

# WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2007, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Caborn (Chairman); Councillors Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Britland, Mrs Bunker, Coker, Copping, Crowther, Davies, De-Lara-Bond, Ms Dean, Dhillon, Malcolm Doody, Michael Doody, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Guest, Hammon, Harris, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kinson, Kirton, Mrs Knight, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Mellor, Mobbs, Pittarello, Pratt, Mrs Sawdon, Shilton, Mrs Tyrrell, Vincett, Weed, and White

606. **PRAYER**

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain. This was proceeded by the Council observing a period of silence as a mark of respect for the fire fighters who had lost their lives in the recent fire at Atherstone on Stour.

607. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hatfield, Rhead and Mrs Scarrott.

608. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 10 October 2007, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

609. **PRESENTATION**

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman welcomed Mr Ian Rowley, Director of Communications of the University of Warwick, and Mr Bob Wilson, the University's Director of Estates. The Council then received a presentation regarding the University of Warwick's future development proposals.

Following a period of questions and answers, the Chairman thanked Mr Rowley and Mr Wilson for their informative and interesting presentation.

610. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(A) At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman introduced Miss Sara McGreavy, who was one of the country's leading athletes and had finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the hurdles event in the European Indoor Athletics Championships held in Birmingham. The Chairman congratulated her on her achievements and, on behalf of the Council, wished her every success in future events.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

- (B) The Chairman reported that this was the last Council meeting which would be attended by Mr Dale Best, Head of Leisure & Amenities, who would be retiring from the Council's service at the end of December 2007. The Chairman congratulated Mr Best on his long and distinguished service for the Council and made reference to the many prestigious events in which he had been involved over the years. The Chairman's comments were then endorsed by Councillor White, the Culture Portfolio Holder, and by Councillors Kirton, Boad, Crowther, Coker, Guest and Hammon.
- (C) The Chairman reported that he would be attending the English Bowling Association Annual dinner and presentation of prizes in London on Saturday 1 December 2007.
- (D) The Chairman reminded Members that a Christmas concert in aid of his charities would be held on Saturday 8 December 2007 in the Town Hall. He also announced that the annual civic dinner would be held at the Royal Spa Centre on Saturday 26 January 2008.
- (E) The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillor Mrs J Knight, who had recently returned from a visit to the city of Bo in Sierra Leone, the visit for which had been organised through the District's One World Link.

### **611 EXECUTIVE**

It was moved by Councillor Coker, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Executive dated 22 October 2007, be approved and adopted.

### **612 MEMBERS/TRADES UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL**

It was moved by Councillor Kirton, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the meeting of the Members/Trades Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel dated 3 October 2007, be approved and adopted.

### **613. AUDIT AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Knight, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 16 October 2007, be approved and adopted.

### **614. EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Boad, duly seconded and

**COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 16 October 2007, be approved and adopted.

**615. CULTURE AND SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs McFarland, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Culture and Social Policy Committee dated 17 October 2007, be approved and adopted.

**616. ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Gifford, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Environment and Economic Policy Committee, dated 17 October 2007, be approved and adopted.

**617. REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Mellor, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Regulatory Committee dated 12 November 2007, be approved and adopted.

**618. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor MacKay, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 9 and 31 October 2007, be approved and adopted, subject to a number of amendments which would be made to the version of the minutes to be presented for approval at the Committee's next meeting.

**619. NOTICES OF MOTION**

(A) It was moved by Councillor Mrs E Higgins and duly seconded:

- “1. That Warwick District Council supports the Warwick Chamber of Trade's initiative for the phasing out of free plastic bags; and the Environment and Economic Policy Committee be asked to investigate and recommend to the Executive (a) how this Council can support this either financially or through assistance in promotion of the scheme and (b) how other Chambers of Trade can be encouraged to follow the example of Warwick; and
2. That the Executive approaches DEFRA for a grant to introduce chewing gum disposal points within the district.”

## **COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

**RESOLVED** that the appropriate aspects of the motion be referred to the Environment and Economic Policy Committee and the Executive for consideration.

(B) It was moved by Councillor M Britland and duly seconded:

- “1. This Council notes that many residents who attended Remembrance Day Services on Sunday 11 November had to pay to park their cars in our Towns.
2. This Council believes that many of those wishing to attend had few practical alternatives to driving.
3. This Council believes it should take a lead in supporting both the Poppy Appeal and those residents who wish to attend Remembrance Day services and events.
4. This Council recognises the sacrifice of all those who have died or been injured in the service of their Country, and believes it is appropriate to make a gesture of support.
5. This Council notes that our parking revenues monitoring is not yet sophisticated enough to identify exactly how much was paid by those attending Remembrance Day services, nevertheless it is possible to make estimates based on the figures we have and the number of parking spaces available near Remembrance Day Services locations.
6. This Council therefore resolves to donate an appropriate amount (as defined by the Executive) to reflect the parking revenues received by those attending Remembrance Day Services on Sunday 11 November 2007, to the Poppy Appeal.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5(6) it was moved and seconded that the motion proposed by Councillor Britland be considered at the meeting.

On this being put to the meeting, it was declared carried.

Following discussion, the motion was then put to the meeting and, on a vote being taken, was declared lost.

## 620 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED** that the following amendments be made to the membership of committees and the resultant changes to the list of substitute members;

Culture and Social Policy Committee:  
Councillor Mrs S Gallagher, to replace Councillor Mrs M Grainger

**COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

Environment and Economic Policy Committee:  
Councillor Mrs M Grainger to replace Councillor Mrs Gallagher

621 **SECTION 92, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In addition to Members who already disclosed their interest in the appropriate Committee Minutes, the following declared their interest in respect of the items set out in columns 1 and 2 below and, when the items were discussed by the Council, took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

(Those shown with \* indicate members who left the meeting whilst the matter was under discussion.)

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Persons Declaring Interest</u>
Agenda Item 9(B)	Notices of Motion	Councillors Caborn, Doody, Kirton, and Shilton (Personal: being Members of Warwickshire County Council)  *Councillor Mrs Goode (Prejudicial: being a Member of Warwickshire County Council).

622. **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 8.10 pm)

CHAIRMAN