

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

4 October 2010

Present: Councillor May in the Chair

Councillors L Dirveiks, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Lewis, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Sherratt, Smitten, Y Stanley and Wykes.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pickard.

#### 16 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fox and May and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill) and Smitten (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

#### 17 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2010, copies having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 18 **Budgetary Control Report 2010/11 Period Ended 31 August 2010**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the revenue expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2010.

##### **Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

#### 19 **Play Area Development Programme**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) set out the progress in respect of the implementation of the Play Area Development Programme and sought authorisation from the Board for officers to pursue potential alternative sources of funding for projects in Old Arley and Kingsbury and sought approval to remove redundant play equipment in Polesworth.

**Resolved:**

- a That the progress in respect of the Play Area Development Programme be noted and approved;
- b That officers be authorised to pursue potential alternative sources of funding pending the outcome of the Government's review of the Playbuilder programme; and
- c That, following the circulation of information to local residents and subject to there being no adverse reaction from the immediate catchment community, the proposal to remove redundant play equipment at Sunset Close, Polesworth, be approved.

**20 Draft North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy**

As requested by the Board at its meeting held in June 2010, the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) presented the revised Draft North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy to the Board for adoption following further consultation with partners.

**Resolved:**

**That subject, where relevant, to the need to consider the provisions of the supporting Action and Funding Plan within the context provided by the Council's overall capital and revenue budgetary requirements, the North Warwickshire Playing Pitch Strategy 2010 to 2020, be adopted.**

**21 Allotments Development Programme**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) set out the progress in respect of the implementation of the Allotments Development Programme and sought the Board's approval to vary the support previously proposed for the development of allotments in Hurley.

**Resolved:**

- a That the progress in respect of the Allotments Development Programme, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) and detailed in Appendix A to the report, be noted and approved;
- b That the expenditure of the budget of £10,000 in support of the development of allotments on County Council owned land off Knowle Hill, Hurley, be approved;

- c That the reimbursement to Hurley Allotment Association of the first year's rent for the site off Knowle Hill, Hurley, from the approved budget, be approved;**
- d That the Borough Council, for the first three years following commencement of the lease, underwrites a bond, up to a maximum of £1700, for the future reinstatement of the site at Knowle Hill, Hurley; and**

**Recommendation to the Resources Board**

- e That the land off Queensway, Hurley, remain in the General Fund and the Authority seeks to develop the site for social or affordable housing.**

**22 Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board of the opportunity for the Authority to take part in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.

**Recommendation to Council:**

**That the following sites be put forward for inclusion in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge programme;**

- Brook Walk Recreation Ground, Mancetter;**
- Abbey Green Park, Polesworth;**
- Old Arley Recreation Ground, Arley; and**
- Sycamore Road Recreation Ground, Kingsbury.**

**23 Atherstone Leisure Complex – Redevelopment of Crèche Space**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) detailed a specific development proposal for a viable alternative use of the space released through closure of the crèche at Atherstone Leisure Complex for consideration by the Board.

**Resolved:**

**That, on the basis of the financial and usage projections detailed in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), the development of the proposed Lifetime Fitness Studio subsequent to the closure of the crèche at Atherstone Leisure Complex and the proposed level of charges identified in the report, be approved.**

**24 Leisure Facilities – Bank Holiday Closures**

The Board's approval was sought for the Bank Holiday closure of leisure facilities during 2011/12.

**Resolved:**

**That a further report be brought back to the Board with detailed costing of opening Leisure Facilities on Bank Holidays during 2011/12.**

**25 Progress report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2010.**

The Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive informed Members of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board from April – June 2010.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**26 Council Response to the Griffin Report into the Major Outbreak of E.Coli 0157 in 2009**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council summarised the findings of the Griffin report into the major outbreak of E.Coli at a children's farm in Surrey in 2009 and the actions taken in response to this incident at the time and since the publication of the report. The Board's approval was sought to appoint the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council or in his absence the Environmental Health Manager, as the person responsible for managing the Council's participation in outbreak control.

**Resolved:**

- a That the actions taken by the Environmental Health Division prior to and following the publication of the Griffin report be noted; and**
- b That the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council or in his absence the Environmental Health Manager, be authorised to manage the Council's participation in outbreak control.**

27 **Leisure and Community Development Division – Divisional Service Plan**

Members were informed of the progress that had been made in respect of achieving the actions identified in the Leisure and Community Development Division's approved 2010/11 Service Plan.

**Resolved:**

**That the progress made by the Leisure and Community Development Division in achieving the outcomes identified in its 2010/11 Service Plan, be noted.**

28 **Sports Club Development Officer – Progress Report**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) highlighted the progress made by the Sports Club Development Officer in the first year of the undertaking.

**Resolved:**

**That the valuable progress made to date by the Sports Club Development Officer in achieving the outcomes agreed with Sports England as part of the Community Investment Fund agreement, be noted.**

29 **Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Group**

The minutes of the meetings of the Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Group held on 16 June and 1 September 2010 were received and noted.

30 **Warwickshire Waste Seminar**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) informed Members of the content of The Way Ahead for Warwickshire Waste meeting held on 6 September 2010 and also confirmed future attendance by officers and Members at subsequent meetings.

**Resolved:**

**That the contents of the report and, in particular, the intention to repeat the seminars for officers and Members on a quarterly basis, be noted.**

31 **National Review of Waste Policies**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's approval for the submission of a response from the Board to the Government's consultation document 'Review of Waste Policies – Call for Evidence'

**Resolved:**

**That the response to the 'Review of Waste Policies – Call for Evidence' as shown at Appendix B to the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape), be approved and submitted.**

M May  
Chairman