

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

26 March 2012

Present: Councillor Phillips in the Chair

Councillors L Dirveiks, Ferro, Fox, Freer, Lewis, May, M Moss and Payne.

Councillors Barber, Humphreys, B Moss, Pickard and Winter were also in attendance.

36 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interests**

Any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fox and May and membership of the various Town/Parish Councils of Councillors Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis, M Moss and Phillips (Kingsbury), were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

37 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2012, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38 **The Health Reforms and Their Local Implications**

Rachel Robinson, NHS Warwickshire, gave a presentation to the Board.

39 **Birch Coppice Allotments**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) sought the Board's approval for action undertaken in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board to provide financial assistance to the Birch Coppice Allotment Association.

Resolved:

That the action taken by the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board to provide financial assistance to the Birch Coppice Allotment Association, be approved.

40 **Green Space Management Plans**

Members were informed of progress in respect of the preparation of management plans for key sites across the Borough, in accordance with the priorities identified in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy. The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) sought approval to proceed to detailed design in respect of Abbey Green Park in Polesworth and the recreation grounds in Dordon, and to allocate funding from reserves for the preparation of a management plan for Bretts Hall Recreation Ground in Ansley Common.

Resolved:

- a That progress in respect of the preparation of Green Space Management Plans, be noted;**
- b That the option to advance the preparation of detailed design proposals in respect of Abbey Green Park in Polesworth and Kitwood Avenue and Long Street Recreation Grounds in Dordon, be approved; and**
- c That the proposal to earmark funding in the Grounds Maintenance and Green Space Reserve for the preparation of a management plan for Bretts Hall Recreation Ground, Ansley Common, be approved.**

41 **Review of Refuse and Recycling Services**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) updated the Board on the work of the Council's cross-party Recycling Task and Finish Group, summarised the options which the group had evaluated in relation to improving the Council's refuse and recycling services and, in light of the evidence gathered to date, recommended that the Council developments its refuse and recycling services based on an alternate weekly collection system.

Resolved:

- a That the work undertaken to date by the Recycling Task and Finish Group be noted and that all Members be notified of future meeting dates of the Recycling Task and Finish Group;**
- b That officers continue to evaluate the viability and deliverability of working in partnership with neighbouring authorities as well as retaining an exclusively in-house service;**

- c That a revised refuse and recycling collection service be developed based on an alternate weekly collection system for implementation by October 2013 at the latest; and**
- d That a Communication Strategy be devised through the Recycling Task and Finish Group and brought back to this Board for consideration.**

In accordance with Standing Order 29 (3) Councillors Fox, Freer, May and Payne asked for their vote against the proposal to be recorded.

42 North Warwickshire LEADER Programme – Progress Report

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) provided the Board with background information on the North Warwickshire LEADER programme and updated Members on the progress made to date.

Resolved:

That the progress being made in respect of the delivery of the North Warwickshire LEADER programme, be noted.

43 Play Provision in North Warwickshire

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) set out progress in respect of the implementation of the Play Area Development Programme and also informed Members of the progress being made in the delivery of the North Warwickshire Play Strategy.

Resolved:

- a That progress in respect of the delivery of the North Warwickshire Play Strategy be noted and approved; and**
- b That progress in respect of implementation of the Play Area Development Programme be noted and approved.**

44 Tree Management

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board of progress made during 2011/12 with regard to the Authority's Tree Management Programme.

Resolved:

That progress made during 2011/12 in respect of the implementation of the Tree Management Programme, be noted.

45 **Systems Thinking Review of Parks, Open Spaces and Ground Maintenance Services**

Members were informed of the scope of the System Thinking review of the Parks, Open Spaces and Grounds Maintenance services and of the progress of the Review to date.

Resolved:

That the scope and progress of the current Systems Thinking Review of the Parks, Open Spaces and Grounds Maintenance services, be noted.

46 **Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2011**

Members were informed of progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to December 2011.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

47 **Minutes of the meetings of the Community Hubs Task and Finish Group held on 26 October 2011, 21 December 2011, 9 February 2012 and 5 March 2012 were received and noted.**

H Phillips
Chairman