

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 May 2003 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Miss De-Lara-Bond, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Falp, Harris, Miss Hirsch, Kinson, Kundi, Mrs McFarland and Offer.

Mr George Dunkley (Warwick District Tenant and Leaseholders User Group).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Boad (Housing Services Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Ms Flanagan (Cultural Services Portfolio Holder)

Apologies for absence were received from John Lavery and Rachel Hodgetts.

46. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Falp be appointed Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute Number 50 – Executive Agenda Item Number 2 - Petition - Councillor John Holland

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest in this item because her son was an employee of the Leisure and Amenities.

Minute Number 50 - Agenda Item Number 8 - Refurbishment of Edmondscote Athletics Track

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest in this item because her son was an employee of the Leisure and Amenities.

Minute Number 50 - Agenda Item Number 9 – Sport and Recreation Strategy

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest in this item because her son was an employee of the Leisure and Amenities.

Minute Number 50 - Agenda Item Number 11 - Meadow Community Sports Centre, Kenilworth

Councillor Mrs Falp declared a personal interest in this item because her son was an employee of the Leisure and Amenities.

48. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March and 1 April 2003, having been printed and circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Continued)

49. EXECUTIVE MEETING - MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2003

The minutes of the Executive held on Monday, 7 April 2003, which came within the remit of the Committee were submitted for information and scrutiny.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

50. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORT)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 27 May 2003, which came within their remit. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item Number 2 - Petition - Councillor John Holland

Councillor Holland addressed the Committee on this matter.

The Committee felt that this matter should be referred to the Tree and Woodland Strategy Working Party.

Agenda Item Number 3 - Housing Options Review - May to August 2003

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 5 - The Verification Framework

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report; however, concerns were expressed at the lack of information available on the checking regime which would shortly be introduced.

(During discussions on this item, it was agreed that the Benefits system should be the subject of further discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.)

Agenda Item Number 7 - Draft Homelessness Strategy

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report, and in doing so sought a proactive approach in addressing this issue.

Agenda Item Number 8 - Refurbishment of Edmondscote Athletics Track

The Committee supported recommendations 1.1 and 1.3 in the report, and recommended that the Executive should proceed with the installation of an additional lane and 10 lane straight at an additional cost of £130,000.

Agenda Item Number 9 - Support and Recreation Strategy

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Continued)

Agenda Item Number 11 - Meadow Community Sports Centre, Kenilworth

The Committee welcomed the formation of the Management Committee, and recommended that the matter of Council representation should be considered as part of the Outside Bodies allocation.

Agenda Item Number 15(A) - Grants to Voluntary Organisations

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(B) - Improvements/Renewal and Survey Works to the Council Housing Stock

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Agenda Item Number 15(E) - Leasing of Town Hall Room by Warwick District Senior Peoples Forum

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

51. PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

52. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the confidential items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, 27 May 2003 which came within their remit. As a result, the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Agenda Item Number 17 - Selection of a Supplier for an Integrated Housing Management System

The Committee supported the recommendation in the report.

Agenda Item Number 20 - Cultural Quarter Proposals Spencer Yard, Leamington Spa

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.)