

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 30 November 2005, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Shilton (Chairman), Councillors Ashford, Mrs Begg, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Chander, Cockburn, Coker, Mrs Compton, Copping, Crowther, Davis, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Doody, Mrs Edwards, Evans, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Guest, Hammon, Harris, Hatfield, Ms Hirsch, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland, Kinson, Mrs Knight, Kundi, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Pratt, Sandhar, Smith, Tamlin and Windybank.

616. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

A period of a one minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for Mr John Picking, the Council's Chief Executive from 1993 until 1996, who had recently died.

In addition, the Council remembered Miss Janie Barrett, the Council's Chief Executive, following the recent death of her Mother.

Following the period of silence, a prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

617. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Butler, Davies, Mrs Falp, Kirton, Mrs Mellor, Mrs Sawdon and Short.

618. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 October 2005, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to reference being included to the statement made by Councillor Coker at the meeting that the Conservative Group Members on the Planning Committee would not be attending meetings of the Committee during at least the forthcoming cycle, and to the Independent Group's decision to withdraw their Member from the Planning Committee for an indefinite period.

619. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) The Chairman reported that some weeks ago he had attended the opening of a housing development at the former Hertford Hill Hospital site in Hatton. In appreciation of the help and guidance given by the Council which had lead to the successful completion of the project, the Developer had presented a water colour painting by Maurice Holmes of the property which would be displayed in the Chairman's room in the Town Hall.

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- (B) The Chairman reported that he had received an award from the Civic Trust in respect of the Jephson Gardens Temperate House in recognition of the excellent standard of the grounds and the construction of the Temperate House. The Chairman then presented the certificate to Councillor Gill, Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services.
- (C) The Chairman referred to the Carol Concert on 10 December 2005 and the performance to be given by the Warwickshire County Youth Orchestra on the 11 December 2005, which would be held in the Town Hall in aid of his Charities.
- (D) The Chairman referred to the Charity Ball to be held at the Royal Spa Centre on Saturday 21 January 2006, and encouraged as many Members of the Council as possible to attend.
- (E) The Chairman encouraged Members to attend the performance currently being held at the Royal Spa Centre by the Side by Side Theatre Group.
- (F) On behalf of the Council, the Chairman congratulated the Town Centre Managers and Committees involved in organising the Christmas lights in the towns in the district. They were all a credit to the district and had been appreciated by the residents.
- (G) The Chairman referred to the Dick Whittington Pantomime being held at the Royal Spa Centre between 15 December and 3 January 2006, and encouraged as many people as possible to attend.

620. EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report of the Executive dated 24 October 2005, be approved and adopted; and
- (2) that the congratulations of the Council be expressed to Mr Roger Jewsbury, Group Manager – Engineering, and his team for the agreement reached with the Environment Agency regarding the maintenance of the rivers in the district.

621. MEMBERS/TRADES UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL

It was moved by Councillor Holland and duly seconded that the reports of the Members/Trades Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel dated 5 and 19 October 2005, be approved and adopted.

- (A) Security Arrangements for Riverside House Reception and the Town Hall (547)

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

First amendment: It was moved by Councillor Crowther and duly seconded that in Minute 547 recommendation (1) be deleted and the following substituted:-

“(1) A bid for resources to fund the provision of a Security Guard in the reception area in Riverside House during office hours be considered as part of the budget process;”

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared carried.

The original motion, as amended by the first amendment, was then put to the meeting and declared carried.

622. AUDIT AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Caborn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 18 October 2005, be approved and adopted.

623. EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Doody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 18 October 2005, be approved and adopted.

624. CULTURE AND SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Ms De-Lara-Bond, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Culture and Social Policy Committee dated 19 October 2005, be approved and adopted.

625. ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Compton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Environment and Economic Policy Committee dated 19 October 2005, be approved and adopted.

626. LICENSING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Goode, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Licensing Committee dated 25

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October 2005, be approved and adopted.

627. REGULATORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Goode, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Regulatory Committee dated 14 and 17 November 2005, be approved and adopted.

628. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Evans and duly seconded that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 11 October and 2 November 2005, be approved and adopted.

Councillor Evans reported that a number of minor drafting corrections to the minutes were necessary which would be corrected prior to the minutes being presented to the Planning Committee for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 11 October and 2 November 2005, be approved and adopted subject to the deletion of apologies for absence being submitted by Councillors Mrs Compton and Windybank in respect of the meeting held on 2 November 2005.

629. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) It was moved by Councillor Mrs Begg and duly seconded:-

“This Council asks the local MPs, James Plaskitt and Jeremy Wright, to oppose the government’s proposed new policy “Planning for Housing Provision”. This policy recommends that the market rather than the planning system should lead housing development in order to keep up with housing demand. This would encourage development on out-of-town and Greenfield sites, and would be in direct conflict with the sustainability led Regional Spatial Strategy and new Warwick District Local Plan.

We urge our MPs to recommend a policy which supports the provision of housing based on demonstrated local housing need, and provides powers for Local Authorities to determine the types of housing to be permitted to meet that need.”

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

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

The motion was then put to the meeting and, on a vote being taken, was declared carried unanimously.

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- (B) It was moved by Councillors M Ashford, G Guest, Mrs C Hodgetts, J Holland, Ms M Hirsch, M Kinson, Mrs M McFarland, Mrs A Mellor, and R Smith and duly seconded:-

“The undersigned Warwick Councillors call upon Warwick District Council to make adequate provision in the District Council’s 2006/2007 expenditure estimates, to meet the revenue costs of Warwick Tourist Information Centre, in accordance with the District Council’s stated policy to support the tourism economy of Warwick District.”

RESOLVED that the motion be referred to the Executive.

630. **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 Minutes set out in columns (1) and (2) below and, when the Minutes 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>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Person Declaring Interest</u>
Agenda Item 8(B)	Notice of Motion	Councillors Ashford, Mrs Hodgetts, Holland Hirsch, Mrs McFarland and Smith (Personal: being Members of Warwick Town Council)

631. **SEASONS GREETINGS**

The Chairman expressed his best wishes to Councillors and members of staff for the forthcoming festive season.

632. **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 7.10 pm)

CHAIRMAN