

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2010**

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, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Swann, Sweet, Winter and Wykes.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, Jenkins, and Zgraja and Mr Stan Orton, Chairman of the Standards Committee.

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Roger Chamberlain, Priest in Charge, St Nicholas's Church, Baddesley Ensor, led the Council in Prayer.

28 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 Y Stanley (Polesworth) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

29 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 September 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

30 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that the Annual Dinner Dance was to be held on 4 March 2011.

The Mayor and Members congratulated the Benefits Team on being awarded the IRRV Benefits Team of the Year Award.

31 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

32 Minutes of Boards/Committees

a) Community and Environment Board – 4 October 2010

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 4 October 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

b) Resources Board – 11 October and 22 November 2010

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of Resources Board held on 11 October and 22 November 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

c) Area Forum (East) – 12 October 2010

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

Resolved:

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Pickard in the apologies for absence, the minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum (North) held on 12 October 2010 be approved and adopted.

d) Area Forum (West) – 14 October 2010

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

Resolved:

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

e) Planning and Development Board – 18 October and 15 November 2010

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 18 October and 15 November 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

f) Area Forum (South) – 21 October 2010

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

Resolved:

That, subject to the amendment of the venue to read Arley and St Michaels Community Centre, Arley, the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (South) held on 21 October 2010 be approved and adopted.

g) Area Forum (North) – 26 October 2010

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 26 October 2010 be approved and adopted.

h) Standards Board – 2 November 2010

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Standards Boards held on 2 November 2010, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

i) Executive Board – 29 November 2010

i) Minute No 37 High Speed 2 – HS2

It was proposed by Councillor Fowler and seconded by Councillor Sweet by way of amendment

‘a That the Secretary of State for Transport and HS2 Ltd be notified that this Council opposes the proposed High Speed Rail scheme;

b That proposals for liaising with and supporting our local communities affected by the route be urgently explored with the County Council, other affected Councils and the MP’s for North Warwickshire;

c That the formal consultation process be deferred until ALL information is made available; and

d That the action of the Chief Executive in vigorously pursuing a presentation by HS2 Ltd to Members be endorsed; and

- e **That as part of the Authority's budgetary process provision is made in order to prepare this Council's response to the HS2 proposal.'**

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

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and

Resolved:

- a **That the Secretary of State for Transport and HS2 Ltd be notified that this Council opposes the proposed High Speed Rail scheme;**
- b **That proposals for liaising with and supporting our local communities affected by the route be urgently explored with the County Council, other affected Councils and the MP's for North Warwickshire;**
- c **That the formal consultation process be deferred until ALL information is made available; and**
- d **That the action of the Chief Executive in vigorously pursuing a presentation by HS2 Ltd to Members be endorsed; and**
- e **That as part of the Authority's budgetary process provision is made in order to prepare this Council's response to the HS2 proposal.**

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 29 November 2010, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.

- j) **Scrutiny Board – 7 December 2010**

It was proposed by Councillor Swann and seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That, subject to the deletion of the word 'more' in the first line of Minute No 44c (Councillor Call for Action), the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 7 December 2010, be approved and adopted.

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

34 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Sweet 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