

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual and Quadrennial Meeting of Warwickshire County Council held on 17 May 2005

Present:

Councillor Gordon Collett (Chair)

Councillors John Appleton, George Atkinson, Sarah Boad, David Booth, Ken Browne, John Burton, Les Caborn, Richard Chattaway, Alan Cockburn, Jose Compton, Chris Davis, Jill Dill-Russell, Michael Doody, Alan Farnell, Anne Forwood, Peter Fowler, Eithne Goode, Richard Grant, Colin Hayfield, John Haynes, Marion Haywood, Martin Heatley, Pat Henry, Bob Hicks, Richard Hobbs, Richard Hyde, Mick Jones, Katherine King, Bernard Kirton, Nina Knapman, Joan Lea, Bryan Levy, Barry Longden, Anita Macaulay, Frank McCarney, Helen McCarthy, Phillip Morris-Jones, Brian Moss, Tim Naylor, Mike Perry, Jerry Roodhouse, John Ross, Chris Saint, Izzi Seccombe, Dave Shilton, Kam Singh, Mota Singh, Ian Smith, Mick Stanley, Bob Stevens, Ray Sweet, Heather Timms, Sid Tooth, John Vereker, CBE, John Wells and John Whitehouse.

1. Welcome to New Members

The retiring Chair, Councillor Alan Smith, welcomed all members to the meeting and in particular welcomed the new members to the Council.

2. Election of Chair

Councillor Alan Farnell, seconded by Councillor John Vereker, proposed that Councillor Gordon Collett be elected Chair for the ensuing municipal year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved:

That Councillor Gordon Collett be elected Chair of the County Council until the annual meeting of the County in 2006.

Councillor Gordon Collett thanked the Council for electing him and paid tribute to Councillor Alan Smith's service as Chair for 2004/05 and wished him well for the future.

Resolved:

That the County Council places on record its sincere appreciation of Councillor Alan Smith's service as Chair of the Council for 2004/05.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Jerry Roodhouse, seconded by Councillor Jill Dill-Russell, proposed that Councillor Chris Davis be elected as Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved:

That Councillor Chris Davis be elected Vice-Chair of the County Council until the annual meeting of the Council in 2006.

4. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Peter Barnes, Richard Dodd, Tom Cavanagh, Raj Randev and June Tandy.

(2) Members Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

There were no disclosures of interests

(3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2005 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(4) Chair's Announcements

Graham Tandy

The Chair, on behalf of the Council, expressed deepest sympathy for Councillor June Tandy whose husband Graham Tandy had died the previous week. The Council requested that their sincere condolences be conveyed to Councillor June Tandy and her family.

Ian Caulfield, Chief Executive

The Chair announced that the meeting was the last meeting of Council that Ian Caulfield would be attending before his retirement in July. Members thanked Ian Caulfield for the support he had provided to them during his eighteen and a half years service to Warwickshire and paid tribute to his quiet but influential approach that had attracted the trust and respect both within and outside of the County.

Resolved:

That the Council put on record its sincere appreciation and thanks to Ian Caulfield for his service to Warwickshire County Council and wish him a long and happy retirement.

(5) Petition – Rural Bus Services

Councillor Phillip Morris-Jones presented a petition on behalf of residents of Fosse Parishes requesting that the proposed reduction of certain rural bus services be reconsidered.

The Chair thanked Councillor Morris-Jones for the petition which would be referred to the Director of Planning Transport and Economic Strategy for report and reply to the Councillor and petitioner.

5. Election of County Councillors

The Council noted the return of persons elected as County Councillors on 5 May 2005. It was agreed that the list be amended to correct the details for Councillor Pat Henry.

6. Arrangements for the New Council and Appointment to Positions

A joint report of the Chief Executive and the County Solicitor & Assistant Chief Executive had been circulated with the agenda papers. This included a set of draft resolutions. Proposals were moved and decisions as shown below.

Appointment of Leader

- A. The following motion was moved by Councillor Bob Stevens and seconded by Councillor Colin Hayfield:

"That the Council elects Councillor Alan Farnell as the Leader of the Council".

There were no other nominations and a vote was taken and Councillor Alan Farnell was duly elected Leader of the Council.

Establishment of Cabinet

- B. The following motion was moved by Councillor Jerry Roodhouse and seconded by Councillor Sarah Boad:

"That the Cabinet comprises 9 members and that it made up of 4 members of the Conservative Group, 3 members of the Labour Group and 2 members of the Liberal Democrat Group".

Following debate the motion at "B" was put to the vote and was LOST, the voting being 8 for and more against.

The following were moved by Councillor Alan Farnell and seconded by Councillor Bob Stevens. The proposals were put to the vote and were AGREED, the voting being 27 for and 9 against.

Resolved:

(1) That the Cabinet comprise the Leader and 9 members of the Conservative Group of the Council.

(2) That the Portfolios of the Cabinet Members be as shown below

Policy and Governance (The Leader of the Council)

Policy and Governance, including overall corporate policies, strategic issues, budget, countywide partnerships and representation on the County Councils Network.

Performance Management (The Deputy Leader)

Performance Management, best value, scrutiny co-ordination and supporting the Leader on Policy and Governance matters including representation on the WMLGA and liaison with Health bodies.

Corporate Services

Corporate Services including finance, property e-government and information technology, human resources, law and probity, corporate governance, administration and support services, and smallholdings.

Community Safety

Community Safety including Fire and Rescue, Emergency Planning, Trading Standards, Crime and Disorder reduction, partnerships with the police and criminal justice agencies.

Economic Development

Economic development including sub regional matters, employment, tourism, promotion of community development and local community planning partnerships, including partnerships with borough and district councils, strategic land use, regeneration and planning.

Environmental Services

Environment, transport and rural affairs including highways, public transport, waste disposal, environmental services, sustainability, and representation on the WMLGA.

Children's Services

Overall responsibility for all services to children from 0-19 as prescribed in the Children Act 2004 including the implementation of new arrangements for services for children and young people.

Schools

Educational Services including Primary and Secondary schools, 16-19 years education, pre-statutory age children, Connexions the Learning and Skills Council, and supporting the portfolio holder for Children's Services as prescribed in the Children Act 2004.

Family Services

Young People and families including child protection, family support and social care, children with specific needs and the Youth Service and supporting the portfolio holder for Children's Services as prescribed in the Children Act 2004.

Adult and Community Services

Adult services including services for older people, people with disabilities, mental health and health / residential care, libraries and heritage, community education, supporting communities including combating social exclusion, tackling inequalities and public health.

- (3) That the Council elects Councillor Bob Stevens as a Deputy Leader of the Council.
- (4) That the Members of the Cabinet and their Portfolios be as shown below:

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
Alan Farnell	Leaders Portfolio
	Policy and Governance
Bob Stevens	Deputy Leader -
	Performance Management
Martin Heatley	Environmental Services
Izzi Seccombe	Children's Services
Richard Hobbs	Community Safety
Alan Cockburn	Corporate Services
Chris Saint	Economic Development
Peter Fowler	Family Services
John Burton	Schools
Colin Hayfield	Adult and Community Services

Establishment of Committees

- (5) That the existing Corporate Services, Crime and Safety, Employment and Inclusion, Environment and Rural Affairs, Health, Learning and Social Care and Welfare Overview and Scrutiny Committees be replaced by the Corporate Services, Community Safety, Economic Development, Environment, Health, Children and Young People, and Adult and Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee respectively with the terms of reference shown below:

Corporate Services

Corporate Services including finance, property e-government and information technology, human resources, law and probity, corporate governance, administration and support services, and smallholdings.

Community Safety

Community Safety including Fire and Rescue, Emergency Planning, Trading Standards, Crime and Disorder reduction, partnerships with the police and criminal justice agencies.

Environment

Environment and transport including highways, public transport, waste disposal, environmental services and sustainability.

Economic Development

Economic development including regional and sub regional matters, employment, tourism, community development, local community planning partnerships, rural affairs, strategic land use, regeneration and planning.

Children and Young People

Services for Children and Young People including schools, 16-19 years education, pre-school children, Connexions, the Learning and Skills Council, services for young people and families, child protection, family support and social care, children with specific needs and the youth service.

Adult and Community Services

Adult services including services for older people, people with disabilities, mental health and health / residential care, libraries and heritage, community education, supporting communities including combating social exclusion, tackling inequalities and public health.

Health

To review and or scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services serving Warwickshire.

(6) That the number of places on Committees shall be as follows:

Committees	Con	Lab	LD	Ind	Total
Standards	3	2	1	0	6
Regulatory	5	5	2	0	12
Corporate Services O&S Committee	5	4	3	0	12
Community Safety O&S Committee	5	4	2	1	12
Environment O&S Committee	5	5	2	0	12
Economic Development O&S Committee	5	4	2	1	12
Children & Young People O&S Committee	5	5	2	0	12
Adult & Community Services O&S Committee	5	4	3	0	12
Health O&S Committee	5	5	2	0	12
Area Committees	All members in that Area				
Total	43	38	19	2	102

Appointments to Committees

(7) That John Bridgeman be confirmed as the Chair of the Standards Committee.

(8) That the Council appoints the Councillors to Committees as follows:

Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors George Atkinson, David Booth, Tom Cavanagh, Les Caborn, Chris Davis, Bob Hicks, Frank McCarney, Phillip Morris-Jones, Brian Moss, Heather Timms, John Vereker, and John Whitehouse.

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors John Appleton, David Booth, Michael Doody, John Haynes, Bernard Kirton, Bryan Levy, Barry Longden, Anita Macaulay, Mike Perry, Dave Shilton, Heather Timms and John Wells (L).

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Ken Browne, Richard Chattaway, Jose Compton, Gordon Collett, Eithne Goode, Richard Hyde, Katherine King, Nina Knapman, Joan Lea, Bryan Levy, Phillip Morris-Jones and Ray Sweet.

Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors George Atkinson, Peter Barnes, Michael Doody, Anne Forwood, Eithne Goode, Pat Henry, Mick Jones, Bernard Kirton, Frank McCarney, Phillip Morris-Jones, John Ross and Ian Smith.

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Grant, Katherine King, Anita Macaulay, Helen McCarthy, Mike Perry, Raj Randev, John Ross, Kam Singh, Heather Timms, John Wells and John Whitehouse.

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Les Caborn, Jose Compton, Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Dodd, Marion Haywood, Nina Knapman, Anita Macaulay, Mota Singh, Ian Smith, Mick Stanley, Ray Sweet and Sid Tooth.

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: John Appleton, Sarah Boad, Tom Cavanagh, Anne Forwood, John Haynes, Marion Haywood, Bob Hicks, Anita Macaulay, Helen McCarthy, Raj Randev, Jerry Roodhouse and John Ross.

Standards Committee

Councillors: Sarah Boad, Gordon Collett, Marion Haywood, Mick Jones, Tim Naylor and John Vereker.

Regulatory Committee

Councillors: Peter Barnes, Les Caborn, Richard Chattaway, Michael Doody, Pat Henry, Joan Lea, Barry Longden, Brian Moss, Mike Perry, Dave Shilton, Ian Smith and John Wells (L).

- (9) That the Co-ordinating Overview & Scrutiny Committee be reconfirmed except that the membership shall be the Chairs of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees and two elected members of the Conservative Group on the Council, appointed as follows:

Councillors David Booth (*Ch of Corporate Services*), John Haynes (*Ch Community Services*), Mick Jones (*Ch Economic Development*), Ken Browne (*Ch Environment*), Jerry Roodhouse (*Ch Health*), Richard Grant (*Ch Children and Young People*), Sid Tooth (*Ch Adult and Community Services*) Bob Stevens and Alan Cockburn.

- (10) That the Council confirms the current terms of reference for the following bodies and appoints the Councillors as shown:

Audit Panel

Councillors: Sarah Boad, Tim Naylor, Alan Farnell, Bob Stevens and John Vereker.

Leaders Liaison Group

(Leaders and Deputies)

Councillors Alan Farnell, Bob Stevens, June Tandy, Tim Naylor, Jerry Roodhouse and Sarah Boad.

Education Liaison Group

Councillors: John Burton, Izzi Seccombe, Peter Fowler, Richard Grant and Jill Dill-Russell.

School Admissions Forum

Councillors Helen McCarthy, John Wells and John Whitehouse.

School Organisation Committee

Councillors John Burton, Richard Chattaway, Helen McCarthy, John Ross, Kam Singh, Mick Stanley and John Whitehouse.

SACRE

Councillors Sarah Boad, John Burton, Richard Grant, Helen McCarthy) and Kam Singh

Strategic Partnership Leaders Group - Councillor Alan Farnell

Local Strategic Partnerships

North Warwickshire

Councillors Peter Fowler , Brian Moss and Ray Sweet.

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Councillor Richard Chattaway

Rugby

Councillors: Phillip Morris-Jones, Bryan Levy and Jerry Roodhouse

Stratford

Councillors: David Booth, Anita Macaulay and Mike Perry.

Warwick

Councillors: Sarah Boad , Michael Doody and Raj Randev.

- (11) That the Council appoints an Appointment Sub-Committee to deal with the appointment of a Chief Executive (3 Conservative, 3 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat).
- (12) That except as set out above the Committee Structure and the scheme of delegation remain unchanged.
- (13) That with immediate effect all other Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels cease to operate other than any statutorily required bodies.
- (14) That the Council confirms the delegations made to officers by the previous council.

7. Appointments to External Bodies

Resolved:

That the Council appoints Councillors to the bodies as shown in below:

Police Authority

Councillors Chris Davis, Eithne Goode, Richard Hobbs, Katherine King, Phillip Morris-Jones, Izzi Seccombe, Mota Singh, Ray Sweet and John Vereker CBE.

Local Government Association

Councillors Martin Heatley, Jerry Roodhouse, Bob Stevens and June Tandy.

County Councils Network

Councillors Alan Farnell, Martin Heatley, Jerry Roodhouse and June Tandy.

LGA Community and Well-Being Board – Councillor Richard Grant.

LGA Rural Commission – Councillor Joan Lea.

LGA Urban Commission – Councillor John Ross and Mick Jones.

LGA Tourism Forum – Councillor Chris Saint

Fire Forum – Councillor Richard Hobbs

West Midlands Local Government Association (WMLGA) and West Midlands Regional Assembly

Councillors Martin Heatley, Richard Hyde and June Tandy

Substitutes: 2 TBA and Councillor Tim Naylor.

WMLGA Executive Committee: Councillor Richard Hyde

WMLGA Provincial Council: Councillor Martin Heatley

WMRA Planning Partnership: Councillors Bob Stevens (Martin Heatley substitute), June Tandy and David Booth.

Fire Regional Management Board: Councillors Richard Hobbs (Michael Doody Substitute), John Haynes (Ray Sweet substitute) and Dave Shilton (David Booth substitute).

Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum: Councillors Alan Farnell, Chris Saint, June Tandy and Eithne Goode.

Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Executive
Councillor Martin Heatley and June Tandy.

Regeneration Zone
Councillor Mick Jones

Warwickshire Waste Forum
Councillors Ken Browne, Jose Compton, Eithne Goode, Martin Heatley and Ray Sweet.

8. Any Other Items of Business

There were no other items of business.

9. Exclusion of Public

Resolved:

That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the item below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 March 2005

Resolved:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.

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Chair