

Minutes of: THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY

Date of Meeting: 16 May 2012

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Y Creswell, in the Chair; Councillors A Audin, K Audin, D Bailey, M Bailey, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, S Briggs, P Bury, G Campbell, S Carter, R A Caserta, D M Cassidy, J Columbine, M Connolly, A J Cummings, E FitzGerald L Fitzwalter, J Frith, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, P Heneghan, T Holt, K Hussain, A Isherwood, M A James, D Jones, J S Lewis, A K Matthews, D O'Hanlon, N A Parnell, T D Pickstone, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, A Simpson, S Smith, J Smith, S Southworth, T Tariq, B Vincent, R E Walker, S Walmsley, J F Walton and M J Wiseman

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bibby, Taylor and Wright

Public attendance: 15 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.
150 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting

PART 1 OF THE MEETING

C.01 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

RESOLVED:

1. That the election of Chair be adjourned to Part 2 of the Proceedings.
2. That also under Part 2, the appointment of Councillor Matthews as Deputy Mayor be noted.

C.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Connolly declared an interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.

C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.04 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Mayor thanked those Members who had supported the St George's and Gallipoli Dinner on 21 April 2012 and reported that £8,690 had been raised for her chosen charities.

2. The Mayor referred to the recent passing of former Councillor Albert Little OBE. Members observed a brief silence as a tribute.

C.05 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2012

The Chief Executive reported the election of Councillors on May 3 2012 as follows:-

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Luise Fitzwalter
North Manor	Dorothy Gunther
Tottington	Simon Carter
Elton	Susan Southworth
Moorside	Dot Cassidy
East	Stella Smith
Church	Roy Walker
Redvales	Shaheena Haroon
Unsworth	David Jones
Radcliffe East	Daisy Bailey
Radcliffe North	Sharon Briggs
Radcliffe West	Tony Isherwood
Pilkington Park	Michelle Wiseman
Besses	Elizabeth FitzGerald
Holyrood	Paddy Heneghan
St Mary's	Jane Black
Sedgley	Andrea Simpson

C.06 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2012/13

The Leader moved, and Councillor Smith seconded, that the report on the annual appointments for the 2012/13 Municipal Year be approved and adopted with the exception of the appointment of a Chair of the Standards Committee which is deferred pending further guidance on the new arrangements under the Localism Act and it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
2. That the appointment of the Cabinet for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
3. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved, with the exception of the appointment of a Chair of the Standards Committee which is deferred pending further guidance on the new arrangements under the Localism Act.
4. That the appointment of the Audit Committee and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
5. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year including the appointment to the Greater Manchester Waste Plan Joint Committee, as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2012/2013 Municipal year, as set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the outside bodies for the 2012/2013 Municipal year, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
8. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the three political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2012/2013 Municipal Year.

C.07 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

Councillor Connolly, Leader of the Council, made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2011/2012 The Mayor reported that three questions had been received from members of the public, which are set out below:-

Member of the Public	Issue
Ms N Haydock and Mrs M Heath	Township Forum Review
Mrs B Sullivan	Political Campaigning during the Local Elections

The Mayor then invited Elected Members to comment on the Leader's Statement and the following issues were raised:-

Member	Issue
Councillor Gartside	Plan for Change
Councillor Walker	Representation on Health and Wellbeing Boards

C.08 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2012/2013

The Leader moved, and Councillor Smith seconded, that the report on the Timetable of Meetings for 2012/2013 be approved and it was

RESOLVED:

That the timetable of meetings for 2012/2013 be approved.

C.09 REVIEW – TOWNSHIP FORUMS

Councillor Walmsley moved, and Councillor M Bailey seconded, that the report on the Township Forum Review, be approved.

With 46 Members voting for and 2 against it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the findings from the review of the Township Forums, be received.
2. That the recommendations outlined in the report, be approved.
3. That revisions to the Operating Framework for the Township Forums, as set out in the report, be agreed.

C.10 BURY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2012-15

The Leader moved, and Councillor Smith seconded, and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Bury Council Corporate Plan 2012-15 be approved.

C.11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

Councillor Tariq moved, and Councillor Hankey seconded, and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2011/2012 be received.

C.12 STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Quinn moved, and Councillor Walton seconded, and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report of the Chair of the Standards Committee for 2011/2012 be received.

PART 2 OF THE MEETING

C.13 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2012/13

Councillor Walton moved that Councillor Joan Grimshaw be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

Councillor Ann Audin seconded the nomination.

The Worshipful the Mayor, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Joan Grimshaw be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the municipal Year 2012/2013.

The newly-elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, made and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on her in electing her Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

C.14 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

It was moved by Councillor Frith, seconded by Councillor Hankey and it was:

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Yvonne Creswell and Mr Alan Creswell, for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Consort.

C.15 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Smith and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Alan Matthews be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

The newly-elected Deputy Mayor then made and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTES: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.30 pm
Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 5.00 pm)