

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ON WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022**

Present: Councillor A Clews in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Chambers, D Clews, Davey, Deakin, Farrow, Gosling, Hancocks, Hayfield, D Humphreys, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Jordan, McLauchlan, Moss, Osborne, Parker, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Rose, Simpson, S Smith, Symonds, A Wright and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dirveiks, Macdonald, Morson, Singh and L Smith.

Former Borough and Atherstone Town Councillor Martin Davis had sadly died recently. The Mayor and Members paid tribute to him and Councillors and Officers observed a moment's silence.

12 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

13 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 4 May 2022

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4 May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

14 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced:

- That he and the Mayoress had attended the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations held recently in the Market Square in Atherstone and Coleshill and thanked all those involved in the organisation of these events for all their hard work;
- That he and the Mayoress had attended the Soccer Aid event held in Polesworth on Saturday, 18 June 2022 organised by Councillor Hancocks and other volunteers; and
- That he would be hosting a Charity Quiz Night on Thursday, 7 July 2022 at Atherstone Sports Club, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone.

15 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No 7

None were received.

16 Minutes of Planning and Development Board – 9 May and 6 June 2022

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 9 May and 6 June 2022 be approved and adopted.

17 Minutes of Special Sub-Group – 10 May 2022

It was proposed by Councillor D Clews seconded by Councillor Symonds and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 May 2022 be approved and adopted.

18 Minutes of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee – 25 April and 23 May 2022

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee held on 25 April and 23 May 2022 be approved and adopted.

19 Minutes of the Community and Environment Board – 16 May 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor M Humphreys and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 16 May 2022 be approved and adopted.

20 Minutes of the Executive Board – 13 June 2022

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Symonds and

a Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 13 June 2022 be approved and adopted;

b That the contents of the External Auditors' Report be noted;

- c That the Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 be adopted; and
- d That the Water Orton Neighbourhood Plan for North Warwickshire be adopted.

21 **Minutes of the Resources Board – 20 June 2022**

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds, seconded by Councillor Moss and

Resolved:

- a That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 20 June 2022 be approved and adopted; and
- b That the Annual Treasury Report for 2021/22 be approved.

22 **Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Simpson and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any Orders, Deeds and Documents as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, including any passed during part of the meeting which is held in private, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

23 **Notice of Motion**

The Mayor was satisfied that the Motion was submitted prior to the deadline within the Council's Standing Orders and should therefore be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency in accordance with the usual practice for Motions submitted by Members.

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gosling and Seconded by Councillor D Clews:

“This Council recognises the serious impact which the cost-of-living crises is having on the well-being and quality of life for many of our residents, and in particular our lower income households.

In order to respond to this crises, we propose that the Borough Council establish an all-party working group and convene a multi-agency conference to examine what steps can be taken to help residents, to coordinate our approach and prevent harm to our most vulnerable residents.”

It was proposed by Councillor Bell and Seconded by Councillor D Wright that the Notice of Motion be amended to read:

This Council recognises the good work being undertaken by North Warwickshire Borough Council and its partners in respect of the increased cost of living and its

impact on the wellbeing and quality of life for many of our residents and in particular our lower income households.

In order to respond to this crisis, we propose that the Borough Council establish an all-party information session which sets out the work currently being undertaken and seeks ideas on what more can be done.

Under Standing Order 19c it was proposed by Councillor Deakin and seconded by Councillor Gosling that the debate be adjourned.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright and Seconded by Councillor Farrow that the Notice of Motion be amended to read:

This Council recognises the good work being undertaken by North Warwickshire Borough Council and its partners in respect of the increased cost of living, and its impact on the wellbeing and quality of life for many of our residents and in particular our lower income households.

In order to respond to this crisis, we propose that the Borough Council establish an all-party working group and convene a multi-agency meeting to examine what steps can be taken to help residents, to coordinate our approach and prevent harm to our most vulnerable residents.

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

24 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

25 **Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the Planning and Development Board – 9 May and 6 June 2022**

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

Resolved:

That the confidential extract of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 9 May and 6 June be approved and adopted.

26 Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the Executive Board – 13 June 2022

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Symonds and

Resolved:

That the confidential extract of the minutes of the of the Executive Board held on 13 June 2022 be approved and adopted.

27 Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the Resources Board – 20 June 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds, seconded by Councillor D Wright and

Resolved:

That the confidential extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 20 June 2022 be approved and adopted.

**Chairman of the next ensuing meeting
of the Council**