

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON
WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2013**

Present: Councillor L Dirveiks in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Butcher, N Dirveiks, Ferro, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, Lewis, May, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley, Watkins, Winter and Wykes.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Davis.

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Tony Tooby, Vicar of Mancetter, led the Council in Prayer.

35 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

36 Councillors Bob Allsop and Alan Kenwright

Councillors Sweet and B Moss paid tribute to Bob Allsop and Alan Kenwright, former Councillors and Mayors of the Borough, who had died recently. Members and Officers observed a minutes silence.

37 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 12 December 2012 and 17 January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

38 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor made the following announcements

- that a 'Tea and History' event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care was being held at Merevale Hall on Wednesday 24 April 2013;
- that the Mayor's Annual Charity Golf Day was being held at the Belfry on Friday 26 April 2013; and
- that a 'Knees up in a Brewery' event in aid of the Farm Crisis Network was being held at The Church End Brewery on Wednesday 1 May 2013.

39 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

There were no questions received pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

40 Minutes of Boards/Committees

- a) **Planning and Development Board** – 17 December 2012, 14 January and 11 February 2013

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 17 December 2012, 14 January and 11 February 2013, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- b) **Licensing Committee** – 28 January 2013

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 28 January 2013, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- c) **Resources Board** – 28 January 2013

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

Resolved:

That, subject to the deletion of the name of Councillor Morson from the Board members present and inserting his name in the list of those also in attendance, the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 28 January 2013, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- d) **Community and Environment Board** – 29 January 2013

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 29 January 2013, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

- e) **Area Forum (East)** – 5 February 2013

It was proposed by Councillor Forwood, seconded by Councillor N Dirveiks and

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (East) held on 5 February 2013 be approved and adopted.

f) Area Forum (North) – 7 February 2013

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

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 7 February 2013 be approved and adopted.

g) Executive Board – 12 February 2013

(i) Minute No 75 – The Proposed 3 Year Capital Programme

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley and seconded by Councillor Sweet by way of amendment

“That recommendations b and c be deleted and substituted with the following

b1 That the capital programme for 2013/14 is increased by £120,000 in 2013/14, for the improvement of play areas at Minions Close Atherstone, Brendan Close Coleshill and Boot Hill Grendon;

b2 That the amended 3 year capital programme for the period 2013/14 to 2015/16 is adopted; and

c That the prudential indicators, updated to reflect the increase in 2013/14, be approved.”

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

(ii) Minute No 78 General Fund Revenue Estimates 2013 – 2014 and Setting the Council Tax 2013 – 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield and seconded by Councillor Simpson by way of amendment

“That recommendations a, b and c are replaced by the following

a That the savings of £902,600, are increased by the additional savings of £202,000 set out below;

- b That the revised estimate for the year 2012/13 and the revenue estimates for 2013/14, as amended by the additional savings, be approved;**
- c That the preferred Council Tax option for 2013/14 be a reduction of 5%;**

recommendations d and e remain as set out.

Additional Savings Proposals

Additional Savings	£
The Mayoral budget	20,000
Training budget	50,000
Corporate Policy budget	20,000
Marketing and Market Research	5,000
Leisure Centres and Swimming Pool	27,800
Use of earmarked reserves*	80,000
Total	202,000

* would give funding for 7.5 years (see table below).

Earmarked Reserves Identified for Reduction	£
Training	50,000
Invest to Save	150,000
Approved Growth	100,000
Contingencies	100,000
Planned Work	50,000
Frozen posts	50,000
Other	100,000
Total	600,000

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

The substantive motion as follows was then put to the meeting

- “a That the savings of £902,600 shown in Appendix G to the report be approved;**
- b That the revised estimate for the year 2012/13 and the revenue estimates for 2013/14 be approved;**
- c That the preferred Council Tax option for 2013/14 be 0% ;**
- d That the Deputy Chief Executive’s comments on the minimum acceptable level of general reserves be noted; and**
- e That the manpower estimates for the year 2013/14 be**

approved.

The Mayor declared the substantive motion to be carried.

It was then proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 12 February 2013, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended and agreed at (i) and (ii) above and as set out in Appendix 1 hereto, be approved and adopted.

i) Scrutiny Board – 18 February 2013

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 18 February 2013, be approved and adopted.

41 Notice of Motion under Standing Order No. 10

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

42 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor L Dirveiks, seconded by Councillor Turley 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