

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

21 March 2011

Present: Councillor May in the Chair

Councillors L Dirveiks, Fox, Freer, Gordon, Lewis, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Smitten, Y Stanley and Wykes.

#### 48 **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 (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth) and Y Stanley (Polesworth) were deemed to be declared at the meeting.

#### 49 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2011, copies having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 50 **Local Nature Reserves Project**

Members were informed of progress being made with respect to the Local Nature Reserves project.

##### **Resolved:**

**That the progress made in respect of the Local Nature Reserves Project, as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) be noted and approved.**

#### 51 **Allotments Development Programme**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) reported on progress in respect of the implementation of the Allotments Development Programme and sought Members' approval of an approach proposed in respect of future projects.

##### **Resolved:**

- a That progress in respect of the Allotment Development Programme, as set out in the report of the Assistant**

**Director (Leisure and Community Development) and detailed in Appendix A, be noted and approved;**

- b That the proposal to prioritise future support towards the development of allotments in the Kingsbury area be approved; and**
- c That the proposal to work in partnership with the North Warwickshire Allotment Federation to assist local communities in Atherstone to bring underused land back into productive use be approved.**

## **52 Tree Management**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) sought approval of the adoption of a formal procedure for consultation in respect of tree works and also detailed progress with regard to the Authority's tree management programme since the autumn of 2009.

### **Resolved:**

- a That the proposed consultation procedure in respect of future arboricultural works, as set out in the addendum to the Tree Management Briefing Note at Appendix C of the report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved; and**
- b That progress made in respect of the implementation of the tree management programme, be noted.**

## **53 North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Progress Report**

The Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development) informed the Board of progress in respect of delivery against the priorities set out in the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy and presented the supporting Action Plan for Year 4 of the Strategy for approval.

Members were also informed of the proposed Tame Valley Wetlands Landscape Partnership Scheme.

### **Resolved:**

- a That progress in respect of the implementation of the North Warwickshire Green Space Strategy Action Plan be noted; and**
- b That the activities proposed for future development within the Action Plan and the use of earmarked reserves to support those activities, as set out in the**

**report of the Assistant Director (Leisure and Community Development), be approved.**

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

Members were informed of a proposal for the Borough Council to enter into negotiations with relevant parties to undertake the management of community use of a proposed artificial grass pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College in Atherstone.

**Resolved:**

- a That the principle of the Borough Council's involvement in the management and operation of community use of the proposed artificial grass pitch at Queen Elizabeth School and Sports College, Atherstone, strictly on terms that do not adversely affect the revenue position of the Authority, be approved; and**
- b That officers be authorised to continue negotiations with relevant parties at the School to ensure that community use of the new facility is maximised and that the outcome of these negotiations be reported back to the next meeting of the Board.**

**55 North Warwickshire Play Strategy**

Members were informed of the progress being made in the delivery of the North Warwickshire Play Strategy, which exists to provide a co-ordinated approach to play provision and development throughout the Borough.

**Resolved:**

**That the progress being made in respect of the delivery of relevant actions identified in the North Warwickshire Play Strategy, be noted.**

**56 Progress Report on Achievement of Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator Targets April – December 2010.**

Members were informed of the progress with the achievement of the Corporate Plan and Performance Indicator targets relevant to the Board for April to December 2010.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

57 **Minutes of the Joint Environment and Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Groups held on 7 March 2011**

Minutes of the Joint Environment and Health, Well-being and Leisure Portfolio Groups held on 7 March 2011 were received and noted.

58 **Warwickshire Waste Partnership Business Plan 2011/12**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's endorsement of the content of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Business Plan for 2011/12.

**Resolved:**

**That the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Business Plan 2011/12 be endorsed and noted.**

59 **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 it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.**

60 **Recycling Officer – Temporary Post**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's agreement to establish a temporary post of Recycling Officer.

**Recommendation to the Resources Board**

**That the Council agrees to establish a temporary post of Recycling Officer for the financial year April 2011 to March 2012.**

61 **Revision of Fees and Charges for the Cesspool Emptying and Trade Refuse Services**

The Assistant Director (Streetscape) sought the Board's agreement to revise charges for the Cesspool Emptying Service and Trade Refuse Service for 2011/12.

**Resolved:**

- a **That the charge for Cesspool emptying be revised to take into account the increase for disposal charges; and**

- b That the effect of changes in VAT rules on Trade Refuse Service charges be noted and that the charges be revised by adopting option B as set out in the report of the Assistant Director (Streetscape).**

M May  
Chairman