

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2019, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.05pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Cross (Chairman); Councillors Ashford, Barrott, Boad, Bromley, Mrs Bunker, Butler, Cain, Mrs Cain, Coker, Cooke, D'Arcy, Davies, Davison, Day, Doody, Edgington, Mrs Evetts, Mrs Falp, Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, H Grainger, Mrs Grainger, Heath, Mrs Hill, Illingworth, Mrs Knight, Margrave, Mobbs, Morris, Murphy, Naimo, Parkins, Phillips, Quinney, Mrs Redford, Rhead, Shilton, Mrs Stevens, Whiting and Wright.

94. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howe, Noone and Wright.

95. **Declarations of Interest**

Minute 105 - Confidential Executive Reports

Councillor Whiting declared an interest for Minute 164 of Executive because his wife was a governor of the school and left the room for this item

96. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 February 2019 were taken as read and were duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

97. **Communications & Announcements**

The Chairman provided the Council with a summary of the events he had attended during his year in office.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Bromley, Butler, Coker, Doody, Edgington, Mrs Evetts, Gallagher, Gill, Hill, Howe, Mrs Knight, Phillips, Mrs Stevens, Thompson, Weed and Whiting, who were not standing for election on 2 May 2019, for their service to the Council during their respective times in office. He also took the opportunity to wish any Councillor who was not re-elected on 2 May all the best for their future.

This was echoed by Councillors, Boad, Mrs Falp, Mobbs and Naimo who also wished thanked the Chairman for his role as he was not standing for election, for his work as a Councillor.

Councillors, Boad, Mrs Falp, Mobbs and Naimo also took the opportunity to thank all the staff of the Council who had faced significant challenges presented to them and still delivered services for the community.

The Chairman informed Council that there would be no business under item 5 Petitions, item 6 Notices of Motion and item 7 Public Submissions.

98. **Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements**

The Leader, Councillor Mobbs informed Council that:

- Kenilworth & Royal Leamington Spa had been named as one of the best places to live in the country;
- The Interactive Futures Show would be featured on the Channel 5 "Gadget Show"; and
- there would be additional measures in place in Kenilworth to protect from Gypsy & Traveller incursions during what would normally be the Kenilworth Horse Fair weekend, however the Horse Fair would not be taking place.

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Mrs Grainger, encouraged all, even those not standing for election, to be messengers for reducing waste and participating in the Warwickshire County Council "Slim your Bin" campaign.

The Portfolio Holder for Development informed Council that a project board was now in place for the planned developments East of Kenilworth and South of Coventry to ensure a joined up multi agency approach to the developments.

The Portfolio Holder for Health & Community Protection

- took the opportunity to thank the Senior Management Team at the Council for all their work over the last four years and thanked all the staff within his Portfolio for their excellent work, which often went unnoticed by the public;
- informed Council that a member of the Health & Community Protection Team had been appointed to the National Occupation Standards for Microblading Standards as a nationally recognised expert in this area of work.

The Portfolio Holder for Business informed Council that

- a bid had been made to the "future High Street Funds" in respect of Royal Leamington Spa, the outcome of which will be known in the summer; and
- Warwick would be hosting the start of both the Women's and Men's cycle tours this summer.

The Portfolio Holder for Culture informed Council that:

- the attendance at Council leisure centres for the last financial year, which was year two of the contract, had been 1.1 million visits which was against the target for year four of 1.36 million visits, this compared to 456,000 visits in the last year that the Council operated the centres;
- swimming lessons had increased from 62,000 from the last year of the Council operation to 133,000 last year;
- the designs for the revised facilities in Kenilworth were progressing and would be brought to Executive in July;
- there had been a potential Judicial Review of the decision regarding new leisure facilities in Kenilworth by the Restore Kenilworth Lido (RKL) campaign; the Council took legal advice and responded disagreeing on both fact and law. Following the response from the Council, the RKL notified the Council it would not be progressing with the Judicial Review;
- The Pump Rooms work was completed and new catering contractor in place;
- a report would be brought to the Executive in July on the options for Newbold Comyn; and
- he thanked all the officers within his Portfolio for their excellent work and support in delivering a significant number of excellent projects.

99. **Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Gallagher asked the Leader if he could explain why the Council was not supporting the organisations which had taken on the former Royal Naval Club building by granting them a longer lease to provide them greater certainty and bid for a wider range of grant funding?

In response Councillor Mobbs explained that meetings had taken place and the Council fully supported those organisations.

Councillor Mrs Gallagher asked the Leader to confirm who he had been spoken to at the organisations?

Councillor Mobbs explained the organisation had been spoken to and that moving forward would be a matter for the next administration.

Councillor Doody asked the Leader if he would agree that the current Chief Executive was the best the Council had had, the Council had two excellent Deputy Chief Executives and that Councillor Shilton was one of the most hard working Councillors and that Councillor Gallagher was equally hard working and had done an excellent job in bringing forward the Cultural Services projects?

In response Councillor Mobbs confirmed he had a talented pool of Councillors and agreed with his views.

Councillor Quinney, asked the Portfolio Holder for Culture if he could confirm the profit share with Everyone Active for this year?

In response Councillor Coker explained that the financial details for the year were yet to be shared with the Council.

Councillor Quinney asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing if he could provide an update on the performance of Axis from the last Council meeting and what works were being undertaken on Chandos Court and the hostel to stop them decaying?

In response Councillor Phillips, explained he had asked Councillors to make him aware of specific problems for him to take forward but nothing had been reported to him. He asked for issues on both of these matters to be emailed to him for him to take forward.

Councillor Quinney asked the Portfolio Holder for Housing if he could provide the answers to the questions he had asked him about affordable housing completions at Council in January 2019?

In response Councillor Phillips explained he was waiting for Councillor Quinney to provide him with a spreadsheet of information.

Councillor Naimo asked the Leader when would Royal Leamington Spa Town Council receive a response to its motion regarding the HQ?

In response Councillor Mobbs explained that the earliest a decision would be taken was July 2019 but would be a matter for the new administration.

Councillor Gallagher asked the Leader if he could explain why the Council had decided to dismiss the Counsel's opinion, from the Restore Kenilworth Lido

Group, on the decisions regarding Kenilworth Outdoor Pool as well as the groundswell of public opinion on this matter?

In response, Councillor Mobbs explained that more consultation was undertaken on the Kenilworth leisure options than for the Warwick and Leamington Schemes and the Lido had closed in 1984. Overall the Council had looked to see what was best for the whole District over the whole year and considered all responses to the consultation.

Councillor Barrott asked the Portfolio Holder for Development if the project boards for South of Leamington and Warwick developments would have local Councillor representation.

In response, Councillor Rhead explained that overall the project boards were officer level to get the development progressed with the correct infrastructure, but would look to have representation from the area involved.

Councillor Gallagher asked the Leader why he was still ignoring Kenilworth Lido Group?

In response the Leader explained that consultation had been undertaken and the views were listened to.

100. **Executive Report**

The Leader proposed the reports of the Executive meetings 6 February 2019 (excluding minutes 142, 143, and 145 as previously considered and minute 144 which was a recommendation to Council on 15 May 2019), 6 March 2019, and 3 April 2019 which were duly seconded and

Resolved that the reports be approved.

(Councillor Gallagher left during this item)

101. **Employment Committee Report**

The Council considered the report from Employment Committee on 20 March 2019 that set out the Council's Pay Policy Statement & Gender Pay Gap Reporting. This was proposed duly seconded and

Resolved that the reports be approved.

102. **Revisions to Council Procedure Rules**

The Council received a report from Democratic Services that brought forward minor amendments to Council Procedure Rules in respect of Public Speaking at Council and consideration of Executive minutes at Council

Resolved that

- (1) from the new municipal year in May 2019, only the Executive Part 1 items (those which require a decision of Council) are reported to Council and not the Executive Part 2 items where a decision has already been taken by the Executive; and

- (2) the amendments to the Constitution as set out at Appendix 1 to the minutes and any consequential amendments elsewhere in the Constitution as a result of these, be approved.

103. **Overview & Scrutiny Committees End of Term reports**

It was moved by Councillor Quinney and duly seconded; and

Resolved that the end of term report of the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee be noted.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Falp and duly seconded and

Resolved that end of term report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted

104. **Public & Press**

The Chairman proposed, as laid out on the agenda, duly seconded and

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

105. **Confidential Executive Reports**

The confidential reports of the Executive meetings of 6 March and 3 April 2019 were proposed, duly seconded and

Resolved that the reports be approved.

106. **Common Seal**

It was, proposed by Councillor Coker, duly seconded and

Resolved that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.15 pm)

Chairman
15 May 2019

Council Procedure Rules

Additions in *italics* and deletions ~~struckthrough~~

4. Order of Business

- (1) The order of business at every meeting of the Council other than the annual meeting will be:
 - (a) To choose a person to preside if the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are absent
 - (b) To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business
 - (c) Apologies for absence
 - (d) declarations of interest
 - (e) To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Council
 - (f) To deal with any business expressly required by statute to be done
 - (g) To receive such communications as the Chairman or the Chief Executive may wish to present to the Council
 - (h) Chairman's announcements
 - (i) Public Interest Debate – this will be added to the agenda if needed
 - (j) Petitions
 - (k) Notices of Motion (To consider items, notice of which have been given under Procedure Rule 6 in the order in which notice has been received)
 - ~~(l) Public submissions~~
 - ~~(l m) Leader's and Portfolio Holders' Statements~~
 - ~~(m n) Questions to Portfolio Holders & the Leader of the Council~~
 - ~~(n o) To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting~~
 - ~~(o p) To receive and consider the minutes reports of the Executive and/or any Committees that contain recommendations for Council to consider from committees~~
 - ~~(q) To consider items, notice of which have been given under Procedure Rule 6 in the order in which notice has been received~~
 - ~~(p r) Other business, if any, specified in the summons~~
 - ~~(q s) To authorise the sealing of documents so far as the Council's authority is required.~~

34. Public Speaking

(a) Council

~~You will be permitted to speak in relation to any of the following items included on the agenda: notice of motion, report or minutes of another committee. Any request to speak on other items will be a matter of discretion for the Chairman.~~

~~(The rights for a member of the public to address Council on a Petition are set out in the Council's Petition Scheme.)~~

The public be permitted to speak in relation to the following items included on the agenda: notice of motion, Petitions (as defined by the Council's Petition Scheme) and any reports that requires a decision by Council at that meeting. Any request to speak on other items will be a matter of discretion for the Chairman.