

Council

1st February 2010

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Malcolm Hall (Mayor), Councillor Kath Banks (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors P Anderson, M Braley, J Brunner, M Chalk, G Chance, A Clayton, B Clayton, J Cookson, D Enderby, J Field, A Fry, C Gandy, W Hartnett, N Hicks, G Hopkins, D Hunt, R King, W King, C MacMillan, P Mould, W Norton, J Pearce, B Quinney, M Shurmer, D Smith, D Taylor and D Thomas

Also Present:

D Andrews (Chair, Standards Committee) and M Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee)

Officers:

K Dicks, S Hanley, T Kristunas, A Marklew, S Mullins, G Revans, L Roberts, S Skinner and J Staniland

Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

99. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

100. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Cookson and Fry declared personal interests in Item 7 (Executive Committee) as detailed separately at Minute 105 below.

102. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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MAYOR, in the Chair

103. COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

a) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that, since the last meeting of the Council, he had attended various functions, including: a Digital Camera Competition launch, Chinese celebrations in Worcester, a Citizenship Ceremony, the Annual Redditch Sports Partnership Awards, a Burns Night celebration at Bromsgrove, ferret racing with Pershore Town Council, the Alcester Town Council Civic Service, a visit to the local Territorial Army Centre, the Holocaust Memorial Event and the Special Olympics presentation evening.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Banks for stepping in to take on engagements he had been unable to attend.

b) Forthcoming events

The Mayor advised that forthcoming events included the University of Worcester Inaugural Lecture and the Mayor's own Cabaret Evening and Charity Auction that coming Saturday.

c) Single Management Team

Members congratulated the successful candidates for the Directors and Heads of Service posts in the recent recruitment and assessment process and placed on record their thanks to Sue Mullins, Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services and Ken Watkins, Head of Leisure and Arts for their many years of service to the Council.

d) Urgent Business

The Mayor advised that he had accepted two items of Urgent Business, the Decision Notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee on 27th January and a referral from the Licensing Committee meeting of 25th January comprising a number of recommendations to the Council.

104. LEADERS' QUESTIONS/ NOTICES OF MOTION

No questions had been submitted to the Leader and no Notices of Motion had been received.

105. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members received the Decision Notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 27th January 2010.

RESOLVED that

the decision notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 27th January 2010 be received and all recommendations approved, subject to:

in respect of Minute 218 (Energy Strategy) it being further RESOLVED that

Redditch Borough Council sign up to the 10:10 Campaign;

in respect of Minutes 219 (Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier (WETT) Programme) and 220 (Capital Strategy 2010 to 2013) it being recorded, in accordance with Standing Order 16, that Labour Group Members voted against the printed recommendations during the voting on these matters; and

in respect of Minute 228 (Easemore Road Site – Consultation with Tenants) it being noted that Officers had undertaken to report back to the Executive Committee at the conclusion of the review of similar leases held by the Council.

(Prior to consideration of this item, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillors Cookson and Fry declared personal interests in view of Councillor Cookson's membership of Age Concern Redditch and Councillor Fry's personal connection to the management of SureStart Redditch (Minute 228 - Easemore Road Site – Consultation with Tenants).)

106. REGULATORY COMMITTEES

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14th December 2009 and an urgent referral from a meeting of the same Committee held on 25th January 2010.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14th December be received and adopted; and**
- 2) the recommendations from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 25th January 2010 be approved**

107. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS

Members noted two Urgent Business decisions which had been approved in accordance with Standing Order 36, namely:

Interest Free Energy Efficiency Loans
(UB Reference 481); and

British Cycling Award – BMX Track adjacent to Redditch Skate Park
(UB Reference 482)

RESOLVED that

the matters be noted.

108. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)

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

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm
and closed at 8.30pm

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MAYOR, in the Chair