucker
Adam Dance	David Norris	Andrew Turpin
John Field	Graham Oakes	Linda Vijeh
Nigel Gage	Sue Osborne	Martin Wale
Carol Goodall	Crispin Raikes	William Wallace
Peter Gubbins	Wes Read	Nick Weeks
Henry Hobhouse	David Recardo	Colin Winder
Kaysar Hussain	Jo Roundell Greene	Derek Yeomans

Officers:

Ian Clarke	Director (Support Services)
Martin Woods	Director (Service Delivery)
Paul Fitzgerald	Section 151 Officer
Nigel Marston	Licensing Manager
Angela Cox	Democratic Services Manager

34. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cathy Bakewell, Mike Beech, Hayward Burt, Gye Dibben, Sarah Dyke, Anna Groskop, Sam McAllister, Graham Middleton, Tiffany Osborne, Stephen Page, Ric Pallister, Sylvia Seal, Garry Shortland and Alex Parmley (Chief Executive).

35. Minutes (Agenda Item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th June 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

Councillor Paul Maxwell be listed under apologies for absence, not present at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th June 2017 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, as amended.

36. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

Councillor Nick Weeks declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7: SSDC Street Trading Policy, as a Councillor for Castle Cary Town Council who had submitted a response to the consultation.

37. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 4)

Mr Bud Budzynski thanked the Council for providing a bench in the Yeovil Recreation Ground.

38. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 5)

The Chairman reminded Members of two workshops to be held the following week.

39. Chairman's Engagements (Agenda Item 6)

The list of Chairman's Engagements was noted.

40. SSDC Street Trading Policy (Agenda Item 7)

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning introduced the report and thanked the licensing officers and members of the Scrutiny Task and Finish group who had reviewed the Policy document. She asked that the delegation to make any minor amendments to the Street Trading Policy to the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Director for Service Delivery also include herself as the Portfolio Holder. This proposal was seconded.

Councillor Martin Wale, Chairman of the Scrutiny Task and Finish group, advised that the extended consultation period had resulted in two main changes to the policy relating to carnivals and mobile traders such as ice cream sellers and sandwich delivery rounds requiring street trading consent.

In response to questions from Members, the Licensing Manager advised that:-

- The Street Trading Policy would not affect historic markets and fairs.
- The Task and Finish group did not consider the fees and changes attached to licensing as they were set by the Licensing Committee.
- The Licensing Committee would be guided by the policy but could take decisions outside the policy on occasions.

Councillor Nick Weeks cited a situation in Castle Cary where a charity event would be adversely affected if charity stallholders had to pay £50 for a 3 hour event. He

suggested that the Town Council could apply for a number of pitches and he offered to work on a pilot project with the licensing team.

At the conclusion of the debate, Members were content to adopt the revised Street Trading Policy as detailed in Appendix A and confirm the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed to:-

- a. note the contents of the report;
- b. adopt the revised Street Trading Policy as detailed in Appendix A;
- c. delegate the power to make any minor amendments to the Street Trading Policy to the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Director for Service Delivery and Portfolio Holder for Licensing.

Reason: To confirm the revised SSSC Street Trading Policy

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

41. SSSC Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (Agenda Item 8)

The Deputy Leader introduced the report and advised that a cross-party group of councillors had met and agreed to propose that SSSC remain at 60 Councillors. Some minor additional clarifications had been made to the report which would be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England the following day.

In response to a question, the Director of Support Services confirmed that once the submission had been accepted by the Boundary Commission, then the review of Ward boundaries (not Parish boundaries) would begin.

There was no debate and Members unanimously confirmed the recommendation to submit the council size proposal to Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

RESOLVED: That Council:-

- a. agreed the attached submission (as amended) on the future council size of South Somerset District Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;
- b. noted the next stage of the review.

Reason: To confirm the attached submission on the future council size of South Somerset District Council to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as the first stage of the electoral review of South Somerset.

(Voting: unanimous in favour)

42. Report of Executive Decisions (Agenda Item 9)

The report of Executive Decisions was noted.

43. Audit Committee (Agenda Item 10)

Councillor Derek Yeomans, Chairman of the Audit Committee, presented the report of the Committee.

The report of the Audit Committee was noted.

44. Scrutiny Committee (Agenda Item 11)

Councillor Sue Steele, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, presented the report of the Committee. In response to a question she confirmed that no date had been set for the start of the Rural Allocations Policy Task and Finish group as other Task and Finish group work had taken priority.

The report of the Scrutiny Committee was noted.

45. Motions (Agenda Item 12)

There were no Motions submitted by Members.

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

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.

47. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 14)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council was a reserve date of 17th August 2017. Unless there was any urgent business to progress on this date, the next scheduled meeting of the Full Council would take place on **Thursday, 21st September 2017** 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