

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

3 October 2011

Present: Councillor Phillips in the Chair

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

Councillor Humphreys was also in attendance.

#### 11 **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.

Councillor May declared a personal interest in Minute No 17 (Play Area Development Programme) by reason of the Merevale Estate involvement with the Baxterley project .

#### 12 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2011, copies having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 13 **Presentation by Simon Powell** - Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development).

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) gave a presentation on the work of his Division.

#### 14 **Budgetary Control Report 2011/2012 Period Ended 31 August 2011.**

The Assistant Director (Finance and Human Resources) reported on the expenditure and income from 1 April 2011 to 31 August 2011.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**15 Play Safety Service to Parish Councils**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) advised Members of the intention to withdraw the current free four-weekly play area inspection service for Parish Councils from April 2012 and set out a proposal to replace it with a better quality, more robust quarterly inspection service for which a small charge would be levied.

**Resolved:**

- a That the current free play area inspection service provided to Parish Councils be withdrawn with effect from April 2012;**
- b That, with effect from April 2012, Parish Councils be offered a quarterly operational play area inspection service that will be subject to an annual charge as identified in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development); and**
- c That selected Parish Councils be offered the option to take up the quarterly operational play area inspections service with effect from October 2011.**

**16 Leisure and Community Development Division – Proposed 2012/13 Revenue Savings.**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) identified potential areas for revenue budget savings within the Leisure and Community Development Division for inclusion in the 2012/13 revenue estimates.

**Recommendation to Executive Board:**

**That, subject to consultation, the proposed budget savings within the Leisure and Community Development Division be included in the 2012/13 revenue estimates.**

**17 Play Area Development Programme**

Members were informed of progress in respect of the implementation of the Play Area Development Programme and approval was sought for the establishment of a reserve to provide match funding for a project to provide new play facilities in Baxterley.

**Resolved:**

- a That progress in respect of the Play Area Development Programme be noted and approved;**

- b That the proposal to match fund the installation of new play facilities in Baxterley from the revenue budget be approved; and**

**Recommendation to Executive Board**

- c That the principle to establish a reserve of up to £10,500, if necessary, from the revenue budget at the end of the 2011/12 financial year for the project in Baxterley, be approved.**

**18 Atherstone Market**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) informed the Board of an agreement between North Warwickshire Borough Council, Atherstone Town Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to transfer the management of the Market Square, Atherstone on an initial twelve month trial basis in order to try and enhance the market and increase the use of the Market Square for other events.

**Resolved:**

- a That the content of the report be noted and the action taken to date be endorsed; and**
- b That a further report on the success of the new arrangements be brought back to the Board early next year before the agreement is considered for renewal.**

**19 Leisure Facilities – Bank Holiday Closures**

The Board's approval was sought for the Bank Holiday closure of leisure facilities during 2012/13.

**Resolved:**

**That the schedule of leisure facility closures, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved.**

**20 Update on Outreach Proposals – Community Hubs and the B.O.B Mobile Service**

**Resolved:**

- a That progress made and the expressions of interest received to date to establish community hubs (ICT only or combined with video conference technology) be noted and that officers work with other agencies to**

**evaluate locations and funding opportunities available to deliver increased access in the Borough;**

- b That a Task & Finish Group of five Members be set up to oversee the work of a multi-agency officer group tasked with working with town and parish councils and other interested community groups to develop an infrastructure of community hubs (or B.O.B stops);**
- c That the Task & Finish Group be given delegated powers to approve funding for the setting up of community hubs within the agreed budget; and**
- d That approval be granted to continue to run the B.O.B mobile bus for at least a further 12 months from April 2012 to 31 March 2013 whilst the strategy to deliver community hubs is delivered and the ongoing need for the service evaluated.**

**21 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) provided a summary of how the Borough Council was using the inspiration of the 2012 Olympic Games to increase participation in physical activity across North Warwickshire and ensure a positive and lasting legacy for the local community.

**Resolved:**

**That the progress being made in using the impact of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to increase participation in physical activity in North Warwickshire, be noted.**

**22 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – June 2011**

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

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

**23 Provision and Management of an Artificial Grass Pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College, Atherstone**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported on the progress in respect of negotiations with relevant parties to undertake the

management of community use of a new artificial grass pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College in Atherstone.

**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 enter into a Partnership Agreement with Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College, Atherstone, be endorsed.**

H Phillips  
Chairman