

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 30 January 2012 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE (Chairman)
Councillor Colin Clarke (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards
Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor George Parish
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Daniel Sames
Councillor Leslie F Sibley
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Patricia Tompson
Councillor Martin Weir
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood

Apologies for Councillor Rick Atkinson
Councillor Patrick Cartledge

absence: Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Victoria Irvine
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Calvin Bell, Director of Development
Ian Davies, Director of Community and Environment
Martin Henry, Director of Resources / Section 151 Officer
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer
Natasha Clark, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

66 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

67 **Communications**

Former Councillor Eric Heath

The Chairman paid tribute to former Councillor Eric Heath who had passed away on 10 December 2011. Eric was a member of the Council for 11 years, from 1999 to 2010, representing the Bloxham and Bodicote Ward, and had been Chairman of the Council between 2004 and 2006. He was a very active Councillor who contributed a great deal to the work of the Council and dedication to the community he represented.

The meeting held a minutes silence in memory of former Councillor Heath following which tributes were paid by Councillor Wood on behalf of the Conservative Group, Councillor Sibley on behalf of the Labour Group and Councillor Emptage on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Chairman's Annual Dinner

The Chairman's Annual Dinner would take place on Friday 13 April at Tythe Barn, Bicester, in aid of ABF The Soldiers Charity and The Spires Cleft Centre. Formal invitations would be circulated in due course.

68 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

69 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

70 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71 **Minutes**

a) **Minutes of the Executive, Lead Member Decisions and Executive Decisions made under Special Urgency**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Lead Member decisions as set out in the Minute Book be received and that it be noted that since the last meeting of Council, no Executive decisions had been taken that was subject to the special urgency provisions of the Constitution.

b) **Minutes of Committees**

Resolved

That the minutes of Committees as set out in the Minute Book be received.

72 **Questions**

a) **Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

b) **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

Questions were asked and answers received in the following issues:

HS2 and the CDC expenditure on opposing the project: Councillor Emptage

Individual Elector Registration: Councillor Beere

Provisions for dealing with emergency flooding: Councillor Williamson

Changes to housing benefit and implications for Cherwell: Councillor Rose

c) **Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes**

There were no questions to the Committee Chairman on minutes.

73 **Motions**

There were no motions.

74 **Ordnance Survey Ward Names**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which updated Members on the Ordnance Survey ward names for Cherwell and to seek agreement to forward our proposals to Ordnance Survey for inclusion in their next update.

Resolved

- (1) That the proposed ward and "local" names within Cherwell be agreed (as set out as an annex to the Minutes in the Minute Book).

75 **Calendar of Meetings 2012/13**

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report which sought consideration of the calendar of meetings for 2012/13.

Resolved

- (1) That the calendar of meetings 2012/13 be agreed (as set out as an annex to the Minutes in the Minute Book).

The meeting ended at 7.00 pm

Chairman:

Date: