

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 16 October 2008.

PRESENT:

Mr P W A Lake (Chairman)
Mr J A Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, Mrs C Angell, Mr M J Angell, Mr A R Bassam, Mr T J Birkett, Mr R H C Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr R B Burgess, Mr C J Capon, Ms S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr B R Cope, Mr G Cowan, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mr J Curwood, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mrs T Dean, Dr M R Eddy, Mr K A Ferrin, MBE, Mr C G Findlay, Mr M J Fittock, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Ms A Harrison, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr G A Horne MBE, Mr I T N Jones, DL, Mr R E King, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr K G Lynes, Mr T A Maddison, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, DL, Mr M J Northey, Mr R J E Parker, Mr R J Parry, Mr A R Poole, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mrs E D Rowbotham, Mr G Rowe, Mr J E Scholes, Mr J D Simmonds, Ms B J Simpson, Mr D Smyth, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E M Tweed, Mr M J Vye, Mr C T Wells, Mr B P Wood and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Gilroy (Chief Executive).

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Announcements

County Councillors

The Chairman formally reported the election of Mrs J Law as County Councillor for Herne Bay who filled the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr J Law.

Olympics/Paralympics

The Council RESOLVED to place on record its congratulations to members of both the Olympic and Paralympic Teams for their great success at the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Mr Graham Badman, Managing Director, Children Families and Education

- (1) The Chairman informed the Council that this was the last meeting Mr Badman would be attending prior to leaving the County Council. Various Members paid tribute in respect of Mr Badman's services.
- (2) RESOLVED that the County Council places on record its appreciation and thanks for the loyal, inspirational and efficient service rendered to the County Council by Mr Badman.

4. Questions

Under Procedure Rule 1.18, 10 questions were asked and replies were given. One question remained unanswered at the end of thirty minutes and a written answer was given.

5. Treasury Management

In view of the unprecedented international banking situation, the Chairman declared consideration of this item to be urgent so that Members of the Council and the residents of Kent could be advised and assured of the positive actions the County Council is taking in relation to the investment of KCC cash.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) the Economic Management Group, chaired by the Leader, comprising senior Cabinet Members, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance, also include Members of the IMG on Budget.

6. Report by Leader of the Council

The Leader updated the Council on the signing of the construction contract for the Turner Centre which had come in below budget; the first wave of Building Schools for the Future project which could provide up to 400 apprenticeships; the launch of "Kent Healthwatch" on 10 October 2008; the imminent launch of the Public Health Strategy, the South East Plan and progress being made on the transformation of the Highways Department.

7. Towards 2010 Annual Report

- (1) Mr P Carter moved, Mr K Lynes seconded that the second Towards 2010 Annual Report be approved.
- (2) Dr M Eddy moved, Mr D Smyth seconded as an amendment that the report be "noted".
- (3) Mr P Carter with the consent of his seconder and the Council agreed to this amendment.
- (4) RESOLVED that the second Towards 2010 Annual Report be noted.

8. Kent Children & Young People's Plan

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Kent Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 be approved; and
- (b) any further changes required to the Plan be shared and agreed with the three Group Leaders prior to its distribution to members and to all partners/stakeholders.

9. Item for time limited debate

- (1) Mrs T Dean moved, Mr M Vye seconded:-

"That this Council opposes the development of a power station at Kingsnorth without the associated means of carbon capture as set out by the Environment Agency".

- (2) Mr K Ferrin moved, Mr K Lynes seconded as an amendment that all words after Council be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"supports a mixed economy of energy generation and as part of that mixed economy, supports the development of Fossil Fuelled power stations provided they embrace the most advanced technology to reduce emissions.

- (3) Mr Ferrin with the consent of his seconder and the Council agreed to a request by Dr M Eddy to change the word "supports" after "economy" to "accepts".

- (4) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in paragraph (2) as amended by paragraph (3) when the voting was as follows:-

For - 57

Mrs A D Allen, Mrs C Angell, Mr A R Bassam, Mr T Birkett, Mr R Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr R B Burgess, Mr C J Capon, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr B R Cope, Mr G Cowan, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr M C Dance, Dr M Eddy, Mr K A Ferrin, Mr C G Findlay, Mr M Fittock, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms A Harrison, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr I T N Jones, Mr R E King, Mrs J Law, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parker, Mr A R Poole, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J E Scholes, Mr J D Simmonds, Ms B Simpson, Mr D Smyth, Mr M Snelling, Mrs P Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E Tweed and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

Against - 6

Mr I Chittenden, Mr D S Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr G Rowe, and Mr M J Vye.

This was carried and became the substantive motion

- (5) The Chairman then put to the vote the substantive motion when the voting was as follows:-

For - 57

Mrs A D Allen, Mrs C Angell, Mr A R Bassam, Mr T Birkett, Mr R Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr R B Burgess, Mr C J Capon, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr B R Cope, Mr G Cowan, Ms C J Cribbon, Mr A D Crowther, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr M C Dance, Dr M Eddy, Mr K A Ferrin, Mr C G Findlay, Mr M Fittock, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms A Harrison, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr I T N Jones, Mr R E King, Mrs J Law, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parker, Mr A R Poole, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr J E Scholes, Mr J D Simmonds, Ms B Simpson, Mr D Smyth, Mr M Snelling, Mrs P Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mr R Truelove, Mrs E Tweed and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

Against – 6

Mr I Chittenden, Mr D S Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr G Rowe, and Mr M J Vye.

Carried

- (6) RESOLVED that this Council supports a mixed economy of energy generation and as part of that mixed economy, accepts the development of Fossil Fuelled power stations provided they embrace the most advanced technology to reduce emissions.

10. Item for time limited debate

- (1) Mr P Carter moved, Mr N Chard seconded:

“That this County Council agrees to lobby Central Government for a response on how Kent is expected to cope with an additional 6,971 homes being built in the County every year until 2026 as proposed in the Government’s revised housing figures in the South East Plan, a total of 139,420 or a 21 per cent increase in homes, without diminishing the quality of life for Kent residents.”

- (2) The Chairman put to the vote the motion set out in (1) above when the voting was as follows:-

For - 42

Mrs A D Allen, Mr R Bliss, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr R B Burgess, Mr D L Brazier, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I Chittenden, Mr B R Cope, Mr A D Crowther, Mr D S Daley, Mrs V J Dagger, Mr M C Dance, Mrs T Dean, Mr K A Ferrin, Mr C G Findlay, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr M J Harrison, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr R E King, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mrs J Law, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, Mr K G Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr L B Ridings, Dr T R Robinson, Mr G Rowe, Mr J D Simmonds, Ms B Simpson, Mr J E Scholes, Mr M V Snelling, Mrs P Stockell, Mrs E Tweed, Mr M J Vye and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

Against - 17

Mrs C Angell, Mr T Birkett, Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Dr M R Eddy, Mr M J Fittock, Ms A Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr I T N Jones, Mr J I Muckle, Mrs M Newell, Mr W V Newman, Mr R J E Parker, Mr A R Poole, Mrs E Rowbotham, Mr D Smyth and Mr R Truelove.

Carried

- (3) RESOLVED that the County Council agrees to lobby Central Government for a response on how Kent is expected to cope with an additional 6,971 homes being built in the County every year until 2026 as proposed in the Government's revised housing figures in the South East Plan, a total of 139,420 or a 21 per cent increase in homes, without diminishing the quality of life for Kent residents.”

11. Minutes for Approval - Governance and Audit Committee

RESOLVED that pursuant to Procedure Rule 1.23 (3) these Minutes be noted.

12. Minutes for Information

Pursuant to Procedure Rules 1.10 and 1.19A the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee and Regulation Committee were noted.