

# WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held on Wednesday 29 June 2011, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

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

(The Chairman announced that because of the significant numbers of members of the public present the running order would be revised so that the public submission was taken next followed by the Executive report and urgent item on the proposed Local Enterprise Zone)

## 13. **PRAYER**

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

## 14. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Mellor and Wilkinson.

## 15. **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

Ms K Pittel addressed the Council regarding the proposed dog control orders and the objections that local residents had to these.

## 16. **EXECUTIVE**

*First amendment:*

It was moved by Councillor Coker, duly seconded that the proposed decision with regard to Minute 3 (Dog Control Orders) of the Executive of 8 June should be

"That the Council implements the revised Dog Control Orders as set out at Appendix 1 & 3 (Dog Fouling and Dogs on Leads by Direction respectively) and requests officers report back to the Executive in September following further public consultation on the agreed changes to the Dog Control Orders set out in Appendix 2 & 4 (Dogs on Leads and Dogs Exclusion respectively), with any further proposed changes being subject to consideration by the Executive"

*Second Amendment:*

Councillor Mrs Blacklock declared a personal interest as a dog owner. She then proposed the following amendment, which was duly seconded:

"That Council implements Appendix 1 Dog Fouling on Leads, re consults on the revised Appendix 2 and 4 (Dogs on Leads and Dogs Exclusion respectively) and Appendix 3 Dogs on Leads by Direction be rejected"

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

### *Third amendment*

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards and duly seconded that Appendix 1 Dog Fouling on Leads be adopted and Appendices 2 to 4 (Dogs on Leads by Direction, Dogs on Leads and Dogs Exclusion respectively) be rejected.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

### *Fourth amendment*

Councillor Boad proposed a further amendment to paragraph 1 of the schedule of Appendix 4 Dogs Exclusion prior to the proposed consultation so that it reads

"1. Any clear demarcated children's play areas, paddling pools, bowling greens, multi use game areas, tennis courts or putting greens, as approved by the Executive and signed as a "dog exclusion zone" (whether the sign uses those particular words and/or symbols having like effect)"

This proposal was accepted by Councillor Coker and the seconder of the first amendment out to the vote and duly

### **RESOLVED** that the

- (1) revised Dog Control Orders as set out at Appendix 1 & 3 (Dog Fouling and Dogs on Leads by Direction respectively), be implemented; and
- (2) paragraph 1 of the schedule of Appendix 4 Dogs Exclusion prior to consultation be amended to read:  
  
"Any clear demarcated children's play areas, paddling pools, bowling greens, multi use game areas, tennis courts or putting greens, as approved by the Executive and signed as a "dog exclusion zone" (whether the sign uses those particular words and/or symbols having like effect);
- (3) Council requests officers report back to the Executive in September following further public consultation on the agreed changes to the Dog Control Orders set out in Appendix 2 & 4 (Dogs on Leads and Dogs Exclusion respectively), with any further proposed changes being subject to consideration by the Executive

It was moved by Councillor Michael Doody, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the report of the meeting of the Executive of 8 June 2011, be approved and adopted.

## **17. PROPOSED ENTERPRISE ZONE**

The Council considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive (BH) and Development Services that enabled members to debate the issues that arose from the potential establishment of an Enterprise Zone on land at, and in the vicinity of Coventry Airport, in order to agree, in principle, the Council's position on the bid proposal due to be submitted by Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership on 30 June 2011.

In addition to the report, a letter from Baginton Parish Council was circulated for consideration by the Council.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) in-principle support be given to the bid proposal to be submitted to Government by the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Economic Partnership (CWLEP) for an Enterprise Zone (EZ) development within the sub-region on land at and around Coventry Airport, on the basis of:
  - the potential for significant job creation and economic stimulus both at the Enterprise Zone site, elsewhere within Warwick District and across the wider sub-region should the proposal be approved by Government;
  - the submission of an outline planning application covering all the proposed development within those parts of the proposed Enterprise Zone, outside of the airport boundary, falling within Warwick District, which will require the applicant to undertake a full Environmental Impact Assessment;
  - the promotion of a Local Development Order (LDO) for all the land within this district's boundary as set out in the bid, i.e. covering all the EZ land and adjacent existing business parks, north and south of the airport, the details and content of which will be determined by this authority;
  - any future LDO not becoming effective until the principle of development has been established through the outline planning application and the development has become lawful;
- (2) the outcome of the CWLEP bid will be determined by Government in accordance with the assessment criteria set out at Appendices Three and Four, to the report, be noted;
- (3) if the bid proposal is successful, it is noted that the governance arrangements of CWLEP Board will require revision; and
- (4) a further report be submitted to Executive if the bid proposal is approved by Government.

(The Chairman had agreed to take this item as a matter of urgency because there was a need for the Council to respond to the proposal before 30 June 2011)

**18. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 18 May 2011, were taken as read, subject to a minor typographical error on the spelling of Councillor Mrs Grainger, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**19. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements.

- (A) The Chairman, announced that there would be a Special Council meeting on 27 July 2011 to determine the Council's response to the HS2 consultation;
- (B) The Chairman reminded the Council about her civic service on 10 July 2011 at St Nicholas Church, Kenilworth;
- (C) The Chairman offered congratulations on behalf of the Council to the Well Being Team on their efforts in ensuring the Walk to Work Week was a success;
- (D) The Chairman offered the best wishes of the Council to Councillor Mrs Mellor following her recent operation;
- (E) The Chairman presented certificates to Councillor Caborn, Councillor Gill and former Councillor Bob Crowther who had all completed 20 years service on the Council in May 2011;
- (F) The Chairman presented a certificate of appreciation to Councillor MacKay who had participated in the Two Castles Run to raise money for her charities.

(The Chairman explained that there was no Public Interest debate, no petitions, notices of motion, nor questions for Committee Chairmen had been submitted and therefore agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 8 would not be considered)

**20. QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Councillor Ms Dean asked Councillor Vincett, Housing & Property Portfolio Holder:

"In the light of the recent difficulties with unauthorised traveller entry and encampment at Harbury Lane Recreation Ground Whitnash, on Gallagher UK's land at Warwick Gates and at other locations, can the portfolio holder inform the Council what steps are now being taken to identify and provide authorised sites for travellers in the District?"

In response Councillor Vincett explained that Council officers had been investigating a number of sites to meet the housing needs of Gypsy and Traveller communities. He had asked officers to complete their on-going discussions with landowners so that a report setting out detailed options could be brought to Executive in August. Progress to date had been constrained by a number of the potential vendor landowners with whom we had made contact subsequently withdrawing their offers so we needed to find a new approach to resolve this issue.

Councillor Vincett agreed to update the Council further when the report was ready, however he advised it was worth remembering that the availability of authorised sites would not in itself necessarily guarantee that there would no longer be any illegal encampments.

**COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

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

There were no statements by either the Leader or Portfolio Holders.

22. **QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

There were no questions to the Leader.

23. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Doody, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the following Councillors be appointed to the Standards Committee as the Parish/Town Council representatives for the next four years:  
Councillor John Cooke (Kenilworth Town Council)  
Councillor Mrs Antoinette Gordon (Barford, Sherborne and Wasperton Joint Parish Council);  
Councillor Vaughan Owen (Ashow, Burton Green and Stoneleigh Parish Council); and  
Councillor Brian Smart (Whitnash Town Council)

24. **SECTION 92, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - DECLARATIONS**

In addition to Members who had disclosed their interest in the minutes of the Executive and committees, the following declared their interest in respect of the items as shown. Where an interest is shown with an \*, the Member involved left the meeting during the discussion and voting on the item.

**Subject**

Minute 7 Executive recommendation  
Dog Control Orders.

**Person Declaring Interest**

Councillor Mrs Blacklock declared a personal interest as a Dog Owner.

25. **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 9.03 pm)

CHAIRMAN  
27 July 2011