

Richard Davies
Chairman of the Council

Council meeting: Thursday, 26 September 2013

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 September 2013 at 6.05pm.

Emergency Procedure

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

Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Declarations should be entered on the form to be circulated with the attendance sheet and declared during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

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.

3. **Minutes**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 26 June and 21 August 2013 as set out on pages 1 to 19.
4. **Communications and Announcements**

5 **Past Chairman's Consort and Chairman's Chaplin**

To present Mrs E Kinson with the Past Chairman's Consorts badge and the Rev Canon Awre with the Chairman's Chaplin Badge.

6. **Public Interest Debate**

7. **Petitions**

To debate the petition, sponsored by Councillor Gifford, as set out below:

"Warwick District Council: Don't use Victoria Park as a car park and caravan site

Victoria Park is a beautiful green space in Leamington Spa. It is well-used by families, dog walkers, and people exercising and socialising. It should be accessible as a recreational space all year round, especially during the school summer holidays.

Warwick District plan to allow up to 350 cars and 30 caravans into the park for 36 days between the third week of July and the first week of September every year during the National Bowls Championships.

We call on Warwick District Council to work with Bowls England to agree alternative, more suitable spaces for both cars and caravans which meet the needs of those attending the championships without compromising the needs of park users."

(Under the Council procedure for petitions because the petition exceeds 500 signatures it must be debated by Council. The petition organiser will be permitted to address the Council for up to five minutes. The petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The Council will then decide how to respond. The petition relates to a decision of the Executive therefore it can either:

- (a) Ask the Executive to investigation into the matter and report back to Council on their decision;
- (b) Decide that the petition should not be passed to the Executive.)

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**

14. **Report of the Executive**

To receive the report of the Executive meetings of:

- (a) 19 June 2013 **(Item 14 Pages 1 to 25)**
- (b) 10 July 2013 **(Item 14/ Pages 26 to 40)**
- (c) 7 August 2013 **(Item 14/ Pages 41 to 52)**
- (d) 11 September 2013 **(Item 14 / Pages 53 to 55)**

15. **Statement of Accounts 2011/12**

To consider the report from Finance

(Item 15/Pages 1 to 19, plus appendix pages 1 to 115)

16. **Membership of Committees**

To approve the following changes to Committee memberships:

- (1) To approve the change in political composition of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to 6 Conservatives, 4 Liberal Democrats, 3 Labour and 2 Independents; to maintain the balance of power with the opposition Groups but with an increase in Independent Group representatives due to their increased Group size;
- (2) In light of the above to remove a Councillor from the Labour Group and replace them with a Councillor from the Independent Group;
- (3) To approve changes to Committee membership from the Labour Group
 - (a) To replace Councillor Barrott on Employment Committee with Councillor Mrs Knight;
 - (b) To replace Councillor Mrs Knight as a substitute for Employment Committee with Councillor Barrott;
- (4) To approve the changes to Committee membership from the Conservative Group
 - (a) To replace Councillor Mrs Bromley on Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee with Councillor Pratt;
 - (b) To replace Councillor Mrs Mellor on the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee with a Councillor from the Conservative Group;
 - (c) To replace Councillor Dhillon on Overview & Scrutiny Committee with Councillor Illingworth;
 - (d) To replace Councillor Mrs Bromley on the Housing Appeal Review Panels with Councillor Doody;
 - (e) To remove Councillor Pratt as a substitute for Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee;
 - (f) To remove Councillor Illingworth as substitute for Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
 - (g) To remove Councillor Dhillon as a named substitute on Regulatory Committee, Licensing Committee, Employment Committee and Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee;
 - (h) To remove Councillor Mrs Bromley as named substitute for Planning Committee, Regulatory Committee, Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and Employment Committee;
 - (i) To remove Councillor Mrs Mellor as a named substitute for Employment Committee, Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and Regulatory Committee;
 - (j) To remove Councillor Mrs Bromley and Councillor Mrs Mellor from the Licensing Committee as Conservative representatives;
 - (k) To appoint a Councillor from the Conservative Group to the Licensing Committee;
 - (l) To remove Councillor Mrs Mellor, as Conservative representative, from the Housing Appeal Review Panel;
- (5) To approve the changes to the Committee membership from the Independent Group
 - (a) To appoint a Councillor from the Independent Group to the Licensing Committee as the second Independent representative;

- (b) To appoint Councillor Mrs Bromley and Councillor Mrs Mellor as substitute for the Independent Group as detailed by the Independent Group Leader at Council; and
- (c) To appoint a Councillor from the Independent Group to the Housing Appeal Review Panel.

17. **Apology from Councillor Dhillon**

To receive an apology from Councillor Dhillon for his conduct as determined by Council on 21 August 2013.

18. **Public and Press**

To consider resolving 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 relevant paragraph(s), as set out in the item, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

19. **Report of the Executive**

To receive a confidential report of the Executive meetings of:

- (a) 19 June 2013 **(Item 19 Pages 1 to 7) (Not for publication)**
- (b) 10 July 2013 **(Item 19/ Pages 8 to 9) (Not for publication)**
- (c) 7 August 2013 **(Item 19/ Pages 10 to 13) (Not for publication)**

20. **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 September 2013

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) 412656 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.