

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ON WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Present: Councillor D Wright in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Chambers, D Clews, A Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, Farrow, Gosling, Hancocks, Hayfield, D Humphreys, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Jordan, Lees, Macdonald, McLauchlan, Morson, Moss, Parker, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Rose, Simpson, Singh, S Smith and Symonds.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jenns, Osborne, L Smith and A Wright.

23 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

24 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 28 July 2021

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

25 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced the following

- that Atherstone would be hosting the Women's Cycle Tour for the fourth time on 6 October 2021;
- that Robert Beggs, Policy Support Manager would be retiring from the Council in October after over 40 years of dedicated service. The Mayor wished to place on record his thanks to Robert for all the work undertaken during his time with North Warwickshire and asked Members to join him in wishing him well for a long and happy retirement.

26 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

The following question was received from Wayne Gibbons pursuant to Standing Order No 7:-

"With respect to the letter sent by North Warwickshire Borough Council on the 16th September 2021 regarding the AJ Bell Women's Tour 2021-Wednesday 6th October. A quotation from Councillor David Wright states that the event "will provide a fantastic boost to the local area". The letter goes on to assert that the event will bring "important benefits" to Atherstone.

What metric is used by North Warwickshire Borough Council to assess boosts and/or benefits?

How, when and where is data collected to support the statements contained in the letter?

Finally, assuming that you can quantify the effects of this event, how does it compare to other events held in Atherstone, which aren't held in the middle of a working week and appear to have more community involvement?"

The response from Councillor David Wright, Leader, North Warwickshire Borough Council

"I am grateful for the interest being shown by the public in the AJ Bell Women's Time Trials being hosted in Atherstone on Wednesday 6th October.

I believe the event will be a boost for the local area not least as there has never been a time trial in the history of the Women's Tour and Atherstone is therefore hosting the prime event of this year's tour. This view is based on metrics but also longer term factors that cannot be directly measured. For example, a report on a previous occasion that Atherstone was involved in the Women's Tour stated that 15,000 people attended the event with a net visitor additional spend of over £270,000. 92% of those attending rated the event as 'very good' and 62% said it would inspire them to cycle more often.

Given the national and international focus of this event there is not a meaningful way of comparing them with other, much liked events held in Atherstone. As with previous years we do not have a say on which day the Women's Tour comes to Atherstone but even midweek a return of over £270,000 for our modest investment into the event represent a good return."

27 Recommendations of Executive Board held on 20 September 2021

The Council was asked to consider the recommendations of Executive Board held on 20 September and to make the necessary decisions thereon:

- a That the recommendations in relation to the detailed budget approach for the 2022/23 General Fund Budget, as outlined in pages 30 to 46, be approved and adopted; and**
- b That the recommendation to adopt the Local Plan, as detailed in pages 47 to 280, be approved and adopted.**

In accordance with Standing Order No11(3) the recorded vote on Minute No 27(b) was as follows:

For – Councillors Bell, A Clews, D Clews, Davey, Hancocks, Hayfield, D Humphreys, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Jordan, Lees, Macdonald, Moss, Parker, Reilly, Simpson, Singh, S Smith, Symonds and D Wright (20)

Against – Councillors Chambers, Dirveiks, Farrow, Gosling, McLauchlan, Morson, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips and Rose (10)

28 **Minutes of Boards/Committees**

a) **Planning and Development Board – 14 July and 2 August 2021**

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 14 July and 2 August 2021, be approved and adopted.

b) **Special Sub-Group – 10 August and 14 September 2021**

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 10 August and 14 September 2021, be approved and adopted.

c) **Executive Board – 20 September 2021**

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 20 September 2021, be approved and adopted.

d) **Resources Board – 21 September 2021**

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Resources Board held on 21 September 2021, be approved and adopted.

29 **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.

30 To Receive and Consider the Confidential Extract of the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2021

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor A Clews and

Resolved:

That the confidential extract of the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2021, together with the recommendations therein, be approved and adopted.

31 To Receive and Consider the Confidential Extract of the Minutes of the Special Sub-Group held on 14 September 2021

It was proposed by Councillor D Clews and Councillor D Wright and

Resolved:

That the confidential extract of the minutes of the Special Sub Group held on 14 September 2021, together with the recommendations therein, be approved and adopted.

32 To Receive and Consider the Confidential Extract of the minutes of the Executive Board held on 20 September 2021

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

Resolved:

That the confidential extract of the minutes of the Executive Board, held on 20 September 2021, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

33 Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Bell.

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**