

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL
HOUSE, SOUTH STREET, ATHERSTONE ON
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019**

Present: Councillor Moss in the Chair.

Councillors Bell, Chambers, D Clews, T Clews, Davey, Deakin, Dirveiks, Downes, Farrell, Farrow, Gosling, Hayfield, D Humphreys, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Lebrun, Lees, MacDonald, Morson, McLauchlan, Osborne, Parker, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Rose, Simpson, Smith, Symonds, and D Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Singh and A Wright.

31 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

32 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 September 2019 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22 October 2019

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 September 2019 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22 October 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

33 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that he had been to the funerals of the former Members who had recently died, and gave further details of the life of former Councillor Stuart.

The Mayor passed on his best wishes to former Councillor Ann Lewis who had been unwell.

34 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

No questions had been received

35 Minutes of Boards/Committees

a) Planning and Development Board – 7 October and 4 November 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor T Clews and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 October and 4 November 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

b) Community and Environment Board – 14 October 2019

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 14 October 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

c) Resources Board – 11 November 2019

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 11 November 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

d) Executive Board – 25 November 2019

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 25 November 2019, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

36 Notice of Motion under Standing Order No. 10

There following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Chambers and Seconded by Councillor Dirveiks:

“This Council notes

Atherstone Town Community Football Club is a positive force for good within the local community. It provides a vital sporting facility for a wide range of local people of all ages to engage in active sport as well as providing a social focus for others.

Over many years there has been continuing uncertainty over the future of the Sheepy Road Ground, now a Community Asset.

The lease is currently between North Warwickshire Borough Council and a private company, who allow Atherstone Town Community Football Club access. The Football Club have no direct agreement with the Borough Council, but the leaseholder has now confirmed they wish to give up the lease. This provides an opportunity to secure the long-term future of football at the site.

Given the potential legal implications of releasing all information into the public domain regarding the lease, this Council therefore commits to:

- 1 Seek all available legal routes to end the lease of the current leaseholder with immediate effect.**
- 2 Enters into negotiations with Atherstone Town Community Football Club with a view to the asset transfer of the site or providing them with a long-term lease enabling them to access the readily available funding from Sport England and others.**
- 3 Publicly declares its commitment to the football ground remaining a sporting facility for the benefit of the community.”**

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

37 The Common Seal

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