

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

19TH JULY 2016

At a meeting of Rugby Borough Council held on 19th July 2016.

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Bragg), Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Allen, Mrs Avis, Brown, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Douglas, Ms Edwards, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Mahoney, Mrs New, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Sandison, Srivastava, Stokes, Helen Taylor, Mrs Timms and Ms Watson-Merret.

Note: Councillor Ellis left the meeting prior to agenda item 7(a).

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for the meeting were received from Councillors Cranham, Miss Dumbleton, Leigh Hunt and Shera.

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19th May 2016 and the special meeting held on 9th June 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7(a) of Part 1 – Rugby Borough Local Plan Publication Draft - Councillors Mrs O'Rourke, Roberts, Roodhouse and Mrs Timms (non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Warwickshire County Councillors).

Item 7(a) of Part 1 - Rugby Borough Local Plan Publication Draft – Councillor Butlin (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being the Warwickshire County Councillor Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning).

Item 7(a) of Part 1 - Rugby Borough Local Plan Publication Draft – Councillor Douglas (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being employed as a Policy Officer at the National Federation of Property Professionals).

Item 7(a) of Part 1 - Rugby Borough Local Plan Publication Draft – Councillor Lewis (pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of his opposition to the Ashlawn Road development and being Chairman of Stop Ashlawn Road Development (SARD)).

Councillor Lewis left the meeting during the item in which he had declared an interest and took no part in the voting and discussion thereon.

22. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Council that, further to past Mayor, Richard Dodd's letter to the Mayor of Kumamoto, expressing the Borough's sympathy following the earthquake in the area, a response had been received thanking the Council for its letter. The city had been encouraged by the positive messages it had received from around the world and was working to rebuilding in time to receive visitors for the Rugby World Cup in 2019.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor had written to Chris Worman, the Parks and Grounds Manager, congratulating him on receiving the honour of Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his voluntary work in the parks sector and judging of the national Green Flags Award. The Council placed on record its congratulations to Chris.

The Mayor had attended a ceremony relating to the Green Flags Award. Further details on this would be released in due course.

23. IAN DAVIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Leader, along with all members of the Council, placed on record their appreciation of the work undertaken by Mr Ian Davis, Executive Director, during his employment at the Council. Mr Davis would be retiring on 11th August 2016.

24. REPORT OF CABINET – 27th June 2016

RESOLVED THAT - the report be confirmed and adopted.

25. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Rugby Borough Local Plan – Publication draft consultation

Council considered the report of the Executive Director concerning the proposed Rugby Borough Local Plan public draft.

Councillor Mrs Timms moved and Councillor Stokes seconded that -

(1) the Publication Draft Local Plan be approved for the purposes of public consultation in line with the provisions contained within the regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement and Consultation Strategy at Appendix 1; and

(2) the following amendments be made to the Executive Director's report at agenda item 7(a):

- (i) deletion of paragraph 1.3;
- (ii) deletion of third sentence of paragraph 6.1;
- (iii) insertion of new third sentence at paragraph 6.1: "The Publication Draft, including any amendments deemed necessary following the public consultation and all appendices will be put before Full Council. Full Council will therefore make the final decision about whether the plan should be submitted for examination, having had the opportunity to review the Publication Draft and its appendices, all evidence base documents that have informed it, comments received as part of all consultations (including the September 2016 consultation proposed in this report) and any proposed amendments."
- (iv) deletion paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3;
- (v) insertion of new paragraph at 7.2: "If the recommendations in this report are endorsed, all Councillors will be invited to briefing sessions to update them on the work referred to above in advance of the public consultation starting in September 2016. These sessions will detail: the content of appendices to the Publication Draft; the content of all evidence base and supporting documents that will be published as part of the consultation; and how representations made as part of previous public consultations have been taken in to account. Information on all of these points will be shared with Councillors as part of those briefing sessions."
- (vi) deletion of recommendation 3 at section 8.

Further to discussion, Councillor Sandison proposed and Councillor Roodhouse seconded the following amendment:

- (1) The Publication Draft Local Plan be approved for the purposes of public consultation in line with the provisions contained within the regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement and Consultation Strategy at Appendix 1 amended as necessary to allow for the changes outlined below;
- (2) responses from the initial consultation be available to members and the public for inspection prior to the 26th September 2016; and
- (3) the Final Draft Local Plan, including all appendices and supporting documents, key transport infrastructure enhancements and the items outlined at paragraph 7.1 of this report, is brought back to a Special Full Council meeting for approval prior to submission to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public.

After further discussion the Mayor put the proposal to the vote.

Three members then demanded, pursuant to Standing Order 15.4, that the names of members voting be recorded in the minutes.

For the motion – Councillors Douglas, Keeling, Mrs Nash, Mrs New, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse and Sandison.

7 votes

Against the motion – Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Allen, Mrs Bragg, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Miss Lawrence, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Stokes, Ms Taylor, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret and Williams.

19 votes

Abstentions from voting – Councillors Mrs Avis, Birkett, Brown, Ms Edwards, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Roberts, Roberts and Srivastava.

10 votes

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

The Mayor then put the substantive motion to the vote.

A Member demanded, in accordance with Standing Order 15.6, that the number of members voting for and against the motion and number abstaining from voting be recorded in the minutes.

For the motion – 27

Against the motion – 2

Abstentions from voting – 7

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the Publication Draft Local Plan be approved for the purposes of public consultation in line with the provisions contained within the regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement and Consultation Strategy at Appendix 1; and

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- (vi) Deletion of recommendation 3 at section 8.

(b) World Rugby Hall of Fame – Progress Report

Council considered the report of the Executive Director concerning progress with regard to the World Rugby Hall of Fame project.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

26. NOTICE OF MOTION TO PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 11

Councillor Sandison moved and Councillor Mrs Nash seconded the following motion set out in agenda item 8 of the agenda.

“This Council welcomes and celebrates the rich and diverse heritage and culture offered by Rugby Town Centre which currently attracts some 80,000 visitors to the borough each year. Furthermore this Council wants to see that heritage enhanced by the provision of a green plaque scheme together with improved interpretation boards at sites of interest. These measures will enable visitors to more fully enjoy the Rugby experience. The footfall through the town centre will increase and aid our local economy.”

In accordance with Standing Order 11 the Motion then stood referred to a scrutiny committee.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

28. COMMON SEAL

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED THAT - the Common Seal be affixed to the various orders, deeds and documents to be made or entered into for carrying into effect the several decisions, matters and things approved by the Council and more particularly set out in the committee's reports adopted at this meeting.

29. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

30. PRIVATE REPORT OF CABINET – 27TH JUNE 2016

RESOLVED THAT - the report be confirmed and adopted.

MAYOR