

# Mrs Felicity Bunker

Chairman of the Council

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## Council meeting: Wednesday, 26 October 2011

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of Warwick District Council will be held at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday, 26 October 2011 at 6.00pm.

### Emergency Procedure

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman will announce the emergency procedure for the Town Hall.

### Declarations of Interest

Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. In the event of an interest being prejudicial, members are reminded that they must withdraw from the room or chamber whenever it becomes apparent that the matter is being considered, unless a dispensation has been obtained from Standards Committee. **If members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.**

### Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 22 September 2011.

**(Item 2 Pages 1 - 4)**

3. **Communications and Announcements**

4. **One World Link**

To receive visitors from Sierra Leone, currently visiting the Council.

5. **Member/Officer Protocol**

To consider the report and receive the presentation of the Monitoring Officer  
**(Item 5/Pages 1 - 13)**

6. **Public Interest Debate**

7. **Petitions**

8. **Notices of Motion**

9. **Public Submissions**

10. **Questions to Committee Chairmen**

11. **Questions to Portfolio Holders**

12. **Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

13. **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

Question from Councillor Alan Boad to the Leader of the Council:

"I note the report of the Warwick District Council Code of Conduct Hearing Decision Notice in respect of Councillor Dhillon's unacceptable behaviour having been found to have made false allegations questioning the integrity of several officers on a number of occasions. With 7 breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members in respect of 4 incidents, with 2 others having been discounted due to the passage of time, would Councillor Doody agree that this is not the behaviour that he would expect from an elected member?

I also note from the detailed independent investigators report that Councillor Dhillon appears to find it very easy to apologise time and again after each event but does not appear to change his approach. I was therefore surprised to find that one of the sanctions applied to Councillor Dhillon was to apologise yet again for his behaviour to the various officers whose integrity he had quite falsely and publically called into question.

Given the quote attributed to Councillor Dhillon, published in the Observer of 29<sup>th</sup> September, under the headline of 'Councillor apologises', " Democracy is a funny thing, it is meant to be for the people and by the people. Unfortunately when you speak up for your local residents it does ruffle a few feathers. I fully accept the findings." What value does Councillor Doody place on Councillor Dhillon's apologies?

What will be the cost of the interpersonal skills training? Who is paying?

Approximately how much time has been spent since September 2008 trying to address Councillor Dhillon's behaviour?

What is the total cost to the Council Tax payers of Councillor Dhillon's actions?

Can Councillor Doody give the Council assurances that Councillor Dhillon's behaviour is also seen as totally unacceptable by his group, and will also be addressed by the Conservative Party?"

14. **Report of the Executive**

To receive the reports of the Executive meetings of 10 August 2011 (**Pages 1 to 12**), 14 September 2011 (**Pages 13 to 28**) and 12 October 2011 (**to follow**).

15. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving 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 the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below.

Item Nos.	Para Nos.	Reason
15	1	Information relating to an Individual
15	3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

16. **Report of the Executive**

To receive the confidential reports of the Executive meetings of 10 August 2011 (**Pages 1 to 5**) and 14 September 2011 (**Pages 6 to 8**).

17. **Common Seal**

To authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.



Chief Executive

18 October 2011

**Please note that the majority of the meetings are held on the first floor of the Town Hall. If you feel that this may restrict you attending this meeting, please telephone (01926) 456005 prior to the meeting, so that we can assist you and make any necessary arrangements to help you to attend the meeting.**

**THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE  
PRINT ON REQUEST, PRIOR TO THE  
MEETING.**