

Warwick District Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 April 2015, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.05pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bromley, Brookes, Mrs Bunker, Caborn, Copping, Cross, Ms Dean, Doody, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Guest, Hammon, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mellor, Mobbs, Pittarello, Pratt, Rhead, Mrs Sawdon; Shilton, Mrs Syson, Vincett, Weber, Ms Weed, Wilkinson, Williams and Wreford-Bush.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coker, Davies, Dhillon and Kinson.

(Councillor Mrs Sawdon was absent from the start of the meeting and therefore Councillor Alan Wilkinson Chaired the meeting as Vice-Chairman of the Council.)

97. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

98. **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meetings of 25 February 2015 and 11 March 2015 were taken as read and; subject to inclusion of clarification for the February 2015 meeting that Councillor Mrs Falp was not the Independent Group Leader who was consulted on the proposals for Group Leaders to manage the conduct of their Group; were signed as a correct record.

99. **Communications and Announcements**

The Vice-Chairman presented a certificate to Mrs Monica Brown to mark her retirement and on completing 40 years of service at Warwick District Council.

The Council welcomed Councillors Copping and Kirton to the meeting following their absences for personal reasons.

The Vice-Chairman informed the Council that there was no business to consider for; Item 5, Petitions; Item 6, Notices of Motion; and Item 7, Public Submissions.

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

The Leader, Councillor Mobbs, took the opportunity to review the work of the Council over the previous four years and to thank his fellow Councillors and Officers for all their work during the past four years.

101. **Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Boad, asked the Leader if he agreed that the last four years had not been one of the better ones for discipline but that each Councillor had still contributed in their own way to the Council?

In response the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mobbs, agreed.

102. **Executive Report**

The Executive reports of 11 February 2015, excluding those matters approved by Council on 25 February 2015, along with the excerpts of the meetings held on 11 March 2015 and 9 April 2015, were duly proposed subject to two amendments as follows:

- (a) Minute 133 of Executive on 25 February 2015, be amended to include an additional decision that reads, "Given that it has not been possible to arrange a date for a meeting with local hockey clubs and England Hockey until 30 April, Council approves delegated authority to the Chief Executive and Head of Cultural Services to agree any amended wording by agreement with England Hockey, in respect of hockey provision within the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Strategy; and
- (b) Minute 154 of the Executive on 9 April 2015, that the consideration of the establishment of a Health Scrutiny Committee be deferred for consideration by the Council's successor, so that it can consider whether it could service such a large number of members or it would wish to have a leaner structure and in addition to this, officers consider methods of producing a leaner structure for the Council to consider.

The proposal was duly seconded and

Resolved that reports of 11 February 2015, excluding those matters approved by Council on 25 February 2015, along with the excerpts of the meetings held on 11 March 2015 and 9 April 2015, were duly proposed subject to two amendments as set above were approved.

103. **Scrutiny Committee End of Term Reports**

The end of term reports for the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee were proposed, duly seconded and

Resolved that the reports be noted.

104. **Public and Press**

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following two items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

105. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes of the Council meeting of 11 March 2015 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

106. **Confidential Reports of the Executive**

The confidential reports of the Executive meetings on 11 February and 9 April 2015 were taken proposed, duly seconded:

Resolved that confidential Executive reports of 11 February and 9 April 2015, be approved.

(Councillor Mrs Sawdon arrived at the meeting during this item.)

107. **Thank you**

The Vice Chairman of the Council took the opportunity to thank Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Brookes, Caborn, Copping, Dagg, Dhillon, Edwards, Mrs Goode, Guest, Mrs Higgins, Kinson, Kirton, Pratt, Mrs Sawdon, Vincett, Wreford-Bush and Williams. He highlighted that collectively, along with Councillor MacKay the Council would be losing in excess of 255 years knowledge of being a Councillor.

Group Leaders paid tribute to the Council and its work over the last four years and in particular Councillors Kirton and Guest who had each been a Councillor with the District Council for in excess of 40 years.

108. **Common Seal**

It was

Resolved that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 6.56 pm)

CHAIRMAN
20 May 2015