

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 18 January 2010 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards (Chairman)
Councillor George Parish (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Rick Atkinson
Councillor Luke Annaly
Councillor Ken Attack
Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Eric Heath
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Victoria Irvine
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Daniel Sames
Councillor Chris Smithson
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Carol Steward
Councillor Keith Strangwood
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Patricia Tompson
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Martin Weir
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor John Wyse

Also Present:: Simon Hughes, Environment Agency
Rosemary Redmond, Environment Agency

Apologies for absence: Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Devena Rae
Councillor Leslie F Sibley

Officers: Mary Harpley, Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service
Ian Davies, Strategic Director - Environment and Community
John Hoad, Strategic Director - Planning, Housing and Economy
Mike Carroll, Head of Improvement
Liz Howlett, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
Phil O'Dell, Chief Finance Officer
Karen Curtin, Head of Finance
Jo Smith, Communications Manager
James Doble, Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager

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Declarations of Interest

Members declared the following general interests:

Councillor Wood, Personal, as persons known to him have an interest in land the area of, but outside the eco zone.

Councillor G A Reynolds, Personal, as a County Councillor due to the County Council having a land interest at Gowell's Farm.

Councillor Kieron Mallon, Personal, as a County Councillor due to the County Council having a land interest at Gowell's Farm.

Councillor Michael Gibbard, , Personal, as a County Councillor due to the County Council having a land interest at Gowell's Farm.

Councillor Nicholas Turner, Personal, as a County Councillor due to the County Council having a land interest at Gowell's Farm.

Councillor Norman Bolster, Personal, as a County Councillor due to the County Council having a land interest at Gowell's Farm.

Members declared interests in the following agenda items:

12. Constitutional Amendments - Planning and Licensing.

Councillor Nicholas Turner, Prejudicial, as a licensee in the district.

49 **Communications**

The Chairman welcomed young people who were attending the Council meeting from Banbury School and were participating in the Local Councillor Shadowing Programme to gain a greater understanding of what it is like to be a Councillor and how the Council works.

The Chairman noted that Councillor Blackwell was not at the meeting as he had broken his leg at Christmas, members joined the Chairman in wishing him a speedy recovery. The Chairman also noted that 2010 marked Councillor Blackwell's 40th year of local government service and invited Councillors to join her in marking this occasion in April.

The Chairman announced that her annual dinner would be held on Friday 8 April 2010 at Bicester Hotel, Golf and Spa in aid of her charities, with tickets costing £45.

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

There were no petitions and requests to address the meeting.

51 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

52 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 October 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

53 **Protecting and improving your environment - Presentation Simon Hughes of the Environment Agency**

The Chairman welcomed Simon Hughes, Area Manager for this area and Rosemary Redmond, Planning Manager at the Environment Agency to the meeting.

Simon Hughes and Rosemary Redmond addressed the meeting regarding the work of the agency within the Cherwell district. A number of members asked questions and answers were duly provided.

The Chairman thanked Simon Hughes and Rosemary Redmond.

54 **Minutes**

a) Minutes of Executive, Portfolio Holder Decisions and Executive Decisions made under Special Urgency

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive and Portfolio Holder 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 have been taken that were subject to the special urgency provisions of the constitution.

b) Minutes of Committees

Resolved

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

55 **Questions**

a) Written Questions

There were no written questions.

b) Questions to the Leader of the Council

Questions were asked and answers received on the following issues:

Council Policy towards Evergreen III: Councillor Macnamara
Impact of snow on the district: Councillor Strangwood
Bicester Town Centre Redevelopment: Councillor Cotter
Bicester Eco Summit: Councillor Mawer
Evergreen III Islip Crossing: Councillor Sames
Refuse Collection alterations and communicating with parishes: Councillor Hallchurch
Bicester Cottage Hospital: Councillor Hughes

c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes

Questions were asked and answers received on the following issues:

Chairman of Personnel Committee

Apprenticeship Scheme: Councillor Macnamara

56 **Motions**

There were no motions.

57 **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny ~ amendment to Constitution**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report to Council that outlined recent developments in legislation relating to overview and scrutiny.

Resolved

- (1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be formally designated as Cherwell District Council's crime and disorder scrutiny committee.
- (2) That the Constitution be amended to reflect the change in the terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out below:
 - Terms of Reference of Delegation
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee (page 16 – 17)
 - Insert new bullet point (#7)

To exercise the powers assigned to a crime and disorder scrutiny committee (under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and Police and Justice Act 2006).

58 **Constitutional Amendments - Planning and Licensing**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report to Council to consider the constitutional amendments recommended to Council by Planning and Licensing Committees.

Resolved

- (1) That the constitutional amendments recommended to Council by the Planning committee relating to the Scheme of Delegation and Public Speaking Procedure Rules as set out in annex 1 and 2 to the minutes as set out in the minute book be approved.
- (2) That the constitutional amendments recommended to Council by the Licensing committee relating to the Scheme of Delegation and Committee Terms of Reference as set out in annex 3 and 4 to the minutes as set out in the minute book be approved.

59 **Calendar of Meetings**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report requesting Council to consider the calendar of meetings for 2010/2011.

Resolved

- (1) That the calendar of meetings as proposed by the Executive be agreed for 2010/11 as set out in annex 5 to the minutes as set out in the minute book.

- (2) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council be delegated to make amendments to the calendar of meetings as and when required, including when the general election is called.

The meeting ended at 8.22 pm

Chairman:

Date: