

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 21 April 2004 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

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

1088. PRAYER

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

1089. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hammon and Mrs Hodgetts.

1090. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2004, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

1091. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The Chairman presented a certificate to Councillor Mrs Begg for twenty years loyal and distinguished service as a member of Warwick District Council. He also referred to the distinguished and loyal service of former Councillor Cliff Cleaver who was unable to attend the meeting to receive his certificate.
- (B) The Chairman welcomed Mr Bill Hunt who was attending his first meeting of the Council having recently taken up his position as Head of Housing with the Council.

1092. MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS

- (A) The Council received a petition sponsored by Councillor M G Ashford signed by 12 residents of Montague Road, Warwick regarding the condition of the trees outside numbers 14 - 38 Montague Road.

RESOLVED that the petition be referred to the Executive for consideration.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

1093. REGULATORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Goode and duly seconded that Minute No. 1089 of the report of the Regulatory Committee dated 21 April 2004, be approved and adopted.

It was then moved by Councillor Butler and duly seconded that the remainder of the report of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED that the report of the Regulatory Committee dated 21 April 2004, be approved and adopted.

1094. THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Executive dated 8 March and 5 April 2004, be approved and adopted.

1095. REGULATORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs MacFarland, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Regulatory Committees dated 19 February 2004 (two meetings), and 22 and 25 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

1096. ECONOMIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Evans and duly seconded that the report of the Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 2 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

It was then moved by Councillor Guest and duly seconded that the report of the Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 30 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED that the reports of the Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 2 and 30 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

1097. ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Compton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 2 and 30 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

1098. SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Falp, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Social Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 2 and 30 March 2004, be approved and adopted subject to the declaration of interest of Councillor Kundi shown in Minute 950, being deleted.

1099. AUDIT AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Caborn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committees dated 3 March and 1 April 2004, be approved and adopted.

1100. MEMBERS'/TRADES UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL

It was moved by Councillor Holland, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Members'/Trades Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel dated 15 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

1101. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Davis, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Standards Committee dated 23 March 2004, be approved and adopted.

1102. EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Employment Committee dated 6 April 2004, be approved and adopted.

1103. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Evans, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 17 February and 9 and 31 March 2004, be approved and adopted subject to:

- (1) in minute 983 reference being made to the site visit to the airport being held on 6 March 2004; and

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- (2) in minute 1043, in the second line of the text under the sub heading 'Issue 1 – Temporary Passenger Terminal and Associated Works', reference to area A1 being amended to area A2.

1104. NOTICE OF MOTION

- (A) It was moved by Councillor Mrs E M Goode and duly seconded:-

"This Council notes with growing concern the aggressive advances of some property developers who target owners of houses with large gardens in Warwick District with unwelcome requests to purchase their properties in order to demolish them and replace them with high density housing.

This Council, therefore, calls upon our Planning Department to produce planning guidance within the Local Plan at the earliest possible opportunity which will afford some measure of protection for residents who are concerned that their property, or their neighbours' will be targeted by such developers."

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

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

Following discussion during which some alterations to the wording of the motion were suggested, the following proposal was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion and those Councillors who had subsequently suggested variations to the wording:-

- (a) that paragraph 1 of the motion remain unaltered; and
(b) the second paragraph be deleted and replaced with the following:-

"(2) A letter be sent to the Local Government Association and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister explaining the difficulties that the context of the national policy causes to areas such as Warwick District, and that the issue of planning guidance to address these matters be referred to the Planning Committee."

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

1105. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE EXECUTIVE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17, and election took place for the Leader of the Executive 2004/05.

RESOLVED that Councillor Robert Crowther be elected Leader of the Executive for 2004/05.

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1106. 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.

1107. CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

This being the final full meeting of the Council before the Annual Meeting on 12 May 2004, the Chairman thanked the Council for their participation and assistance in the way the meetings of the Council had been conducted during the past year.

In response, Councillors Coker, Crowther, Mrs Begg and Kirton congratulated the Chairman and his wife for the manner in which they had carried out their duties during the year.

(The meeting ended at 9.10 pm)

CHAIR