

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. M. Boswell, R. A. Clarke, S. R. Colella, K. A. Grant-Pearce, Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, P. Lammas, L. C. R. Mallett, Mrs. E. M. Shannon, R. J. Shannon and C. J. Tidmarsh

Officers: Mrs. S. Mould and Mrs. P. Ross

1/12 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths be elected Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

2/12 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor P. Lammas be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

3/12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

4/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

5/12 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Electoral Matters Committee held on 26th July 2010 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

6/12 **BROMSGROVE POLLING STATION REVIEW REPORT**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which outlined the amendments to Polling Station arrangements for Elections / Referenda / Polls which would take place from November 2012. The 'mini' review had been triggered by factors beyond the Council's control which affected the Polling Station for Rubery (Beacon Ward) Polling District (BEA) and Rubery South (Waseley Ward) Polling District (WAA) at future elections.

Mrs. S. Mould, Electoral Services Manager introduced the report and informed the Committee that she had consulted with the Council's relevant political group representatives. As a result of the current Worcestershire County Council review of the Youth Service provision, there was uncertainty about the future of the Rubery Youth Centre and its availability for use as a Polling Station. Members were further informed that the Electoral Services Manager had visited the identified site. The Electoral Services Manager responded to Members' questions with regard to:

- Parking facilities at the identified site and off road parking.
- Access into the room with regard to the small step as detailed in section 3.9 of the report.
- Potential noise disturbance from the adjoining rooms when used.

RESOLVED that with immediate effect in respect of Rubery Youth Centre, Rubery (Beacon Ward) Polling District (BEA) and Rubery South (Waseley Ward) Polling District (WAB), the new Polling Station to be the Royal British Legion premises at 64 New Road, Rubery.

The meeting closed at 6.11 p.m.

Chairman