

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 November 2000 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

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

245. **LEONARD LEGGETT**

The Chairman referred to the recent death of Leonard Leggett who had been the District Councillor for the Bishops Tachbrook Ward between May 1987 and May 1995. The Council then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect.

246. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Attwood, Aujla, Dove, Dray and Jackson

247. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 September 2000 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

248. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(A) The Chairman reported on the Annual Britain in Bloom Competition Awards which had been presented in Rugby in September. Leamington Spa had been awarded third place in the Large Town Category and in the Medium Town Category Kenilworth had been awarded third place and Warwick had been highly commended. The Chairman extended congratulations to all who had been involved in the competition locally.

(B) The Chairman reported that Leamington Spa had been awarded first place in the Tidy in Britain Trophy for Exceptional Achievement in Litter Management. He congratulated Mr Iain Jermond, Head of Engineering, and ServiceTeam for their involvement and dedication in being awarded the trophy.

(C) The Chairman referred to the Chief Executive's Annual Address which had been held at the Royal Spa Centre on 12 October 2000. The event had been very informative and interesting and he reminded Councillors that they were welcome to attend the event in future years.

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- (D) The Chairman referred to the outstanding success of local athletes at the recent Paralympic Games held in Sydney. Bob Matthews from Leamington Spa had won a gold medal in athletics in the 2000 metres and silver medals in the 5000 metres and marathon events. Melanie Easter from Kenilworth had won a gold medal in the 400 metres freestyle swimming event as well as silver and bronze in further events. Nigel Murray from Leamington Spa had won a gold medal in the boccia competition.

The Chairman congratulated these athletes for their outstanding achievements, and also to Paul Harwood who had guided Bob Matthews in his races and during training.

- (E) The Chairman reported that the Sports Development Team had organised a sports programme during the recent school half term holiday. The programme had been for children of 4 - 14 years of age and had been carried out throughout the district. On behalf of the Council, he thanked the team for their successful programme.

- (F) The Chairman referred to his Christmas Carol Concert which would be held in the Town Hall on 22 December 2000 in aid of his charities and he invited Councillors to support the event.

249. THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Begg, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the matters which had been referred to the Council as recommendations for approval, as set out in pages 106 - 113, be approved and adopted.

250. LICENSING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Shilton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Licensing Committee dated 21 September and 23 October 2000, be approved and adopted subject to the inclusion of Councillor Cockburn as having attended the meeting on 21 September 2000.

251. ECONOMIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Cockburn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report on the Economic Scrutiny Committee dated 25 September 2000, be approved and adopted.

252. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Boad, duly seconded and

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RESOLVED that the report of the Standards Committee dated 26 September 2000, be approved and adopted.

253. ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Wooller, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Environment Scrutiny Committee dated 3 October 2000, be approved and adopted.

254. MEMBERS/TRADE UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL

It was moved by Councillor Darmody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Members/Trade Unions Joint Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel dated 10 October 2000, be approved and adopted.

255. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Compton and duly seconded that the report of the Planning Committee dated 5 September 2000, be approved and adopted. It was then moved by Councillor Kirton that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 26 September and 17 October 2000, be approved and adopted.

Councillor Tamlin informed the Committee that at the meeting of the Committee held on 5 September 2000 he was not present during discussion of minute numbers 172 (Land at the rear of 17 South Street, Whitnash) and 173 (Kerry, Wolverton Road, Norton Lindsey). Councillor Tamlin also pointed out that at the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 September 2000 he had addressed the meeting as Ward Councillor in respect of minute number 209 (55 Mallory Road, Bishops Tachbrook) but had left the meeting during the debate and vote on the planning application.

RESOLVED that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 5 and 26 September and 17 October 2000, be approved and adopted.

256. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) It was moved by Councillor W B Evans and duly seconded:-

"In 1994 the Local Government Commission for England considered a request for parishing from the Charter Trustees of Royal Leamington Spa. This request was endorsed by Warwick District Council and by the County Council (subject to local support being demonstrated). In its report the Commission did not feel able to support the parishing of Royal Leamington Spa, particularly in view of the relatively low level of public response at that time. It invited the Secretary of State to consider directing it to undertake a subsequent review in relation to Royal

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Leamington Spa.

The Charter Trustees have collected a petition from many thousands of electors in Leamington in support of a town council and will shortly be in a position to present the petition to the District Council. This Council is asked to reaffirm its support for the principle of a town council in Leamington and to authorise the executive to receive and consider the petition, to authorise the appropriate consultations with other authorities, and to arrange for its submission to the Secretary of State."

In accordance with Standing Order 5(6), it was moved and seconded that the motion proposed by Councillor Evans 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.

(B) It was moved by Councillor B S Gill, and duly seconded:-

"There have been a number of accidents on Coppice Road, Whitnash, during my times but the last month's one was a very serious one.

The Mayor of Whitnash has told me that he has witnessed at least four in which children were involved. In the light of this information I would like to move:-

I urge Warwick District Council to extend the traffic calming on the whole of Coppice Road, and part of Landor Road."

RESOLVED that the Motion stand referred to the Executive.

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

"That this Council has no confidence in the Family Health Service Appeal Authority in the light of its recent decision to uphold the Appeal by vested interest against the provision of a Pharmacy for the local Community of South Heathcote. It calls upon the Secretary of State for Health to take action to abolish the said body, as it does not work in the Public Interest."

In accordance with Standing Order 5(6), it was moved and seconded that the motion proposed by Councillor Kirton 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.

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

"That, in view of this Council's well-documented concern for the quality of the Environment across the District through Key Issues Strategies,

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Agenda 21, EMAS, the Community Plan and related policies and statements, this Council:-

- (1) considers that the continued accurate monitoring of air quality is a priority over the rigid implementation of the cost reduction policy; and
- (2) recommends the Executive to treat as a priority such expenditure (estimated at £10,000) as will renew the maintenance/calibration contract for 12 months, its having expired on 30 September 2000."

In accordance with Standing Order 5(6), it was moved and seconded that the motion proposed by Councillor MacKay be considered at the meeting.

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

It was moved by Councillor Kirton that the motion moved by Councillor MacKay be amended to read:-

" That in view of this Council's well-documented concern for the quality of the environment across the District through Key Issues Strategies, Agenda 21, EMAS, the Community Plan and related policies and statements, this Council:-

- (1) recognises the value of accurately monitoring air quality and
- (2) refers consideration of the operational effectiveness of the air monitoring system to the Environmental Health Best Value Review Team in the knowledge that an interim contract (until 31 March 2001) for maintenance and calibration will be funded from existing resources within the Business Unit."

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

It was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion and declared carried.

257. COUNCILLOR ROBERT ATTWOOD

The Chairman reported that Councillor Attwood had been unable to attend any Council or Committee meeting since 17 May 2000 due to ill health. Councillor Darmody provided more information regarding the reason for Councillor Attwood's non-attendance at meetings.

RESOLVED that the reason for the non-attendance at meetings by Councillor Attwood be accepted and approved and that his membership of the Council be continued.

(Although this item was not included in the agenda for the meeting, the

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Chairman agreed that it should be discussed as a matter of urgency as the outcome would affect the continued membership of the Council by Councillor Attwood).

258. **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 8.35 p.m)

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CHAIRMAN