

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

Date of Meeting: 18 May 2016

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (S Smith in the Chair);
Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, S Briggs,
R A Caserta, D M Cassidy, M Connolly, A J Cummings, M
D'Albert, J Daly, E FitzGerald, I B Gartside, J Grimshaw,
D L Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, R Hodgkinson,
T Holt, K Hussain, M A James, D Jones, G Keeley, J Kelly,
S Kerrison, O Kersh, J S Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, S
Nuttall , E O'Brien, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A
Quinn, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Shori, R Skillen, Sarah
Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker,
R E Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby and S Wright

Also in attendance: Ms. M Wiseman

**Apologies for
Absence:** Councillors A K Matthews and Y Wright

Public attendance: 20 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.
180 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 a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of the Local Authority Trading Company, Persona.
2. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any items related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a school within the Borough.
3. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a high school within the Borough.
4. Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in any items related to staffing as his wife is employed at Summerseat Methodist Primary School.
5. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interest in any items related to staffing as his wife is employed at a Primary School in the Borough.

C.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 April 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C.04 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor referred to the recent passing of former Council Leader Derek Boden and Members observed a brief silence in his memory.

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

Outstanding Contribution to Township: Sheila Blackman; Liz McDonald; Ged McGee; Colette Jones

Young Person/Young Persons Group: Leah Hanlon; George Rimmer

Volunteer of the Year: Peter James-Robinson; Geeta Sarin; Gary Dawson; Elaine Valle Jones

Good Neighbour: Gwendoline Robinson

Exceptional Community Support: Emily Owen & Redvales Flood Relief; Steve and Lucy Houghton-Burnett

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

C.05 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2016

The Chief Executive reported the election of Councillors on 5 May 2016 as follows:-

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Ian Schofield
North Manor	Dorothy Gunther
Tottington	Gregory Keeley
Elton	Susan Southworth
Moorside	Annette McKay
East	Stella Smith

Ward	Councillor Elected
Church	Roy Walker
Redvales	Shaheena Haroon
Unsworth	David Jones
Radcliffe East	Rhyse Cathcart
Radcliffe North	Sharon Briggs
Radcliffe West	Tony Cummings
Pilkington Park	Oliver Kersh
Besses	Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Holyrood	Steven Wright
St Mary's	Jane Black
Sedgley	David Silbiger

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 2015/2016.

C.07 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS 2016/17

Councillor Lewis moved that Councillor R Shori be elected Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

Councillor Tariq seconded the nomination.

With no other nominations, the Mayor announced that Councillor Shori was duly elected Leader for a four year term of office.

The Leader moved, and Councillor Lewis seconded, that the report on the Annual Appointments for the 2016/17 Municipal Year be approved and adopted, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with a Cabinet of between two and ten Members be confirmed for 2016/2017.
2. That the appointment 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 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointments 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2015/2016 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to the outside bodies for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make appropriate consequential changes to the Council's Constitution in order to reflect the allocation of portfolio responsibilities
10. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the 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 2016/2017 Municipal Year.

C.08 INCOMING LEADER'S SPEECH

Councillor Shori addressed the Council, setting out his priorities for the Borough, as the new Leader of the Council.

C.09 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

Councillor Gartside moved, and Councillor Kerrison seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/2016 be approved.

C.10 TOWNSHIP FORUMS – ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Lewis moved, and Councillor Tariq seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the Annual Report and progress made by Township Forums over the past year be noted.

PART 2 OF THE MEETING

C.11 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2016/17

Councillor Gunther moved that Councillor Michael Connolly be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2016/2017, with Mr Ian Hargreaves as his Consort.

Councillor Holt 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 Michael Connolly be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2016/2017, with Mr Ian Hargreaves as his Consort.

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 him in electing him Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

C.12 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Stella Smith be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017 and that this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Smith and Mr John Smith for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Mayoress 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.13 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR AND OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYORESSES

It was proposed by Councillor Cathcart and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Ms Michelle Wiseman and Miss Danielle Wiseman, 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 and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(NOTES: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 3.40 pm
Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00 pm and ended at 5.00 pm)