



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 16th April 2012 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor G. Perry (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor A.J.A. Andrew

“ R.E. Andrew
“ T.G. Ansell
“ D.A. Anson
“ M. Arif
“ I. Azam
“ D.J. Barker
“ O.D. Bennett
“ M.A. Bird
“ P. Bott
“ R. Burley
“ R. Carpenter
“ B. Cassidy
“ K. Chambers
“ A.G. Clarke
“ J. R. Cook
“ D. Coughlan
“ S.P. Coughlan
“ C.U. Creaney
“ A. Ditta
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ J. Fitzpatrick
“ S.F. Fitzpatrick
“ M. D. Flower
“ A.D. Harris
“ L.A. Harrison
“ E.F. Hughes
“ K. Hussain

Councillor G. Illmann-Walker

“ D. James
“ L.D. Jeavons
“ T.J. Jukes
“ M. Longhi
“ S.W. Madeley
“ Ms. R.A. Martin
“ Mrs. B.V. McCracken
“ M. Munir
“ J. Murray
“ M. Nazir
“ T.S. Oliver
“ A.J. Paul
“ K. Phillips
“ L.J. Rattigan
“ I.C. Robertson
“ J. Rochelle
“ E.B. Russell
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires
“ I. Shires
“ R.M. Thomas
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ D.J. Turner
“ F.J. Westley
“ A. Young
“ Zahid Ali

107. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Wilkes, Fletcher-Hall and Woodruff.

108. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2012 copies having been sent to each member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

109. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

110. **Mayor's announcements**

Councillor Madeley

The Mayor informed the Council that this was Councillor Madeley's last Council meeting after over 40 years service. He paid tribute to Councillor Madeley's service to the Council and to the people of the borough. Councillors Oliver, Bird, I. Shires, Nazir, Burley, Coughlan, Andrew and Cook also paid tribute to Councillor Madeley.

Councillor Madeley thanked everyone for their good wishes.

111. **Petitions**

The following petitions were submitted:

- (1) Councillor A. Andrew – gritting of Nether Hall Park, Great Barr
- (2) Councillor Martin – objection to the redevelopment of 12 Wellington Road to apartments.
- (3) Councillor D.A. Shires – objection to change of use of Alvar Business Park to Go-karting, laser centre and MOT/vehicle repairs.

112. **Question from member of the public**

The Mayor informed the Council that Delves East Estate Management Limited had withdrawn their question.

113. **Black Country Property Investment Programme**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor A. Andrew, seconded by Councillor Bird and:

Resolved

- (1) That the Council act as the accountable body for the Black Country Business Property Investment Programme (BCBPIP) and enter into a funding agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) upon approval of the application.
- (2) That Council note the reduction in the total ERDF budget available for the Black Country Business Property Investment Programme since being approved by Cabinet on 8 February 2012.

114. **Adoption of Local Development Order**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor A. Andrew, seconded by Councillor Bird and:

Resolved

- (1) That the consultation response table attached as Appendix A to the report be endorsed.
- (2) That the adoption of the Local Development Order and Statement of Reasons attached as Appendix B to the report be approved.

115. **Advertisement boards and shop displays on the highway**

A report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Sears, seconded by Councillor Bird and:

Resolved

That the code of practice be approved as the basis for managing the siting of shop displays and advertising boards on the highway.

116. **Portfolio holder briefing**

Councillor Ansell, portfolio holder for Transport and environment gave a presentation.

Members asked questions in relation to the presentation which were responded to by Councillor Ansell.

At this point in the meeting, the Council sat as charitable trustees when considering the following item when the normal Council procedure rules did not apply.

117. **Annual report of Barr Beacon Trust Management Committee**

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor A. Andrew, seconded by Councillor Bird and:

Resolved

- (1) That the report and successful Heritage Lottery Fund bid be noted
- (2) That the Trust extends their thanks to everyone involved in the project for their hard work, particularly the project officer, and officers in the Council's Countryside Services and Property Services.

The meeting terminated at 7.20 p.m.

Mayor:

Date: