

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 18
JANUARY 2007**

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 23rd November 2006

PRESENT -: **Councillors:** Hattie Ajderian, John Bailey, Tim Ball, Sharon Ball, Brian Barrett, Colin Barrett, David Bellotti, Sarah Bevan, Marie Brewer, Loraine Morgan-Brinkhurst, Tim Bullamore, Bryan Chalker, Gail Coleshill, Tony Cox, Chris Cray, Paul Crossley, Gerry Curran, Colin Darracott, Matt Davis, Sally Davis, Gitte Dawson, David Dixon, Peter Edwards, Hilary Fraser, Andy Furse, Phyllis Gay, Jonathan Gay, Charles Gerrish, Francine Haeberling, Malcolm Hanney, David Hawkins, Steve Hedges, Lynda Hedges, Sir Elgar Jenkins OBE, Mike Kelleher, Les Kew, Keith Kirwan, Jane Lewis, Shaun McGall, Marian McNeir, Peter Metcalfe, Bryan Organ, Carol Paradise, Betty Perry, Vic Pritchard, Michael Ringham, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Shirley Steel, Roger Symonds, Rosemary Todd, Martin Veal, Tim Warren, Chris Watt, Brian Webber, Stephen Willcox, Gordon Wood

Apologies for absence: Councillors Chris Dando, Ian Dewey, Ruth Griffiths, Adrian Inker, Nicole O'Flaherty, Sarah Webb and Leila Wishart

60 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the Agenda.

61 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Malcolm Hanney - Personal non-prejudicial interests as follows: as Chair of the Bath and North East Somerset Primary Care Trust (PCT) in the Council Executive report on progress on reconfiguration with the PCT (report 14 minute 73); as company secretary of Magna Law Ltd. and spouse of company director who specialises in licensing law in the Statement of Gambling Principles (report 15 minute 72).

Councillor Paul Crossley - Personal prejudicial interest as a saver with the Bath and North East Somerset Credit Union in the motion to support the Credit Union (report 13 minute 71). Councillor Crossley

took no part in the discussion or voting and withdrew from the meeting for that item.

Councillor Jonathan Gay - Personal non-prejudicial interest as the Council's representative on the Governing Body of Bath Spa University in the report seeking approval of funds to pay compensation to tenants at Bath Riverside Business Park to enable vacant possession prior to the University developing accommodation on the site (report 12 minute 69). Councillor Gay requested that his abstention from voting on that item be recorded.

Councillor Betty Perry - Personal non-prejudicial interest as a Somer tenant in the report on the change in the Council's representation on the Board of the Somer Community Housing Trust (report 16 minute 74).

63 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman asked Councillors to:

1. Note with sadness the death on 27th October 2006 of former Councillor John Derrick who had represented Peasedown St John on Wansdyke Council and served on Bath and North East Somerset Council from 1995 until 1999 and express sympathy to his family.
2. Note with sadness the death on 10th November 2006 of former Councillor George Comer who had served on Bath City Council from 1967 to 1977 and express sympathy to his family.

The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect in their memory.

3. Record thanks to all those who had participated in the Remembrance Weekend Commemorative Ceremonies held throughout Bath and North East Somerset on 11th and 12th November.
4. Extend best wishes to David Davies, retiring as Head of Planning Services on 31st December for his service to Wansdyke Council and to this Council over the past 26 years. The Council placed on record its appreciation of Mr Davies' long service.
5. Welcome David Trigwell, recently appointed as Assistant Director Planning and Transport Development who had now taken up his post.
6. Welcome Dr Kieran Morgan recently appointed as Joint Director of Public Health for the PCT and the Council who would take up his post on 1 April 2007 and before then arrange to brief all Councillors on his new role.

7. Note that the Chairman recently announced the twelve smaller local charities throughout Bath and North East Somerset which would benefit from the proceeds of the fashion show and musical event being held later during her year as Chairman.

8. Note that the Chairman had represented the Council and the people of Bath and North East Somerset at three recent prestigious events: the presentation of the Royal Charter to the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Association at Buckingham Palace on 16th November; the silver award for the refurbishment of the historic bandstand in the Royal Victoria Park presented at the House of Commons on 20th November; and the award to the Cross Baths scheme by the Georgian Group for the best renovated public building being held on 24th November.

9. Note that, after consultation with the Group Leaders, the Chairman had agreed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7.30pm, to enable Members to receive a factual briefing from officers on the Gambling Act 2005, before making a decision on agenda item 15. She intended to announce a 10 minute recess for a comfort break immediately after the informal session at approximately 8.00pm.

10. Note that, after consultation with the Group Leaders, the Chairman had agreed to vary the printed order of business so that the informal briefing session would begin after agenda item 8 and that items 11 and 12 would be taken immediately after the recess.

11. Note the agenda item timings on the briefing paper and that the process for keeping to the timings had been agreed with the Group Leaders and asked for the co-operation of all Councillors in this.

12. Note that the Leaders of the two largest Political Groups had decided not to hold any 10 minute debate on matters brought forward under agenda items 8 and 9, given the subject matter of the submissions and the volume of other agenda business.

64 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR(PERSON)

There were no items of urgent business for this meeting.

65 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MEMBER SERVICES (Report 7).

The Council considered the findings of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on its Review of Member Services.

On a motion from Councillor David Bellotti seconded by Councillor Martin Veal it was **RESOLVED** that the Council receives and approves the report of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel and requests the Panel to review

progress on the recommendations within its Review of Member Services before May 2007.

(Note: The wording underlined above was added on an amendment from Councillor Hattie Ajderian which was accepted by the mover and seconder.)