

Minutes of: AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 1 February 2012

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Y Creswell, in the Chair;
Councillors I Ahmed, A Audin, K Audin, M Bailey, N Bayley, RA Bibby, D Boden, R C A Brown, P Bury, G Campbell, R Caserta, D M Cassidy, S Cohen, J Columbine, M Connolly, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, V D D'Albert, J Frith, A Garner, I Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, T Holt, S Hurst, K Hussain, A Isherwood, M James, J Lewis, A K Matthews, D O'Hanlon, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, J Smith, T Tariq, J Taylor, B Theckston, B Vincent, R E Walker, S Walmsley and Y S Wright

Apologies for absence: Councillors Bevan, Walton and Wiseman

Public attendance: 15 members of the public attended the meeting.

C.560 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Connolly declared an interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.
2. Councillor Cummings declared a personal interest in Minute C. 571, "Greater Manchester Joint Waste Plan Document Plan for Adoption", as he represented the Council on the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.
3. Councillors Bayley, Pickstone and Tariq declared personal interests in questions relating to Six Town Housing as they represent the Council on that Organisation's Board.

C.561 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 December 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.562 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Councillor John Byrne and paid tribute to his contribution to civic and political life in Bury as a former Leader and Mayor. Members observed a brief silence as a mark of respect.

C.563 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	Dog fouling in Tottington	Mr A Taylor and Ms M Metcalfe	Councillor Connolly
2.	Failure of Council Officers to respond to complaints and correspondence	Mr C Oakes	Councillor Connolly
3.	Litter and fly tipping in St Mary's Park and on the Clough, Prestwich, and action taken	Ms J Black	Councillor Isherwood

C.564 RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Mayor reported that there were no recommendations coming forward from the Executive or Council Committees.

C.565 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND EXECUTIVE QUESTION TIME**(a) Written questions (four clear days' notice given)**

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

No	Issue	Questioner	Answered by (and action)
1.	Independent Consultants report on Civic Suites	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Lewis
2.	Bus Lane Restrictions and Enforcement	Councillor Walker	Councillor Isherwood
3.	Member Training and Development	Councillor Columbine	Councillor Holt
4.	Development in Prestwich Village Centre	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Isherwood
5.	Equal Pay and Settling Claims	Councillor Harris	Councillor Connolly
6.	Six Town Housing and Registered Provider Status	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Shori
7.	Additional resources for social care in the context of Plan for Change.	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Shori

8.	Safeguarding Procedures	Councillor Wiseman	Councillor Shori
9.	FC United's "Big Coat Day"	Councillor Tariq	Councillor Connolly
10.	Fly Tipping following closure of Prestwich Tip	Councillor Mary D'Albert	Councillor Isherwood
11.	Dog fouling and action against irresponsible dog owners	Councillor James	Councillor Isherwood
12.	Registers of Community Assets	Councillor Garner	Councillor Walmsley
13.	Credit Unions	Councillor Boden	Councillor Smith
14.	SPD1 Consultation and Community Engagement	Councillor O'Hanlon	Councillor Walmsley
15.	Expenditure on bus lane enforcement and income from fines	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Isherwood
16.	Farmers Markets	Councillor Mary D'Albert	Councillor Lewis
17.	Recycling levels and targets	Councillor Garner	Councillor Isherwood
18.	Progress on settling cases brought under equal pay claims	Councillor Vic D'Albert	Councillor Connolly

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 13 to 18 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of the answers to those questions will be circulated to all Councillors. The Leader also gave an undertaking to make these available on the Council Web Site.

(b) Oral questions on the work of the Leader and Cabinet Members since the last Council meeting (without Notice)

19.	Freezing of Council Tax	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Smith
20.	Contribution of previous administration to recycling	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Isherwood
21.	Savings to the Council of increasing recycling targets	Councillor James	Councillor Isherwood
22.	Reverting to two way traffic flow on Knowsley Street, Bury	Councillor Hankey	Councillor Connolly
23.	Fortnightly domestic waste collection	Councillor Walker	Councillor Isherwood
24.	Refuse Collection and Rat Infestation	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Isherwood

25.	Trade Union input into Equal Pay dispute	Councillor Bayley	Councillor Connolly
26.	Recycling and Renewable Grant Payment	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Isherwood
27.	Backing Young Bury Initiative	Councillor Tariq	Councillor Connolly
28.	Numbers of Equal Pay cases settled	Councillor Brown	Councillor Connolly

C.566 NOTICE OF MOTION

A Motion on Fire Services in Bury and Ramsbottom had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of Councillor Ahmed, Bevan, Bibby, Brown, Caserta, Cohen, Gartside, Gunther, Hankey, Harris, Hurst, Hussain, Taylor, Theckston, Vincent, Walker, Walton, Wiseman and Wright.

In the absence of a Member to move the motion, the Mayor ruled that it would not be considered.

C.567 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS

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

C.568 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- (a) Councillor Matthews, the Council's representative, on the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority, gave a verbal report on the work of the Authority to all Members of the Council
- (b) The following question had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by
1.	2012/13 Budget for Transport for Greater Manchester and implications for Bury	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Isherwood (Representative on the Committee for Greater Manchester Transport)

C.569 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.570 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committee or Scrutiny Commissions contained in the Digests of Decisions No.d 7 and 8 (2011/2012).

C.571 GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT WASTE PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – PLAN FOR ADOPTION

The Executive Member for Environment and Economy submitted a report which recommended the adoption of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document and subsequent changes to the Bury District's Proposal Map.

It was moved by Councillor Isherwood and seconded by Councillor Cummings that the report and recommendations be approved.

On being put the recommendation was unanimously carried and it was:

RESOLVED:

That this Council approve the Adoption of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document and subsequent changes to the Bury District's Proposal Map.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.35 pm)