



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL
HELD ON 12th JULY 2011**

PRESENT: Councillor J Oates (Chair), Councillors L Bates, S Claymore, D Cook, R Cook, C Cooke, S Doyle, J Faulkner, D Foster, K Gant, M Gant, J Garner, M Greatorex, A James, A Lees, A Lunn, R McDermid, S Munn, K Norchi, M Oates, N Oates, S Peaple, G Pinner, S Pritchard, E Rowe and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), Anica Goodwin (Assistant Chief Executive) and Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer)

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Beale, T Clements, R Pritchard and P Seekings.

24 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of meetings held on 19th May 2011 and 21st June 2011 were approved subject to the following alterations which were inserted therein:

19th May 2011 – Removal of “Ch” and “VCh” from the Appointment of Committees 2011/12.

21st June 2011 – Insertion of the written responses to Councillor Cooke’s questions.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors K Gant and C Cooke declared that despite their views on the fluoridation of water, they had not predetermined the issue and came to the meeting with an open mind and would make their final decision after hearing the full debate.

**26 TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER,
MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Announcement by Councillor K Gant

A painting of Prince Charles which was given to the Royal British Legion by Councillor Trenfield has been presented to the Mayor to be displayed in the Town Hall.

This was supported by Councillor Peaple

Announcement by the Mayor

On behalf of the Council he accepted the gift and confirmed that it would be displayed in the Town Hall.

Announcement by Councillor R McDermid

12 July 2011 was Councillor Brian Beale's 69th Birthday and he was wished a speedy recovery.

This was supported by all Councillors.

Announcement by the Mayor

The Mayor put forward in terms of Procedure Rule 13(c) a Motion to change the order of business. It was moved that item 8 be dealt with as item 7 and item 7(ii) became 8 (i) and item 7(i) became 8(ii).

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor J Faulkner)

27 QUESTION TIME:

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL **NO 1.**
Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Cooke will ask the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life, the following question:-

"I have now received the written answer to my question to the last Full Council and note this answer appears to contradict the answer that was given at the March Full Council. Would the portfolio holder now agree that the Incentive To Move policy is restrictive and should be reviewed in that there are many tenants living in larger accommodation who will stay in that accommodation, as is their right, rather than being forced by Tamworth's Allocations Policy to downsize further than they would wish to?"

Councillor M Oates gave the following reply:-

"No I would not agree with the Councillor. If you look at the Forward Plan you will see that it will be reviewed in December when we know what impact Housing Benefit changes will have on over occupancy."

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL **NO 2.**

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Cooke will ask the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services & Assets, the following question:-

"Will the portfolio holder please tell me how many Penalty Charge Notices have been issued to Tamworth Borough Council employees, since Tamworth's parking scheme started, for somehow falling foul of parking regulations for either not properly displaying their permits or otherwise allegedly not parking correctly in their free parking facilities in the River Drive area?"

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services and Assets Councillor R Pritchard the following written reply was given and circulated to all Members:-

"Since April 2009 there has been 791 penalty charge notices issued in this location. However as Tamworth Borough Council does not record a person's employer when issuing parking notices, we cannot provide the data requested. "

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL **NO 3.**

A further question was received from Councillor A James but it was later withdrawn.

28 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The report of the Leader of the Council/Chair of Appointments & Staffing Committee seeking formal approval of the result of the review of the Chief Executive role in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) Regulations 2001 was considered.

Resolved:- The Council approved the appointment of Anthony E Goodwin to the post of Chief Executive with immediate effect.
(Moved by Councillor D Cook, seconded by Councillor J Faulkner and carried unanimously)

29 OUTSIDE BODIES 2011/2012

The revised list of Outside Bodies following the annual review was received.

30 PETITIONS

(i) Save Stonydelph Ducklings Petition

Mrs L Pitt addressed the meeting and advised that, as a ramp to enable the ducklings to climb out of the weir had now been installed, the matter was concluded.

(ii) Fluoridation Petition

Following a presentation by Mrs J Warren debate followed.

Resolved: The Council accepted the fluoridation petition and referred the issue of fluoridation to the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for consideration as requested by the petitioners.

(Moved by Councillor C Cooke, seconded by Councillor M Greatorex and carried unanimously)

The Mayor