

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010**

Present: Councillor Moore in the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, Davis, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Hayfield, Jenkins, Lea, Lewis, May, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, Smitten, M Stanley, Swann, Sweet, Welby, Winter, Wykes and Zgraja.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnston, Morson and Y Stanley.

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Bill Knuckey led the Council in Prayer.

29 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, B Moss and Sweet 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), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth), M Stanley (Polesworth) and Zgraja (Over Whitacre) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

Councillor Fowler declared a personal interest in Minute No. 26 (General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010/11) of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 25 January 2010 and Minute No. 18 (Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April 2009 to December 2009) of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 16 February 2010 by reason of being Vice Chairman of the North Warwickshire Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Smitten declared a personal interest in Minute No. 26 (General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010/11) of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 25 January 2010 and Minute No. 18 (Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April 2009 to December 2009) of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 16 February 2010 by reason of being a trustee of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Councillor Hayfield declared a personal interest in respect of the various references in the minutes to NHS Warwickshire by reason of being a Non-Executive Director.

30 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 November 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

31 **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor reported that Jerry Hutchinson, Chief Executive, and Steve Maxey, Assistant Chief Executive, were currently away from work through illness and Members wished them both a speedy recovery. The meeting was also informed that Len Jacob, a long-standing Member of staff had, unfortunately, had to retire due to ill-health and the Mayor and fellow Councillors thanked him for his service to North Warwickshire and wished him well.

The Mayor reported on the following:-

- A number of events and activities that he had attended since the last meeting including the Dickens Night and the Ball Game;
- Dinner and Dance at Oakridge Golf Club on Friday 19 March 2010;
- Annual Charity Golf Tournament The Belfry Thursday 29 April 2010;
- Rotary Club sponsored walk to be held later in the year; and
- Casino Night to be held at Rolls Royce in Derby supporting one of his charities.

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

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

33 **Minutes of Boards/Committees**

- a) **Planning and Development Board** – 7 December 2009, 18 January 2010 and 15 February 2010

The minutes of the Board held on 15 February 2010 were circulated at the meeting.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 7 December 2009, 18 January 2010 and 15 February 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- b) **Resources Board** – 14 December 2009 and 2 February 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings of Resources Board held on 14 December 2009 and 2 February 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

c) Area Forum (East) – 14 January 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (East) held on 14 January 2010 be approved and adopted.

d) Area Forum (North) – 21 January 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 21 January 2010 be approved and adopted.

e) Community and Environment Board – 25 January 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 25 January 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

f) Area Forum (South) – 28 January 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 28 January 2010 be approved and adopted.

g) Licensing Committee – 1 February 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 1 February 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

h) Area Forum (West) – 4 February 2010

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

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the insertion of the word “possible” before the word expansion in the second line of paragraph two of Minute No 11 (Any Other Business), the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 4 February 2010 be approved and adopted.

i) Executive Board – 8 February 2010

(i) Minute No. 54 – General Fund Revenue Estimates 2010-2011 and setting the Council Tax 2010-2011

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

Recommended:

That Minute No. 54 be amended by the substitution of the original recommendation by the recommendation set out in Appendix 1 hereto. There being no further amendment, upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the Motion as amended to be carried.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 30 8 February 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at (i) above, be approved and adopted.

j) Scrutiny Board – 16 February 2010

The minutes of the Board held on 16 February 2010 were circulated at the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Fowler and

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 9 November 2009, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

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

35 **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