

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2011**

Present: Councillor Johnston in the Chair.

Councillors Butcher, Davis, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Hayfield, Lea, Lewis, May, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, Smitten, Swann and Winter.

Mr Stan Orton, Chairman of the Standards Committee, was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, Jenkins, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Welby, Wykes and Zgraja

Before the commencement of business Councillor Gordon led the Council in Prayer.

42 Declarations of Interest

Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Lea, May and B Moss and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Freer (Atherstone), Fox (Shustoke), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill) and Smitten (Polesworth) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

Councillor Hayfield declared a personal interest in Minute No 45 by reason of being a Non-Executive Director of the NHS Trust.

43 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 February 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

44 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that

- the Charity Golf day was held at the Belfry on Friday 14 April and had raised around £4,000;
- she was attending a street party on Friday 29 April to celebrate the Royal Wedding;

- Councillors Gordon, Jenkins, Welby and Zgraja were not standing for re-election at the forthcoming elections. Tributes were paid to the four Councillors.

It was then proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayfield, and

Resolved:

"That on behalf of the residents of the Borough, the Members of North Warwickshire Borough Council send their warmest congratulations to HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage and requests that the Mayor writes to Clarence House, expressing our best wishes to the happy couple."

45 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

The following question was received from Mr Stan Orton, 2 Orchard Close, Austrey.

'I would like to ask the Leader of the Council and NHS Warwickshire Representative, to indicate what actions are being undertaken to make the new Health and Well Being Board (as proposed in the Health White Paper), more democratic in its Constitution.

If the 'Big Society' is to work, the Health and Well Being Board needs to have more independence from Local Authority control (County Council) and former NHS Bodies, with greater input from those most affected – the 'broad church' of the Patients and users of the Public Health Service.

From the current awareness programme, it is fair to say that those involved are far from happy with the information being presented.'

The response from Councillor Hayfield, Leader of the Council, was as follows:

'The Government has consulted on the Health White Paper and the consultation period has now ended. Recent developments have however seen the Government put plans on hold and announce a further 'listening exercise' and we shall need to wait and see what it decides to do next.

I agree that taking account of the views of the 'broad church' of patients in informing and challenging local democratic representation is increasingly important, particularly in terms of issues relating to access, quality and performance.

Certainly at a local level we would want to encourage discussions with and representation from local communities on health issues including the priority areas identified in the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Strategy.

Concern has been expressed that the original proposals did not give enough weight to the role that District and Borough Councils play in public health and this is reflected in the five Districts in Warwickshire only having one seat on the Countywide Shadow Board, which has been filled by a representative from Nuneaton. It is hoped that this concern will also be dealt with as part of the Government's review.'

46 Minutes of Boards/Committees

a) Planning and Development Board – 14 March, 23 March and 11 April 2011

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 14 March, 23 March and 11 April 2011, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

b) Community and Environment Board – 21 March 2011

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 21 March 2011, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

c) Resources Board – 28 March 2011

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 28 March 2011 be approved and adopted.

d) Area Forum (West) – 5 April 2011

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

Resolved:

That, subject to the second bullet point of Minute No 5 being deleted and replaced with “Cllr Fox reported on the move of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (North & East) from Atherstone police station to Old Bank House, NWBC in the near future and reported on the approach with West Mercia Police Force for a common strategic alliance. The Atherstone police front desk is now at the One Stop Shop, NWBC. Trained Borough Council staff are the first point of contact for the public when requesting a police service.”, the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 5 April 2011, be approved and adopted.

e) Area Forum (North) – 7 April 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That, subject to the second bullet point of Minute No 5 being deleted and replaced with “Cllr Fox reported on the move of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (North & East) from Atherstone police station to Old Bank House, NWBC in the near future and reported on the approach with West Mercia Police Force for a common strategic alliance. The Atherstone police front desk is now at the One Stop Shop, NWBC. Trained Borough Council staff are the first point of contact for the public when requesting a police service.”, the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 7 April 2011 be approved and adopted.

f) Area Forum (East) – 14 April 2011

The minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (East) held on 14 April 2011 were circulated at the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Freer and

Resolved:

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor N Dirveiks in the

list of those present (and the removal of his name from the list of apologies), the minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum (East) held on 14 April 2011, be approved and adopted.

g) Area Forum (South) – 19 April 2011

The minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 19 April 2011 were circulated at the meeting. Councillor Gordon confirmed that he had a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from Coleshill United Church for Area Forum Funds and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Gordon and

Resolved:

That, subject to the second bullet point of Minute No 5 being deleted and replaced with “Cllr Fox reported on the move of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (North & East) from Atherstone police station to Old Bank House, NWBC in the near future and reported on the approach with West Mercia Police Force for a common strategic alliance. The Atherstone police front desk is now at the One Stop Shop, NWBC. Trained Borough Council staff are the first point of contact for the public when requesting a police service.”, the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 19 April 2011 be approved and adopted.

47 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No. 10

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

48 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Smitten 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