

**Minutes of: AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Date of Meeting:** 17 March 2010

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor S P Magnall) in the Chair;  
Councillors I Ahmed, D M Ashworth, P Ashworth, K Audin, R L Baum, C A Berry, R A Bibby, D B Bigg, D Boden, K S Briggs, R C A Brown, J Byrne, D M Cassidy, F A Chaudhry, S Cohen, M Connolly, S Costello, Y Creswell, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, V D D'Albert, W J Davison, A J Garner, A S Garner, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, D M Higgin, T Holt, S Hurst, A K Matthews, D O'Hanlon, S P Penketh, T D Pickstone, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, J W H Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R E Walker, J F Walton, M J Wiseman, S D Wright and Y S Wright

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors A Isherwood and B J Sullivan

**Public attendance:** 19 members of the public attended the meeting

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#### **C.684 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors J F Walton and J W H Taylor declared personal and prejudicial interests in Minute EX.675, "Construction of the Phase 2 Roads and Drainage Infrastructure at Chamberhall Business Park," as they represented the Council on the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, and undertook to leave the meeting should the matter be discussed.

#### **C.685 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **C.686 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Members of the recent death of Mrs Margaret Robinson who had made a significant contribution to the life of Bury and was involved in fundraising for many charitable causes, in particular, the Bury Hospice Association.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect and remembrance of Mrs Robinson.

As this was the last meeting of the year, the Mayor offered her thanks to Members, including those who would not be seeking re-election, and to the Council's staff for their service to the affairs of the Borough.

The Mayor then reminded members:-

- The Gallipoli Commemoration and St George's Day Celebration Dinner and Ball would be held at the Radcliffe Civic Suite on 24 April 2010
- Prior to the meeting of Council on 30 June 2010 there would be a further Council meeting at 5.30 p.m. to confer the Freedom of the Borough on former Councillor Albert Little OBE.

Finally, the Mayor was supported by all Members in giving thanks and best wishes to David Hanson, Head of Democratic Services, who was retiring from the Council on 31 March 2010.

### **C.687 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Written notice had been given for questions from the following members of the public:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Answered By</b>
Mrs A Audin	Problems associated with litter and fly-tipping	Councillor Gunther
Mr A Quinn	The Review of Civic Halls with particular regard to the Longfield Suite	The Leader
Mr G Ramsey	The Review of Civic Halls and Consultations	The Leader
Mr C Holden	The Review of Civic Halls with particular regard to the Radcliffe Civic Suite	The Leader

### **C.688 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The Mayor reported that there were no recommendations coming forward from the Executive and Council Committees for consideration at this meeting.

**C.689 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND EXECUTIVE QUESTION TIME****(a) Written questions (four clear days' notice given)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bibby, made a statement on the work of the Executive since the date of the last Council meeting. The Leader and the relevant Executive Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:-

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
1.	1. The level of Council Tax 2. Previous undertakings on levels.	Councillor Baum	Councillor Gartside
2.	1. The Review of Civic Halls and the process of taking market soundings in respect of Radcliffe Civic Suite. 2. If market testing fails.	Councillor Shori	Councillor Bibby
3.	Litter Enforcement penalties issued in Prestwich.	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Gunther
4.	The Review of Civic Halls and the future of Radcliffe Civic Suite.	Councillor Costello	Councillor Bibby
5.	1. Progress on the regeneration of Radcliffe. 2. Previous initiatives.	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Gunther
6.	The Review of Civic Halls and the future of Radcliffe Civic Suite.	Councillor Cummings	Councillor Bibby
7.	1. Reporting and repair of pot holes 2. Total cost of damage by frost recently.	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Gunther
8.	Pay and Grading – Job Redesign	Councillor Holt	Councillor Walton
9.	Collection of bulky waste	Councillor Steven Wright	Councillor Gunther
10.	Provision of Children's Centre in Ramsbottom	Councillor Smith	Councillor Diana Ashworth

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
11.	Provision of dog bins	Councillor Ann Garner	Councillor Gunther
12.	Youth Service Improvement Review	Councillor Byrne	Councillor Diana Ashworth
13.	Fairfax Road Car Park, Prestwich	Councillor Mary D'Albert	Councillor Gunther
14.	Repair of pot holes following adverse winter weather	Councillor Matthews	Councillor Gunther
15.	Assistance to Bury Amateurs FC	Councillor Baum	Councillor Gunther
16.	Bury/Bolton Alliance	Councillor Boden	Councillor Bibby
17.	Shared Surface Streets Scheme	Councillor Rothwell	Councillor Gunther
18.	Provision of brown bins in Besses Ward	Councillor Audin	Councillor Gunther

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 8 to 18 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of the answers to those questions will be circulated to all Councillors.

**(b) Oral Questions on the work of the Executive since the last Council meeting (without Notice)**

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
19.	Consultation process on City Region Governance	Councillor Walker	Councillor Bibby
20.	Civic Halls Review – Task and Finish Groups	Councillor Shori	Councillor Bibby
21.	Bury Carbon Management Plan	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Bibby
22.	Pimhole Regeneration Scheme – Progress	Councillor Holt	Councillor Bibby
23.	Civic Halls Review – Options	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Bibby
24.	City Region Governance – AGMA Support	Councillor Boden	Councillor Bibby

25.	Consultation on Mayoralty 2010/11	Councillor Connolly  (Question asked under Council Procedure Rule 11.1(d))	Ruled out of order by Mayor
26.	Written copies of Executive Minutes	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Bibby
27.	Cost of Equal Pay	Councillor Smith  (Question asked under Council Procedure Rule 11.1(d))	Ruled out of order by Mayor
28.	Funding of the Labour Party.	Councillor Penketh  (Question asked under Council Procedure Rule 11.1(d))	Ruled out of order by Mayor

**C.690 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS**

There were no Scrutiny Review Reports or specific items 'called in' by Scrutiny Commissions to be considered at this Council meeting.

**C.691 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS**

(a) Councillor Yvonne Wright, the Council's representative on the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, gave a verbal report on the work of the Joint Authority to all Members of the Council.

(b) The following questions had been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

<b>Joint Authority and Questioner</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Answered by (and action)</b>
Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority Councillor Andrew Garner	Anti-social behaviour near to Metrolink stations in the Prestwich area.	Councillor Creswell
Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority Councillor Rothwell	Battery Recycling Collection Points	Yvonne Wright

### **C.692 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

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

### **C.693 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Commissions contained in the Digest of Decisions No 10 (2009/2010).

### **THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(NOTE:** The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30 pm)