

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL
HOUSE, SOUTH STREET, ATHERSTONE ON
WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017**

Present: Councillor Smitten in the Chair.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chambers, Davis and A Wright

Before the commencement of business Stella Wallace-Tween led the Council in Prayer.

35 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Morson, Sweet and Waters declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No 60 – Borough Care Service (Resources Board held on 30 January 2017) and for consideration of Borough Care Service matters during Minute No 64 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2017 -2018 and Setting the Council Tax 2017 - 2018 (Executive Board held 7 February 2017), left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

36 Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 7 December 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

37 Mayor's Announcements

There were no Mayor's Announcements.

38 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

There were no Questions pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

39 Minutes of Boards/Committees

a) Area Forum (South) – 29 November 2016

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

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 29 November 2016 be approved and adopted.

b) Area Forum (East) – 1 December 2016

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

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (East) held on 1 December 2016 be approved and adopted.

c) Planning and Development Board – 12 December 2016, 16 January and 6 February 2017

It was noted that Councillor Davey's pecuniary interest in Minute No 76 Planning Applications (Application No 2017/0003 - Land on the corner of Merevale Lane, Baxterley, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 2LA) was by virtue of his employer being employed by the applicant.

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 12 December 2016, 16 January and 6 February 2017, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

d) Community and Environment Board – 23 January 2017

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 23 January 2017, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

e) Resources Board – 30 January 2017

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 30 January 2017, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

f) Licensing Committee – 31 January 2017

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 31 January 2017, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

f) Executive Board – 7 February 2017

(1) Minute No 64 - General Fund Revenue Estimates 2017 – 2018 and Setting the Council Tax 2017 – 2018

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

a That the savings of £739,220 be approved (Appendix D);

b That a sum of £50,000 be made available for action to address fly tipping; a sum of £10,000 to improve links to Business, a sum of £10,000 for Community Partnership initiatives and £5,000 for raising awareness on health and wellbeing matters, to be funded from earmarked reserves;

c That the revised revenue estimate for 2016/17 and the revenue estimate for 2017/18 be approved (Appendix E);

d That the preferred Council Tax option for 2017/18 be a 0 % increase on Band D;

e That the Deputy Chief Executive's comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted (Appendix F);

f That the manpower estimate for the year 2017/18 be approved (Appendix G);

It was then proposed by Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Sweet by way of amendment

“That recommendation a is replaced by the following:

- a That the savings of £739,220 in Appendix D are amended by £298,000 as set out below;

Changes to Savings	2017/18 £
Reducing the charging for Borough Care, to take the most vulnerable and poorest pensioners out of paying for Borough Care	-100,000
Reverse the charge for replacement bins	-45,000
Re-instate the full operation of Arley Leisure Centre	-34,950
Reduce Corporate Communication activity, to leave a £10,000 budget	42,830
Reduce the contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund	21,000
Remove the Landscape budget	8,800
Reduce Special Responsibility Allowances for Councillors	10,360
Reduce the Civic Hospitality budget	8,600
Remove Corporate subscriptions to Outside Bodies	5,510
Reduce the provision for training	28,000
Reduce the recruitment budget	12,850
Senior Management Restructure (redundancy costs to be met from earmarked reserves)	340,000
TOTAL	298,000

That an additional recommendation is added:

To approve one off growth of £297,000 as set out below;

Growth	2017/18 £
Community Infrastructure Fund – to help communities impacted by housing and industrial development	160,000
Polesworth Pavilion Consultation – to engage with the community on how to rebuild the Polesworth Pavilion	5,000
Reducing deaths and serious accidents on our roads - to tackle speeding and dangerous driving on our roads, including the A51 in Kingsbury and A446 in Coleshill	7,000
Funding for a North Warwickshire Lorry Park - to investigate the possibility of establishing a lorry park in North Warwickshire to reduce the disruption caused by HGV's on our residential roads	25,000
Daw Mill Residents Action Group Fund – to provide	

<p>funding to the local residents group to protect their local area. The fund will ensure the residents group is able to fully express the views of residents and help protect our community from the damage that would be caused through any plans to develop the site.</p>	<p>30,000</p>
<p>North Warwickshire Tourism Fund – to promote out three market towns of Atherstone, Polesworth and Coleshill to encourage new businesses, visitors and ultimately improve the local economy. This will include using the Bike Race in Atherstone as a platform.</p>	<p>30,000</p>
<p>Kingsbury Development Fund – a fund to support local business and the economy both in Council owned shops and the wider area</p>	<p>20,000</p>
<p>Narrowing the Gap/Improving the educational attainment gap in Hartshill and Mancetter – A fund to provide a youth work project to reduce the educational inequalities students of Mancetter and Hartshill face, when compared with other areas of the Borough. A pilot project that could be rolled out elsewhere in future.</p>	<p>20,000</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>297,000</p>

That recommendations b and d are replaced by the following:

- b That the revised revenue estimate for 2016/17 and the revenue estimate for 2017/18, as amended by the additional savings and growth, be approved;**
- d That the preferred Council Tax option for 2017/18 be a 0% increase on Band D;**

recommendations c, e and f remain as set out.”

In accordance with Standing Order No11(3) the recorded vote on the amendment was as follows

For – Councillors L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Farrell, Ferro, Gosling, Henney, Lewis, Moss, Phillips, E Stanley and M Stanley (11)

Against – Councillors Bell, Clews, Davey, Hanratty, Hayfield, Humphreys, Ingram, Jarvis, Jenns, Jones, Lea, Payne, Reilly, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Smitten and D Wright (18)

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

It was then proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Humphreys by way of amendment

'That reports on the growth items listed in the proposed amendment by Labour including costings and sustainability issues be taken to relevant Boards.'

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be carried.

In accordance with Standing Order No 11(3) the recorded vote on the amendment was as follows

For – Councillors Bell, Clews, Davey, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks Farrell, Ferro Gosling, 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 and D Wright (32)

Against – Nil

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting as follows

- a That the savings of £739,220 be approved (Appendix D);**
- b That a sum of £50,000 be made available for action to address fly tipping; a sum of £10,000 to improve links to Business, a sum of £10,000 for Community Partnership initiatives and £5,000 for raising awareness on health and wellbeing matters, to be funded from earmarked reserves;**
- c That the revised revenue estimate for 2016/17 and the revenue estimate for 2017/18 be approved (Appendix E);**
- d That the preferred Council Tax option for 2017/18 be a 0 % increase on Band D;**
- e That the Deputy Chief Executive's comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted (Appendix F);**
- f That the manpower estimate for the year 2017/18 be approved (Appendix G); and**
- g That reports on the growth items listed in the proposed amendment by Labour including costings and sustainability issues be taken to relevant Boards.**

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the substantive motion to be approved.

In accordance with Standing Order No11(3) the recorded vote on the substantive motion was as follows

For – Councillors Bell, Clews, Davey, Hanratty, Hayfield, Humphreys, Ingram, Jarvis, Jenns, Jones, Lea, Payne, Reilly, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Smitten, Waters and D Wright (19)

Against – Councillors L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Farrell, Ferro, Gosling, Henney, Lewis, Morson, Moss, Phillips, E Stanley, M Stanley and Sweet (13)

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 7 February 2017, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended as (1) above and as set out in Appendix 1 hereto, be approved and adopted.

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

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

41 **The Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Ferro 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