

WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL

Minutes of Council held on 21 November 2018 at 4.30 pm

in the Council Chamber, Williton

Present:

Councillor B Heywood Chairman
Councillor J Parbrook Vice-Chairman

Councillor R Clifford
Councillor M Dewdney
Councillor S Goss
Councillor I Jones
Councillor R Lillis
Councillor K Mills
Councillor P Pilkington
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor A Trollope-Bellew
Councillor D Westcott

Councillor H Davies
Councillor G S Dowding
Councillor N Hawkins
Councillor A Kingston-James
Councillor B Maitland-Walker
Councillor P H Murphy
Councillor S Pugsley
Councillor N Thwaites
Councillor K Turner
Councillor R Woods

Officers in Attendance:

Assistant Chief Executive (B Lang)
Director (S Adam)
Strategic Finance Advisor and S151 Officer (P Fitzgerald)
CIM Fund Manager (L Redston)
Tourism and Economy Projects Officer (N Maclean)
Special Project Consultation (J Souter)
Meeting Administrator (K Kowalewska)

C33 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Chilcott, A Hadley, C Morgan and T Venner.

C34 Minutes

(Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 July 2018 and Minutes of the meeting of Special Council on 20 August 2018, circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 July 2018 and Minutes of the meeting of Special Council on 20 August 2018 be confirmed as correct records.

C35 Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:

Name	Minute No.	Member of	Action Taken
Cllr H Davies	All	Williton	Spoke and voted
Cllr S Goss	All	Stogursey	Spoke and voted
Cllr A Kingston-James	All	Minehead	Spoke and voted
Cllr B Maitland-Walker	All	Carhampton	Spoke and voted
Cllr P H Murphy	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted
Cllr J Parbrook	All	Minehead	Spoke and voted
Cllr P Pilkington	All	Timberscombe	Spoke and voted
Cllr R Thomas	All	Minehead	Spoke and voted
Cllr A H Trollope-Bellew	All	Crowcombe	Spoke and voted
Cllr K H Turner	All	Brompton Ralph	Spoke and voted
Cllr D J Westcott	All	Watchet	Spoke and voted

Councillor R Clifford declared a personal interest on agenda item 6, HPC Planning Obligations Board Allocations of CIM Funding as Chairman of West Somerset Advice Bureau.

Councillor H Davies declared a personal interest on agenda item 8 as a committee member on Watchet Bowling Club.

C36 Public Participation

No members of the public spoke at the meeting on any items on the agenda.

C37 Chairman's Announcements

1 September 2018	Attended the gathering at Minehead Rugby Ground for the launch of the Charity Calendar in memory of Luke Beaver.
9 September 2018	Chairman's Civic Service in Dulverton Church and reception in the Town Hall
17 September 2018	Accepted an invitation from Cllr Nigel Taylor, SCC Chairman, to attend his Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Taunton
11 October 2018	Attended the SCC Chairman's Awards Presentation Evening
14 October 2018	Attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection at Harvest Time in Wells Cathedral
1 November 2018	Attended the Presentation of Awards evening at West Somerset Community College
6 November 2018	Attended the Lord-Lieutenant Mrs Anne Maw's Somerset Remembers at Wells Cathedral
9 November 2018	Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset's naming and blessing of Somerset Wood
11 November 2018	Attended the ceremony and service of remembrance in Dulverton, the Royal British Legion parade in Minehead and a ceremony on Winsford Hill

In addition, the Vice-Chairman represented the Chairman of Council at Crowcombe House for the British Legion's Somerset launch of their Poppy Appeal and attended Sedgemoor District Council's Civic Service on 25 October; on 3 November attended the dedication of the Memorial Garden in Wellington Square, Minehead; and on 9 November attended North Somerset's Civic Evening at Weston-Super-Mare.

C38 **HPC Planning Obligations Board – Allocations of CIM Funding**

(Report No. WSC 78/18, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of the report was to present the recommendations of the HPC Planning Obligations Board (POB) for the allocation of monies from the HPC CIM Fund for grant applications received on 1 August 2018.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support presented the report and provided detailed information on the individual projects. The Lead Member stated that the presentations from the applicants were phenomenal. The Lead Member, on behalf of the Council, thanked the CIM Fund Manager for all her hard work over the past few years.

The Lead Member proposed the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor H Davies.

The CIM Fund Board was thanked on behalf of Stogursey Parish Council to allow the build on the new Stogursey Victory Hall to progress.

Various questions and issues were raised regarding the future governance of the CIM fund and the ring fenced monies for Stogursey and Cannington. It was confirmed that these would remain in a reserve fund and when the pots of money were transferred to the new council mechanisms would remain to ensure the same governance arrangements would continue. Reassurance was provided that new councillors on the decision making boards would be briefed on the history and the aims and achievements of the CIM Fund.

Councillor P Murphy proposed an amendment to recommendation 2.1.1 to include the following wording, 'WSC commends the grant application from Watchet Bowling Club to Somerset Community Foundation and requests that Somerset Community Foundations considers an application from Watchet Bowling Club to the HPC Community Fund for £150,000 to secure the remaining balance of funding applied for.' The amendment was seconded by Councillor D Westcott.

The CIM Fund Manager advised that the Council could encourage the applicants of the Watchet Bowling Club to work independently with Somerset Community Foundation to bring forward a future bid.

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

The CIM Fund Manager went on to explain the function of the new Localities Team who would be working very closely with community groups to help to bring forward projects and services/facilities that they wished to deliver. The role of Engagement Champions within each of the locality areas would be to help local groups to access funding opportunities where available.

A brief explanation was provided on how applicants and community groups could apply for projects to the Somerset Community Foundation.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Hinkley C Planning Obligations Board to approve the allocation of the following from the 2nd Annual HPC CIM Fund Payment be endorsed, as amended, as follows:

- £150,000 to Watchet Bowling Club for the Watchet Bowling Club Community Hall project with conditions set by the Planning Obligations Board.
WSC commends the grant application from Watchet Bowling Club to Somerset Community Foundation and requests that Somerset Community Foundations considers an application from Watchet Bowling Club to the HPC Community Fund for £150,000 to secure the remaining balance of funding applied for.
- £350,000 to Burnham on Sea and Highbridge Town Council for the Burnham Evolution project.
- £300,000 to North Petherton Rugby Club for the New Community Gym project.
- An additional £110,000 to Stogursey and District Victory Hall for the Stogursey Victory Hall development project with conditions set by the Planning Obligations Board.
- £320,000 to Cheddar Parish Council for the Cheddar Community Pavilion project.
- £180,000 to Citizens Advice Sedgemoor for the Supporting Hinkley Advice Needs project.
- £51,428 to Sedgemoor District Council for the Victoria Ward Enhancements project.
- £23,000 to Williton RBL Shooting Club for the Providing Accessible Shooting for All project.

C39 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded during consideration of Minutes No. C40 on the grounds that, if the press and public were present during this item, there would be likely to be a disclosure to them of exempt information of the class specified in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended as follows:

C40 contained information that could release confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It was therefore agreed that after consideration of all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

C40 **Sale of Land at Smithsyard, Washford, TA23 0NB**

(Report No. WSC 81/18, circulated with the Agenda.)

The purpose of this report was to provide Members with a proposal for the disposal of commercial land.

The Lead Member for Resources and Central Support outlined the details of the report and went on to propose the recommendation of the report which was seconded by Councillor R Lillis.

A lengthy debate ensued and various questions and issues were raised by Members and Officers.

RESOLVED that all of the land owned Freehold by West Somerset Council is sold to 308 Developments Ltd.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm