

Council

25th July 2011

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Anita Clayton (Mayor), Councillor Gay Hopkins (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Peter Anderson, Michael Braley, R Blake, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, Michael Chalk, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Malcolm Hall, Bill Hartnett, Roger Hill, Robin King, Wanda King, Phil Mould, William Norton, Jinny Pearce, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Debbie Taylor, Derek Taylor, Alan Mason and Luke Stephens

Also Present:

D Andrews (Chair, Standards Committee)

Officers:

M Craggs, A Darroch, K Dicks, C Felton, C Flanagan, S Hanley and S Morgan

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

31. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The Mayor's celebrant, June Saville, led the Council in a moment's reflection.

32. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors David Bush, Simon Chalk and Adam Griffin.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

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MAYOR, in the Chair

35. COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's communications and announcements were considered under the following headings:

a) Mr Ian Davies

It was with regret that the Mayor advised the Council of the death the previous Friday of Mr Ian Davies, husband of former Mayor and Councillor Anne Davies and a caretaker at the Town Hall for a number of years. A letter of condolence was to be sent on behalf of the Council to former Councillor Anne Davies.

b) Mr Richard Murphy

The Mayor led the Council in congratulating Mr Richard Murphy and presented him with a certificate in recognition of his achievements at the recent Special Olympics World Games. The Council was advised that Richard had won Gold Medals in the 100 metres and 200 metres and a silver medal in the 4x400 metres relay.

c) Mayor's Cadets

The Mayor presented her Cadets for the municipal year, Cadet Sergeant Arran Cook and Cadet Barclay Hodge with their Cadets' Badges.

d) Mayor's Announcements and forthcoming events

The Mayor advised that since the previous meeting of the Council she had undertaken numerous engagements in her civic capacity.

e) Urgent Business

The Mayor advised that she had accepted one late report, Item 9, the report and decision pertaining to the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee on 29th June 2011.

36. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader's Announcements were considered under the following headings:

a) Green Apple Award

The Leader advised that the Council had been presented with a Green Apple Award 2011 for the Built Environment and Architectural Heritage for its Crematorium Energy Recovery Project at a ceremony at the University of Westminster on 20th June. It was noted that the Council might be eligible for further awards in respect of this scheme, including on a European stage.

b) Bus Shelter Scheme

The Leader announced that there was to be the unveiling of a new bus shelter at Ibstock House on 11th August.

c) Winter Gritting Task and Finish Review

The Leader advised that she and the Chief Executive had met that morning with the Leader, relevant Portfolio Holder and Officers from Worcestershire County Council. Members were informed that a further report back on possible options for improving the service would be forthcoming in due course.

37. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

No questions had been received.

38. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

No Motions had been received.

39. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 21st June and 12th July 2011.

RESOLVED that

1) **the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 21st June 2011 be received and adopted; and**

2) **the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12th July 2011 be received and all recommendations adopted, subject to:**

in respect of Minute 36 (Shared Services Board – Progress Report) it being noted that Members reiterated a request made at the meeting of the Board that a report be produced by Officers detailing the financial impact of Shared Services on the participating Councils in respect of matters including savings to date, set-up costs and redundancy costs.

40. REGULATORY COMMITTEES

The Council received the minutes of recent meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee and Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 29th June 2011 be received and all recommendations adopted; and
- 2) the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 25th May and 15th June 2011 be received and adopted.

41. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

The Council noted two Urgent Business decisions which had been approved in accordance with the Council's urgency procedures, namely:

Church Hill Redevelopment Scheme – Acquisition of the Leasehold Interest in the Public House
(UB Reference 491); and

Contaminated Land – Determination of a number of addresses as Contaminated Land under Part 2A Environmental Protection Act 1990 and approval of urgent remediation works
(UB Reference 492)

RESOLVED that

the matters be noted.

42. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)

There were no separate items of Urgent Business for consideration at this meeting.

The Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm
and closed at 7.54 pm

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MAYOR, in the Chair