

COUNTY COUNCIL : MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 28th November 2000

Time: 10.30 – 14.10

Place: Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors: J L Barker, T J Bear, B S Bhalla, S Bicker, P R Bishop, S J Bradshaw, S V Brinton, J Broadway, F J W Brown, S M Campbell, J E Coston, R Driver, J A P Eddy, M Farrar, H J L Fitch, S E Friend- Smith, J L Gluza, B Hardy, R J Harris, G J Heathcock, W G M Hensley, S F Johnstone, J D Jones, A C Kent, I C Kidman, M L Leeke, R B Martlew, L McGuire, J McKay, A K Melton, E Meyland-Smith, S B Normington, T O'Dell, M K Ogden, L J Oliver, A G Orgee, D R Pegram, J Percy, M R Pope, J A Powley, P A E Read, J E Reynolds, M Scott, D C Sharp, P W Silby, C E Shaw, R C Speechley, A B Stenner, P L Stroude, J M Tuck, J K Walters, A M White and R Wilkinson

Apologies: Councillors D M Adey, A J Bowen, D C Kelleway, R S Farrer, R L Trueman

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The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th July 2000 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

153 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death of former Members

The Chairman reported with sadness the deaths of former County Councillors D J Evans, who had represented the Sawston division from 1977 to 1985 and H W Lilley, who had represented the Whittlesey division from 1977 – 1985, having previously served on the Isle of Ely and Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Councils from 1961 – 1974. The Council stood in respect of their memory.

John Neilson, Assistant Director of Resources:

The Chairman reported that John Neilson had recently left the Council to take up a post with Norfolk County Council. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr Neilson for his contribution to the work of the County Council.

Recent Achievements of County Council Officers

The Chairman reported the following;

- Andrew Baxter, the Director of Education, Libraries and Heritage had been elected as the next President of the Society of Education Officers.
- Paul Faupell, the County Health and Safety advisor had been elected as the President of the National Institution of Occupational Safety and Health.

- Liz Railton, the Director of Social Services had been invited to serve as a member of a new adoption and permanence task force setup by the Minister of State for Health to help Councils to improve the performance of their adoption services.

He extended congratulations to all three officers concerned.

Slim Your Bin Campaign for 1999

The Chairman congratulated the County Council and other local Authority staff involved in the 'Slim Your Bin' campaign for 1999. This campaign had won the National Award for the Best Recycling Partnership Project.

Community Legal Service Award for Cambridgeshire Libraries and Information Service

The Chairman announced that the Community Legal Service Award had been presented to Cambridgeshire Libraries and Information Service in October and congratulated them on this achievement. All libraries across the County would display the Quality Mark logo and act as a sign-posting service to sources of legal advice, using printed information and the library's Internet terminal. He explained that in addition, Cambridge Central library had been awarded the Quality Mark at the Assisted Level and customers would be able to call upon trained library staff to assist them in finding the information they needed, and have access to a vast range of legal information resources in both printed and electronic form.

Head of Policy and Review:

The Chairman reported that Mary Scott had been appointed on secondment to the post of Head of Policy and Review for a two-year period from December.

Bishop of Ely:

The Chairman announced that he had attended the enthronement on the Right Reverend Dr. Anthony John Russell as the Bishop of Ely and had welcomed him on behalf of the County Council.

154 REPORT OF THE COUNTY RETURNING OFFICER

The Council noted the resignation of Councillor P R Skoulding with effect from 2nd November 2000 and that a by-election for the resulting vacancy in the March East Electoral Division would take place on 4th January 2001.

155 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

Oral questions were submitted under Standing Order No. 26(E). A transcript of the questions and the responses made by appropriate Chairmen would be circulated to all members of the County Council.

156 POLICY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor M Scott and resolved that the report of the meetings of the Policy Committee held on the 12th September 2000 and the 31st October 2000 be received.

Information reports:

The Council noted information reports on:

- Internal Political Management
- Medium Term Service Priorities
- Local Public Service Agreement (PSA)
- Competition Policy
- Modernising Local Government Finance: a Green Paper
- Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2000/2001
- Crime and Disorder strategies
- Statement of Accounts 1999/2000
- Code of Development Control Practice for Members
- Standards Committee - Terms of Reference
- Consortium to Support of Asylum Seekers
- Pension Scheme Regulations

157 EDUCATION, LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor R Wilkinson and resolved that the report of the meeting of the Education, Libraries and Heritage Committee held on the 10th October 2000 be received.

Information reports

The Council noted information reports on:

- Ofsted Inspection of the Local Education Authority
- Delegation of Funding to Schools
- Public Library Plan for Cambridgeshire 2000/03

- Registration of Town or Village Greens under the Commons Registrations Act 1965
- Cromwell Museum - Revised Mission Statement, Acquisition and Disposal Policy and Key Aims.

158 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor S F Johnstone and resolved that the report of the meeting of the Environment and Transport Committee held on the 19th October 2000 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

(a) A10 Detrunking

It was resolved:

That the detrunking of the A10 from April 2001 as proposed in the Secretary of State's Detrunking Orders be approved, and that the liability for the Brandon Creek picnic site be accepted with a partnership arrangement with the District Council being agreed for its management.

(b) Information reports

The Council noted information reports on:

- Review of National Waste Policy, Joint Waste Strategy Principles, and Council Waste Policy.
- Speed Management in Cambridgeshire
- Heavy Commercial Vehicle (HCV) control - A Review of Policy
- Eastern Corridor Area Transport Plan
- Accident Remedies and Traffic Management Programme - Medium Sized Schemes
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Local Plan: Representation Received on the Deposit Plan

159 SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor J A Powley and resolved that the report of the meeting of the Social Services Committee held on the 11th October 2000 be received.

Information reports

The Council noted information reports on:

- Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) - Inspection of Child Protection Services
- Chief Executives Annual Report on Registration and Inspection Unit
- Adoption and Permanence Annual Report 1999/2000
- Learning Disability - Lead Commissioning in Cambridgeshire
- Quality Protects Management Action Plan - Progress with Implementation
- Learning Disability Day-Services Best Value Review

160 CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY MINUTES (13th JULY 2000, AND 1st NOVEMBER 2000) – QUESTIONS

Oral questions were put to the Chairman of the Police Authority on matters connected with Police Authority functions, in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996. The transcripts of questions and responses would be circulated separately to all members of the County Council.

161 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.26

Members of the Council noted the responses to two questions, which had been submitted under Standing Order No.26.

Chairman