

Minutes



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Date 26 June 2007
Subject 34th Board Meeting
Location Two Bridges Hotel
Time 17:00
LSC office Devon and Cornwall
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Present Malcolm Bell
John Bull - Chair
John Crownshaw
Geoff Hale
John Lander
Geoff Rees CBE
Phillip Stamp
Geoff Hale

In attendance Sarah Beeson (representing Richard Bayly)
Jenny Rudge

LSC staff Cathy Campbell
John Chudley
Rob Corfield
Paul Lucken
Malcolm Gillespie
Chris Roberts
Debbie Young(Secretariat)

Apologies Apologies have been received from:
Hazel Bennett
Jonathan Burnett
Nick Buckland
Isobel Down
Helena Freeman
Graham Stirling
Ian Tunbridge
Richard Bayly
Bob Dow
Phil Weeks

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed Sarah Beeson representing Richard Bayly on behalf of GOSW.

Item 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th February 2007 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them to be a true record.

Item 3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

Item 4. Penwith & Truro Merger

- 4.1 Rob Corfield introduced this item and presented the key points from the Feasibility study.

- 4.2 A discussion took place in regards to the Summary of the Key Findings. Areas discussed included:

- Curriculum
- Governance
- Human Resources
- Accommodation
- Finance
- Systems

It was agreed nothing identified is a stumbling block to a successful merger.

- 4.3 Discussions also took place regarding the potential risks which need to be monitored and managed. These included:

- Capital Development
- Management of the merger process
- Cultural differences
- Opportunities for improvement may be lost
- Maintenance of current business
- Cornwall College
- On-going management issues at Penwith College

- 4.3 Summary of these discussions:

- No substantial issue to prevent a successful merger
- Significant opportunity available for the merged College to develop provision in the Penwith area
- All mergers involve risk and these together with emerging issues need to be constantly monitored throughout the merger process

Chair of Council put forward to council members

Are we content with the proposed merger subject to consultation and due diligence?

Approval was given by the members.

Item 5. Management Report

- 5.1 Key issues in the management report were discussed.
- 5.2 East Devon College - likely to run a deficit budget through 08-09, this will be 5th year of reported financial losses.
Outcomes of Strategic Option Review will be presented to East Devon College Governing body on 12th July.
- 5.3 North Devon College – Capital Bid. Awaiting final documentation.
Devon & Cornwall Capital Projects Committee meeting will be arranged on receipt of the bid prior to it being presented to the National Capital Projects Committee.

Item 6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Future LSC Council Arrangements - Malcolm Gillespie gave an update to Council members regarding the selection process for the Regional Council. Royal assent is imminent. Once received LSC will start the selection process for recruitment to Regional Council. The advertisement for the new Regional Council is not likely to take place until September.

Item 7. Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 There is likelihood that there will be a requirement to hold one final meeting.

Date to be advised as soon as possible.