

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 July 1999 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Compton (Chairman); Councillors Attwood, Aujla, Mrs Begg, Boad, Mrs Boad, Butler, Byrd, Caborn, Mrs Clayton, Cleaver, Cockburn, Coker, Copping, Crowther, Darmody, Davis, Doody, Dove, Dray, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Evans, Evans, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Golby, Mrs Goode, Guest, Hammon, Harris, Mrs Hodgetts, Jackson, Kent, Kirton, Kohler, Mrs Leddy, MacKay, Mrs Pavier, Shilton, Short, Tamlin, Thomas, Wooller.

168. **PRAYER**

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

169. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Talbot.

170. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19 May 1999, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

171. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(A) The Chairman gave a particular welcome to the new members who were attending their first ordinary Council meeting since their election in May.

(B) The Chairman formally reported the award of the Honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire to Mr John Kirk, Head of Environmental Health, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, for services to Community Health. She expressed the pride that the Council had in him for being awarded this honour, and congratulated him on his achievement.

Councillors Dove, Hammon, Mrs Begg, and Kirton then spoke in support of the Chairman's congratulations and remarks.

(C) The Chairman congratulated Councillors Sarah and Alan Boad on the recent birth of their daughter Claire.

172. **MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS**

(A) A petition sponsored by Councillor J Hammon was presented:

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" Warwick District Council's policy guidelines on external security shutters were adopted in the 1980's since then local shop owners in Old Town have suffered an increase in breakages of windows and theft from shop premises. The police have been unable to detect or deter offenders.

Particular shops are high risk such as jewellers and shops that sell alcohol and tobacco, they need to protect their business interest and sustain insurance cover by protecting their property with external shutters.

Warwick District Council have allowed external shutters in other parts of Leamington. We strongly urge them to review their existing guidelines and allow traders in Old Town the right to install external shutters".

RESOLVED that the petition be referred to the Development Committee.

173. STRATEGY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Dove and duly seconded that the report of the Strategy Committee dated 30 June 1999, be approved and adopted.

(A) Key Issues Working Parties (140)

First Amendment:	It was moved by Councillor Evans and duly seconded that in Minute 140 the new Sub-Committee referred to be called the "Economic and Community Development Sub-Committee".
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On the vote being taken, the amendment was declared carried.

(B) Adoption of Report

The original motion, as amended by the First Amendment, declared carried.

It was also resolved that

- (1) in Minute 142 (The Local Government Bill - Best Value) the following members be appointed to the Working Party:

Councillors Mrs Begg, Mrs Compton, Evans, and Kirton; and

- (2) that in Minute 150 (Hill Close Gardens, Linen Street, Warwick) the declaration of interest recorded from Councillor Mrs Begg be deleted as being unnecessary.

174. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES HELD ON 19 MAY 1999

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

It was moved by the Chairman, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the meetings of the Strategy, Development, Health and Control, Housing, Leisure, and Selection Committee, and the Contract Services Board dated 19 May 1999, be approved and adopted.

175. HEALTH AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Attwood, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Health and Control Committee dated 26 May 1999, be approved and adopted.

176. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Development Committee held on 7 June 1999, be approved and adopted.

177. LEISURE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Ms Flanagan, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Leisure Committee dated 8 June 1999, be approved and adopted, subject to the inclusion of the name of Councillor Cockburn as being present at the meeting.

178. HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Byrd, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report of the Housing Committee dated 15 June 1999, be approved and adopted; and
- (2) that in Minute 106 (Appointments - Housing Benefit Review Board and Housing Appeals and Review Panel (HARP) the following additional appointments be added to those set out:

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Housing Benefit Review Board: Councillors Cleaver, Gifford, Golby and Short.

Housing Appeals and Review Panel: Councillors Gifford, Golby and Jackson.

179. CONTRACT SERVICES BOARD

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, duly seconded and

dated **RESOLVED** that the report of the Contract Services Board
16 June 1999, be approved and adopted.

180. SELECTION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Attwood, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Selection Committee dated 5 July 1999, be approved and adopted.

181. PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the meetings of the Plans Sub-Committee dated 27 April, 24 May and 21 June 1999, be approved and adopted.

182. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) It was moved by Councillor W L Gifford and duly seconded:-

"This Council will ask the County Council to look as a matter of urgency at providing crossing points and refuges along with traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety along the very busy Rugby Road, Milverton, Leamington Spa".

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Development Committee.

(B) It was moved by Councillor E B MacKay, and duly seconded:-

"That in view of the adverse effects of past developments on the rural communities of Stoneleigh Ward, and the imminent threat of more, this Council adopt a policy of Development and Control which:-

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

- (1) will acknowledge that the quality of life of its customers is its first priority
- (2) will seek innovative ways of alleviating unacceptably damaging effects
- (3) will, through a strategic planning brief, resist, new, or expansion of existing, developments which will impact adversely on the communities
- (4) will mitigate the consequential effects from developments in neighbouring Authorities by insisting on the integration of preventive measures into schemes
- (5) will hold developers and their clients accountable for their forecasts of impact by demanding post audits."

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Development Committee.

(C) It was moved by Councillor Mrs C Hogetts, and duly seconded:-

"In view of the increasing concerns of residents on parking issues in the area around lower Coventry Road and St. Johns, Warwick, that consideration be given to action which may alleviate these problems".

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Development Committee.

183. **SECTION 92, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In addition to Members who had already disclosed their interest in the appropriate Committee and Sub-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.)

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Person declaring interest</u>
99	Garden area opposite St. Mary's Church, Warwick	Councillor Mrs Clayton (non-pecuniary, non substantial) Councillor Dray (non-pecuniary, non substantial) Councillor Guest (non-pecuniary, non substantial) Councillor Mrs Hodgetts (non-pecuniary, non substantial) Councillor Mrs Leddy (non-pecuniary, non substantial)
161	Leamington House Projects - Progress	Councillor Mrs Begg* (pecuniary) Councillor Byrd* (pecuniary) Councillor Cleaver* (pecuniary) Councillor Crowther* (pecuniary) Councillor Darmody* (pecuniary) Councillor Davis* (pecuniary) Councillor Dray* (pecuniary) Councillor Gill* (pecuniary) Councillor Mrs Goode* (pecuniary) Councillor Guest* (pecuniary) Councillor Kohler* (pecuniary) Councillor Mrs Leddy* (pecuniary) Councillor Thomas* (pecuniary)
165	Progress Report on Old Town	Miss J M Barrett* (Chief Executive)

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

184. **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 p.m)

CHAIRMAN

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