

Minutes of: THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY

Date of Meeting: 29 January 2003

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J Smith) in the Chair;
Councillors K Audin, RA Bibby, D Boden, J Byrne, G Campbell, WA Campbell, DM Cassidy, TP Chamberlain, FA Chaudhry, M Connolly, JP Costello, S Costello, Y Creswell, AJ Cummings, VD D'Albert, WJ Davison, CM Fitzgerald, J Grimshaw, DL Gunther, DM Higgin, T Holt, BM Hope, A Isherwood, W Johnson, SP Magnall, S Mason, PJ Nesbit, SR Perkins, TD Pickstone, W Ramsey, G Sharkey, SM Smith, JWH Taylor, B Theckston, P Timperley, SJ Treadgold, B Vincent, P Walker, RE Walker and YS Wright

Apologies for absence: Councillors EB Briggs, KS Briggs, EK Grime, AP Hughes, AK Matthews, JF Walton and RA Watts

Public attendance: 6 members of the public attended the meeting.

C.1005 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2003 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.1006 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared by Members in relation to any matter considered at the meeting.

C.1007 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Illness of Councillor J F Walton

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council of the admission to hospital of Councillor Jack Walton and that he had undergone an eye operation today.

The Mayor, on behalf of all Members, offered Councillor Walton the sincere wishes of the Council for a speedy and full recovery.

C.1008 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were asked on the following issues during public question time:-

- from Mr K Rothwell concerning the closure of Ward 31 (Psychiatric Ward) at Fairfield Hospital, Bury.
- from Mr R Miles concerning a complaint about a blocked drain.

C.1009 RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Minute EX.962 of the Executive on 15 January 2003 – Calculation of Council Tax Base 2003/2004

It was moved by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor W A Campbell and:-

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in Minute EX.962 of the meeting of the Executive held on 15 January 2003 concerning the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2003/2004 be approved and adopted.

C.1010 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND EXECUTIVE QUESTION TIME

The Leader of the Council made a Statement on the work of the Executive.

The Leader and Executive Members answered questions asked by Members of the Council on the following issues:-

(a) Written Questions (Notice Given)

	Issue	Questioner
1.	Payments to Warwick University	Councillor R E Walker
2.	Commonwealth Games 'Host A Nation'	Councillor R E Walker
3.	Consultants Report on Housing Stock Options	Councillor T D Pickstone
4.	Youth Service	Councillor T D Pickstone

(b) Oral Questions

	Issue	Questioner
5.	Asylum seekers - number in the Borough	Councillor D L Gunther
6.	Praise for the Authority and the emergency services re the recent incident at Prestwich	Councillor W J Davison

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7.	Private Finance Initiative – Exclusion of Elton High School	Councillor R E Walker
8.	New political management arrangements	Councillor D M Higgin
9.	Closure of Ward 31 at Fairfield Hospital	Councillor D L Gunther
10.	Progress on provision of additional day care facilities in the Borough	Councillor B M Hope
11.	Plans to enhance elderly persons facilities in Radcliffe	Councillor S Costello
12.	Reductions in delayed discharges from hospital.	Councillor A J Cummings
13.	Payments to Warwick University for places on seminars for members who did not attend.	Councillor W A Campbell
14.	Patient discharged from hospital – assessment period of Social Services	Councillor Y Creswell
15.	Impact of new day care services on hospital waiting list.	Councillor B M Hope
16.	Possible closure of other small primary schools due to their size.	Councillor D L Gunther
17.	Proportional representation – campaign by Electoral Reform Society	Councillor D M Higgin

C.1011 SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS 'CALLED IN' BY SCRUTINY PANELS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no scrutiny review reports or specific items 'called in' by Scrutiny Panels/Commissions to be considered at this Council meeting.

C.1012 NOTICE OF MOTION

- (i) It was moved by Councillor Pickstone and seconded by Councillor Davison that the following Notice of Motion submitted under Council Procedure Rule 12 be approved:-

“This Council welcomes the prioritisation of delivering for young people as agreed at the 2002 Warwick University forward planning event.

It is concerned at the limited progress achieved in developing a revised Young Peoples Strategy to implement this priority.”

In the names of Councillors T D Pickstone and W J Davison.

- (ii) An amendment was moved by Councillor G Campbell and seconded by Councillor Mason by way of an addendum to the Motion as follows:-

“This Council welcomes Bury’s ‘Transforming Youth Work Development Plan’ based on the Government’s guidelines to modernise and deliver an excellent youth service.

Also welcome is the committed extra Government funding for Youth and Community Services, advised in the new Education Formula Spending system.

We, therefore, congratulate Ivan Lewis, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Young People and Adult Skills, for the part he has played in highlighting these issues and the success he has had in his dealings with the Chancellor of the Exchequer.”

On being put, 26 voted for and none against with 15 abstentions, the amendment was declared carried.

- (iii) The substantive motion on being put, 26 voted for and none against and with 15 abstentions, was agreed and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion as amended by way of an addendum as set out at (ii) above be approved and adopted.

C.1013 QUESTIONS ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JOINT AUTHORITIES

There were no written questions on the work of the Joint Authorities submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

C.1014 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no written questions on the work of outside bodies or partnerships submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

C.1015 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no questions on the delegated decisions of the Executive and Council Committees contained in the Digest of Decisions (Nos 10 to 13 [2002/2003]) published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.34 pm)