

County Council – 7 February 2006 - Agenda Item 1 (3) (b)

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Warwickshire County Council held on 5 January 2006

Present:

Councillor Gordon Collett (Chair)

Councillors John Appleton, George Atkinson, Peter Barnes, Sarah Boad, David Booth, Ken Browne, Les Caborn, Alan Cockburn, Jose Compton, Michael Doody, Alan Farnell, Anne Forwood, Eithne Goode, Colin Hayfield, John Haynes, Marion Haywood, Pat Henry, Bob Hicks, Richard Hobbs, Richard Hyde, Mick Jones, Katherine King, Nina Knapman, Joan Lea, Bryan Levy, Barry Longden, Anita Macaulay, Frank McCarney, Helen McCarthy, Phillip Morris-Jones, Brian Moss, Tim Naylor, Mike Perry, Raj Randev, Jerry Roodhouse, John Ross, Chris Saint, Dave Shilton, Ian Smith, Mick Stanley, Bob Stevens, Ray Sweet B.E.M., June Tandy, Sid Tooth, John Vereker, C.B.E. and John Wells.

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors John Burton, Tom Cavanagh, Richard Chattaway, Chris Davis, Jill dill-Russell, Richard Dodd, Peter Fowler, Richard Grant, Martin Heatley, Bernard Kirton, Izzi Seccombe, Kam Singh, Mota Singh, Heather Timms and John Whitehouse.

(2) Vice Chair of Council

The Vice Chair, Councillor Chris Davis, was absent from the meeting and it was moved, and was seconded, that Councillor Ray Sweet be Vice Chair for this meeting.

Resolved

That Councillor Ray Sweet be appointed Vice Chair for this meeting.

(3) Former Councillor Windybank

The Chair referred to the recent death of former County Councillor Graham Windybank who had been a County Councillor from May 1997 - 2001 and had spent 14 years as a district councillor. Members paid tribute to his many personal attributes, including his helpfulness and consideration for others and for his many years of work for his constituents.

The Council requested that their sincere condolences be conveyed to Graham Windybank's family.

(4) Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Alan Farnell declared a personal interest in item 3 as the managing director of one of the companies mentioned was a neighbour. Councillor Farnell left the meeting during discussion of this item.

The following councillors disclosed interest in item 3 as members of the district or borough council indicated.

Personal interests as members of a district or borough council:

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Councillors: Colin Hayfield, Joan Lea, Mick Stanley, Ray Sweet and Sid Tooth.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

Councillors: Pat Henry, Bob Hicks and John Ross.

Rugby Borough Council

Councillors: Gordon Collett and Jerry Roodhouse.

Stratford on Avon District Council

Councillors: John Appleton, Peter Barnes, Richard Hobbs, Anita Macaulay, Mike Perry, Chris Saint and Bob Stevens.

Warwick District Council

Councillors: Les Caborn, Alan Cockburn, Jose Compton, Chris Davis, Michael Doody, Eithne Goode and Dave Shilton.

Councillor Sarah Boad declared a personal interest as her husband was a member of Warwick District Council.

2. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

3. Street Light Column Advertising

The Council considered a report of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee which had met on 19 December. The Committee had considered a report put to Cabinet on 8 December and the decision of the Cabinet to enter a contract for the supply, maintenance, installation and advertising on street light columns. That decision was not implemented as it was referred under the Council's call-in procedure to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee who, in turn, referred it to this meeting of Council.

Councillor Ken Browne, Chair of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, moved the recommendations of the Committee and was seconded by Councillor Eithne Goode. The recommendations included proposed reasons for not entering into a contract.

Councillor Bob Stevens, Deputy Leader of the Council, moved a motion that was seconded by Councillor Colin Hayfield and that requested that the comments be noted and that the contract be entered into.

Following a debate, voting was taken on the motions as set out below. The vote of each Councillor is recorded below as requested by Councillors Eithne Goode, Jerry Roodhouse and June Tandy, in accordance with standing order 30.4.

VOTE ON MOTION moved by Councillor Bob Stevens. (Full wording in exempt minutes but effect of motion would be to agree to entering a contract)

Councillors who voted **for** the motion (21):

Councillors: Appleton, Atkinson, Caborn, Cockburn, Collett, Compton, Doody, Hayfield, Haywood, Hobbs, Hyde, Lea, Macaulay, McCarthy, Morris-Jones, Perry, Ross, Saint, Smith, Stevens and Vereker.

Councillors who voted **against** the motion (25):

Councillors: Barnes, Boad, Booth, Browne, Forwood, Goode, Haynes, Henry, Hicks, Jones, King, Knapman, Levy, Longden, McCarney, Moss, Naylor, Randev, Roodhouse, Shilton, Stanley, Sweet, Tandy, Tooth and Wells.

The motion was LOST, 21 for and 25 against.

VOTE ON MOTION moved by Councillor Ken Browne (recommendations from Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee that included a recommendation to not enter a contract):

Councillors who voted **for** the motion(25):

Councillors: Barnes, Boad, Booth, Browne, Forwood, Goode, Haynes, Henry, Hicks, Jones, King, Knapman, Levy, Longden, McCarney, Moss, Naylor, Randev, Roodhouse, Shilton, Stanley, Sweet, Tandy, Tooth and Wells.

Councillors who voted **against** the motion (21):

Councillors: Appleton, Atkinson, Caborn, Cockburn, Collett, Compton, Doody, Hayfield, Haywood, Hobbs, Hyde, Lea, Macaulay, McCarthy, Morris-Jones, Perry, Ross, Saint, Smith, Stevens and Vereker.

The motion was AGREED, 25 for and 21 against.

The recommendations were subsequently put to the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 January 2006.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.

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Chair