

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 January 2013, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Kinson (Chairman); Councillors Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Coker, Copping, Cross, Davies, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Dean, Doody, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Hammon, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kirton, Mrs Knight, MacKay, Mobbs, Pittarello, Pratt, Rhead, Sawdon, Shilton, Mrs Syson, Vincett, Weber, Weed, Wilkinson, and Wreford-Bush.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bromley, Brookes, Dagg, Guest, Heath, Mrs Mellor and Williams.

58. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Charman offered advice to the meeting, on behalf of the Monitoring Officer regarding Minute 100 of the Executive meeting on 12 December 2012.

Minute Number 65 – Report of the Executive

Councillor Illingworth declared a personal interest in Minute 100 of the Executive meeting on 12 December 2012, because he was Mayor of Kenilworth and had received expenses from the Town Council in the last 12 months.

59. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5 December 2012 were approved as a correct record subject to the attendance being amended to show Councillor Ms De-Lara-Bond being present

60. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements and communications:

- (1) The Chairman wished the Council a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2013;
- (2) The Chairman reminded all about the Holocaust Memorial Day Service on the coming Sunday at St Mary's Church in Warwick; and
- (3) The Chairman encouraged the Council to attend a photo exhibition, at Livery Street Art Gallery, which aimed to highlight the issues of homeless people in Royal Leamington Spa

(The Chairman explained that there had been no submissions for consideration under agenda: item 5, Public Interest Debate; item 6, Petitions; item 8, Public Submissions; item 9, Questions to Committee Chairmen; item 10, Questions to Portfolio Holders; item 15 Public and Press and item 16 Confidential Report of the Executive in November 2012.)

61. **CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

The Council received a presentation on Children's Centres in Warwick District, the benefits they have delivered and the challenges they faced.

62. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Council considered a notice of motion from Councillor Mrs Gallagher:

"That this Council requests the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to attend its full meeting in June, October, January and April each year, whereby a set agenda item will provide time for questions from elected representatives in relation to Policing, Crime and the Commissioner's office. In addition a proportion of time be put aside, at the discretion of the Chairman, whereby members of the public can ask the Police and Crime Commissioner questions. In furtherance of the foregoing, that officers contact the office of the PCC and put this request forward with a view to attendance by the PCC at the 6 March 2013 full Council meeting."

The motion was duly seconded and on being put to the vote the Motion was lost.

63. **LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' STATEMENTS**

Councillor Shilton, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services made two announcements:

- (i) he informed the Council that the severe weather had brought challenges to the refuse and recycling collections in the last week. A decision had now been taken to suspend all recycling collections until the next due to ensure the collection of grey bins and bags could be focussed on. This was being communicated via local media and the Council's website. He provided an update that 99% of bins due to be collected last Friday had now been collected, 90% of the bins due collection on Monday had been collected, 99% of the bins due for collection on Tuesday had been collected and 98% of all the bins due for collection on Wednesday had been collected; he took the opportunity to thank the contractors for their efforts in the delivery of this service and getting the collections up to date.

Councillor Cross, Portfolio Holder for Culture, made a statement informing the Council that the pantomime at the Spa Centre this year had been the most successful on record. The same group would be providing the show next year.

64. **QUESTIONS FOR THE LEADER**

Councillor Boad asked the Leader of the Council:

"If he agreed that Gypsy and Travellers were a recognised ethnic group and Councillors should be mindful of this in any comments that they make about Gypsy and Travellers"

In response, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Doody, agreed.

Councillor Rhead asked the Leader of the Council:

"If he could outline the progress made on Sustainability Delivery Plan and appointment of the Sustainability Manager."

In response the Leader of the Council, agreed to investigate and report back to Council in writing next week.

Councillor Barrott asked the Leader of the Council:

"If he felt that the Local Plan and Gateway Scheme were intrinsically linked and if so, could he explain how?"

In response, the Leader of the Council, explained that there was a direct link between the Local Plan and Gateway Scheme. There was however no link between the Local Plan and HS2. Gypsy and Traveller Sites also needed to be included in the Local Plan.

The link between the Local Plan and Gateway existed because the Local Plan had to identify both housing sites and employment land site, and of course the Gateway was a possible location.

65. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE**

The report of the Executive meeting of 14 November, (excluding minutes 81 to 85 that were considered by Council on 5 December 2012), 12 December 2012 and Minutes 123 and 124 of the Executive of 9 January 2013 were proposed by Councillor Doody duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports be approved.

66. **COUNCILLOR JOHN DAGG**

RESOLVED that dispensation be approved, for Councillor Dagg not to attend a Council meeting between now and 30 April 2013 due to his ill health.

67. **PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

68. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE**

The report of the Executive meeting of 14 November and 12 December 2012 were proposed by Councillor Doody duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports be approved.

69. **COMMON SEAL**

It was

RESOLVED that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.24 pm)

CHAIRMAN
6 March 2013