

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

Date of Meeting: 14 May 2013

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J Grimshaw, in the Chair;
Councillors A Audin, K Audin, D Bailey, M Bailey, 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, J Daly, E FitzGerald L Fitzwalter, J Frith, I B Gartside, 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, S Nuttall, 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, M J Wiseman and Y Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors N Bayley and O'Hanlon

Public attendance: 10 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:

That the election of Chair be adjourned to Part 2 of the Proceedings.

C.02 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 Jones declared an interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee of Bury Council.
3. Councillor Bevan declared an interest in items relating to staffing and education as his wife is employed at Summerseat Methodist Primary School.

C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 April 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.04 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor presented certificates to winners of the "Made in Bury : Council Community Awards" as follows:-

- Volunteer of the Year Award – Linda Freeman
- Outstanding contribution to a Township Award – David and Yvonne Moore
- Young Person or Young Persons' Group Outstanding Community Contribution Award – Streetwise 2000

The Mayor and Councillors expressed their congratulations to the recipients and their thanks and appreciation to volunteers across Bury who make it a good place to live, work and visit.

The Mayor then presented long service awards of 25 years to Councillor Isherwood and 30 years to Councillors Holt, Matthews and Walker.

C.05 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2013/14

The Leader moved, and Councillor Smith seconded, that the report on the annual appointments for the 2013/14 Municipal Year be approved, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with a Cabinet of between two and nine Members be confirmed for 2013/2014.
2. That the appointments of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet, Deputy Cabinet Members and Shadow Cabinet for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. 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 2013/2014 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. 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 2013/2014 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2013/2014 Municipal year, as set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.

8. That the appointments to the outside bodies for the 2013/2014 Municipal year, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. 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 2013/2014 Municipal Year.

C.06 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 2012/2013.

The Mayor invited members of the public and Members of the Council to ask questions or make comments arising from the Leader's Statement.

Issues were raised as follows:-

Member	Issue
Councillor Gartside	Democratic Arrangements and Cabinet responsibilities
Councillor Daly	Special Responsibility Allowances – Deputy Cabinet Members
Councillor Walker	Health and Wellbeing Board – Membership

C.07 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT – TOWNSHIP FORUMS

Councillor Walmsley moved, and Councillor Tariq seconded, that the report on the Township Forum Progress Update, be approved, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the findings from the Township Forum Update over the past year, be received.
2. That Township Forum Operating Framework be amended to lower the age to 14 years old for a young person to become a Member of the Advisory Group, from 16 years.

C.08 BURY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2013-16

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

RESOLVED:

That the Bury Council Corporate Plan 2013-16 be approved.

C.09 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

Councillor Hankey moved, and Councillor Cassidy seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2012/2013 be received.

PART 2 OF THE MEETING

C.10 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2013/14

Councillor Gunther moved that Councillor Sharon Briggs be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.

Councillor Shori 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 Sharon Briggs be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.

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.11 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Pickstone and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Joan Grimshaw be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/2014 and that this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Joan Grimshaw and Mr Paul Grimshaw, 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.12 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND OUTGOING OF DEPUTY MAYORESS

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

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Alan Matthews and Mrs Betty Matthews for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion to and performance of the important duties attached to their offices.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTES: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.10 pm
Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 5.10 pm)