

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present: Councillor Davis in the Chair.

Councillors Bell, Chambers, Clews, Davey, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Farrell, Ferro, Hanratty, Hayfield, Henney, Humphreys, Ingram, Jarvis, Jenns, Jones, Lea, Lewis, Morson, Moss, Payne, Phillips, Reilly, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Smitten, E Stanley, M Stanley, Sweet, Waters, Watkins, A Wright and D Wright.

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Paul Tullett, Vicar of Water Orton Parish Church, led the Council in Prayer.

**21 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared by Councillors at the meeting. The Chief Executive left the meeting during the consideration of Minute No 30 of the Executive Board held on 21 September 2015.

**22 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24 June and 15 July 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**23 Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor announced:

- that his Civic Service was being held at St Peter's Church, Mancetter on 4 October 2015;
- that he was holding a charity Bavarian evening on 31 October 2015 at Mancetter Memorial Hall; and
- he thanked all those that had taken part in his charity walk at the Merevale estate on 23 August 2015.

**24 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7**

The following question was received from Derek Pickard, 108 Lister Road, Atherstone pursuant to Standing Order No.7

**“18 months ago, NWBC sold the Atherstone Arcade to Atherstone Town Council (ATC) as a preferred bidder to put the buildings into community use. Because of this legally covenanted agreement, NWBC heavily discounted the value to 50% of the then estimated market price in light of the stated intent of ATC. The covenanted period was for 5 years only. Since that time, apart from certain necessary health and safety upgrades to the ground floor shops and existing general access area, there still exists no project plan by ATC to consult design expertise, engage local people effectively and to engage an architect and builder for this**

important community project. The time prior to the limit of the agreement between NWBC and ATC is passing (There are now only three and a half years of the covenanted period remaining!!)

Can the admin inform me of the progress of interaction/discussion between the two parties to ensure that the spirit and the principle of the legal agreement is properly fulfilled and explain fully the sanctions available should ATC default on its promise?"

The response from Councillor David Wright, Chairman of the Resources Board, was as follows

**"The Contract of Sale of the Arcade to Atherstone Town Council includes a covenant which lasts for a minimum of five years but also for as long as the Town Council remains the owner of the property. That covenant requires Atherstone Town Council to make all reasonable efforts to allow and encourage Community use of the building. The Town Council, as required, submits an annual report on Community Use.**

**In addition, there is a ten year restriction on the sale of the property which protects the Borough Council in relation to the originally discounted sale price.**

**The Arcade is under the ownership of Atherstone Town Council who are now responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and any future refurbishment of the building."**

## 25 Minutes of Boards/Committees

### a) Area Forum South – 25 June and 17 September 2015

It was proposed by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

**Resolved:**

**That the notes of the meetings of Area Forum (South) held on 25 June and 17 September 2015 be approved and adopted.**

### b) Planning and Development Board – 13 July, 10 August and 7 September 2015

#### i) Minute No 16 - Nuneaton and Bedworth and North Warwickshire Building Control

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

**Resolved:**

**That consideration of the renewal of the Partnership Agreement be deferred and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.**

It was then proposed by Councillor Lea, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 13 July, 10 August and 7 September 2015, together with the recommendation contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.**

**c) Community and Environment Board – 20 July 2015**

**i) Minute No 5 - The Future of the Community Hub Task and Finish Group**

It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

**Resolved:**

**That membership of the Community Hub Task and Finish Group comprise Councillors Jones, Smitten, Davey, Ingram, Farrell and Lewis.**

It was then proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 20 July 2015, together with the recommendation contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.**

**d) Licensing Committee – 27 July 2015**

It was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Morson and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 27 July 2015, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.**

**e) Resources Board – 11 August and 8 September 2015**

**i) Minute No 21 – Membership of the Borough Care Task and Finish Group**

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Henney and

**Resolved:**

**That membership of the Borough Care Task and Finish Task and Finish Group comprise Councillors Bell, Davey, Smith, D Wright, Chambers and Phillips.**

It was then proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Smith and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Resources Board held on 11 August and 8 September 2015, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.**

**f) Area Forum (North) – 3 September 2015**

It was proposed by Councillor Hanratty, seconded by Councillor Humphreys and

**Resolved:**

**That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 3 September 2015 be approved and adopted.**

**g) Scrutiny Board – 14 September 2015**

**i) Minute No 14 – Scrutiny Forward Plan – Communications Task and Finish Group**

It was proposed by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Farrell and

**Resolved:**

**That Communications Task and Finish Group comprise Councillors Jones, Reilly, Davey, Clews, L Dirveiks and Lewis.**

It was then proposed by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Morson and

**Resolved:**

**That, subject to the amendment at i) above, the minutes of the meeting of Scrutiny Board held on 14 September 2015 be approved and adopted.**

**h) Area Forum (East) – 15 September 2015**

It was proposed by Councillor Clews, seconded by Councillor Henney and

**Resolved:**

**That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (East) held on 15 September 2015 be approved and adopted.**

**i) Executive Board – 21 September 2015**

**i) Minute No 27 – Civil Parking Enforcement Task and Finish Group**

It was proposed by Councillor Humphreys, seconded by Councillor D Wright and

**Resolved:**

**That membership of the Civil Parking Enforcement Task and Finish Task and Finish Group comprise Councillors Humphreys, D Wright, Reilly, Singh, together with 2 members from the Labour Group.**

It was then proposed by Councillor Humphreys, seconded by Councillor D Wright and

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 21 September 2015, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.**

**j) Area Forum (West) – 22 September 2015**

It was proposed by Councillor Jenns, seconded by Councillor Lea and

**Resolved:**

**That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 22 September 2015 be approved and adopted.**

**26 Notice of Motion under Standing Order No. 10**

There were no Notices of Motion received under Standing Order No. 10.

**27 The Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor Morson seconded by Councillor Humphreys and

**Resolved:**

**That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any document as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.**

**Chairman of the next ensuing meeting  
of the Council**