

Minutes of: AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 30 November 2016

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor M Connolly), in the Chair; Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, K S Briggs, R A Caserta, R Cathcart, 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 Lewis, A McKay, J Mallon, A K Matthews, S Nuttall, E O'Brien, N Parnell, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright.

Apologies from: Councillor R Skillen

Public attendance: 16 members of the public attended the meeting

C.376 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee of Bury Council.
2. Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury School.
3. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury High School.
4. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury School.
5. Councillor R E Walker declared a personal interest in respect of the ongoing Library Review as a Member of the Re-instate Bury Central Library Group.
6. Councillor Shori declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.

C.377 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 14 September 2016 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C.378 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on the success of Council in this year's North West in Bloom awards.

The Mayor congratulated Mrs Elsie Rigby who has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The Mayor paid tribute to Rev. Dr John Findon, who is due to retire as Rector of Bury in January 2017.

Members stood in silent tribute to remember holocaust survivor, Mr Mayer Hersh, who had died at the age of ninety.

C.379 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor reported the receipt of three written questions as set out below:

| No | Issue | Questioner | Answered By |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Winter Maintenance | Mr A Miller | Councillor Shori |
| 2. | Parking Radcliffe Metrolink | Ms C Taylor | Councillor Shori |
| 3. | Bury Street, Radcliffe | Mr C Self | Councillor Shori |

On inviting questions from members of the public present, the following issues were raised:-

| No. | Issue | Questioner | Answered By |
|------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Green Belt (sale of land) | Ms J Mills | Councillor Shori |
| 2. | GMSF Growth Forecasts | Mr D Bentley | Councillor Shori |
| 3. | Land needed for retention of Flood waters being bought by developers | Mr L McGuire | Councillor Shori |
| 4. | Housing Need in the Borough | Mr G Booth | Councillor Shori |
| 5. | Brownfield Sites | Ms A Bridge | Councillor Shori |
| 6. | Parking Radcliffe Metrolink | Mr Spencer | Councillor Shori |
| 7. | Council Purchase of Central Manchester Property | Ms S Hargreaves | Councillor Shori |

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| 8. | Development of Road Infrastructure | Ms McIntosh | Councillor Shori |
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C.380 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations of Cabinet or Council Committees.

C.381 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME

(a) Written question (Notice given)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Shori, made a statement on the work undertaken by him since the date of the last Council meeting.

The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members answered questions raised by Councillors on the following issues:

| No. | Issue | Questioner | Answered by |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Housing for Older People | Councillor Pickstone | Councillor Holt |
| 2. | Lidl Store, Radcliffe | Councillor J Walker | Councillor Shori |
| 3. | GM Spatial Framework | Councillor Fitzgerald | Councillor Walmsley |
| 4. | Private Refuse Collection | Councillor Gunther | Councillor Quinn |
| 5. | City Forest Park | Councillor Cummings | Councillor Quinn |
| 6. | Drainage A56 Prestwich High Street | Councillor Bayley | Councillor Quinn |
| 7. | Bus Lane, Bolton Road | Councillor R Walker | Councillor Quinn |
| 8. | Healthy Eating Voucher Scheme | Councillor Mallon | Councillor Holt |
| 9. | Adult Social Care Pressures | Councillor Preston | Councillor Holt |
| 10. | New School Construction | Councillor Daly | Councillor Briggs |
| 11. | Road Maintenance | Councillor S Wright | Councillor Quinn |
| 12. | Phonics | Councillor Preston | Councillor Briggs |
| 13. | Electric Cars | Councillor Mallon | Councillor Quinn |
| 14. | Corporate Financial Monitoring Report | Councillor Gartside | Councillor Lewis |

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| 15. | Neighbourhood Working | Councillor Cathcart | Councillor Tariq |
| 16. | Backing Young Bury | Councillor J Walker | Councillor O'Brien |

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 17 to 29 inclusive, the Leader gave an undertaking that copies of those questions and responses 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 Leader's Speech and the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting (without Notice)

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| 1. | Budget Revenue Monitoring | Councillor Gartside | Councillor Lewis |
| 2. | Bury 10k Run Consultation | Councillor R E Walker | Councillor Shori |
| 3. | Bury 10k run Volunteers | Councillor James | Councillor Shori |
| 4. | Bury and Prestwich Walk in Centres | Councillor Black | Councillor Holt |
| 5. | Charges for Child Burials | Councillor Caserta | Councillor Quinn |
| 6. | National Economic Performance | Councillor Gunther | Councillor Shori |
| 7. | A56 Regeneration | Councillor Kersh | Councillor Quinn |
| 8. | 100 Resilient Cities Initiative | Councillor Mallon | Councillor Shori |
| 9. | National Economy | Councillor Parnell | Councillor Shori |
| 10 | Waterside Bridge | Councillor Daly | Councillor Walmsley |

C.382 LOCAL SCHEME OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

It was moved by Councillor Walmsley and seconded by Councillor Lewis and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the scheme introduced with effect from 1st April 2013 be amended from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 in line with the recommendations set out in the report.

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C.383 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

It was moved by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor R E Walker and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of provider members to the Health and Wellbeing Board, effective from the current Municipal Year and as set out in the report, be approved.

C.384 NOTICES OF MOTION

Three Notices of Motion had been received and set out in the Summons.

(i) Funding for Community Pharmacies

A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of:

Councillors M D'Albert, T Pickstone and S Wright.

It was moved by Councillor Pickstone and seconded by Councillor D'Albert that:-

This Council notes:

The £170million reduction in NHS funding for community pharmacies announced on December 17th 2015 which could put many out of business

The announcement made by the Government on September 5th 2016 of the delay to the cuts which were originally due to be introduced in October 2016

The scrapping of plans to introduce a "hub and spoke" model for community pharmacies

This Council believes that:

The Government's plans threaten patient access to pharmacies and pharmacy services in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury and that the recent announcements are causing uncertainty about future investment in pharmacy services

Our local pharmacies are at risk of closure or being forced to cut services such as free delivery of prescription drugs, family planning advice and advice on medicines

This will put more pressure on GPs and hospitals and impact social services and is at odds with the local Clinical Commissioning Group's desire to increase the use of pharmacists to ease pressure on GPs.

This Council resolves to:

Request that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State responsible calling for the Government to abandon these cuts, rather than just simply to postpone them, and to make a commitment to maintaining a fully-funded community pharmacy service

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Request that the Chief Executive also writes to the Borough's two Members of Parliament and to the Chair of the NHS Bury Clinical Commissioning Group asking them to make similar representations on this matter to the Secretary of State

On being put, with no-one voting against the Mayor declared the motion carried

(ii) Protecting Children from Alcohol Advertising

A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of:

Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, M Connolly, E FitzGerald, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, J Lewis, A Mckay, J Mallon, A Matthews, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, R Skillen, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

It was moved by Councillor Mckay and seconded by Councillor Cathcart that :-

This Council notes:

- That alcohol can be enjoyed in a responsible way by adults.
- That alcohol can cause serious and fatal diseases, including several types of cancers; that the UK Chief Medical Officers' Alcohol Guidelines advise both men and women that it is safest not to drink regularly more than 14 units per week, to keep health risks from drinking alcohol to a low level
- The UK Chief Medical Officer advises not to drink on consecutive days and to have at least THREE Alcohol Free days in a week
- The UK Chief Medical Officer Advises that no child under the age of 15 should consume alcohol
- That there are 4,120 alcohol-related hospital admissions every year in Bury.
- That alcohol can only be legally purchased by adults over 18 years old.
- That the advertising of alcohol is designed to make products more appealing and in turn can appeal to children and young people.
- That the Science Committee of the European Alcohol and Health Forum concluded in 2009 that "alcohol marketing increases the likelihood that adolescents will start to use alcohol, and to drink more if they are already using alcohol".
- That underage drinkers are more likely to be a victim of crime and those who get drunk at least once a month are twice as likely to commit a criminal offence as those who don't.ⁱ
- That the recent Healthier Futures/Alcohol Health Alliance public opinion survey found 73% support in Greater Manchester for a 9pm watershed for alcohol adverts on TV.ⁱⁱ
- That the recent public engagement campaign 'See What Sam Sees' by Healthier Futures, talked with over 200 people across Greater Manchester and received overwhelming support for a 9pm watershed from the Greater Manchester public.

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This Council believes:

- That it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure good public health in the population.

This Council resolves:

- To request the Leader of the Council to write the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, expressing these views and asking her to bring forward legislation to introduce a 9pm watershed for the advertising of alcohol products on TV to protect children and young people from the influence of alcohol advertising.
- To continue to promote good health in our borough, to support the UK Chief Medical Officers' Alcohol Guidelines, and to protect children and adults from alcohol-related harm.

It was moved by Councillor Gartside and seconded by Councillor Daly as an amendment to:-

Add:-

- The Government is committed to working with industry to address concerns over any irresponsible promotions, advertising and marketing relating to alcohol, particularly to ensure that children and young people are suitably protected.
- Material in the Committee of Advertising Practice and Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice Codes relating to the advertising and marketing of alcohol products is exceptionally robust, recognising the social imperative of ensuring that alcohol advertising is responsible and in particular that children and young people are suitably protected.
- If new evidence emerges that clearly highlights major problems with the existing Codes, then the Advertising Standards Authority has a duty to revisit the Codes and take appropriate action.

Retain:-

This Council believes:

- That it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure good public health in the population.

Remove:-

This Council resolves:

- To request the Leader of the Council to write the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, expressing these views and asking her to bring forward legislation to introduce a 9pm watershed for the advertising of alcohol products on TV to protect children and young people from the influence of alcohol advertising.

Replace with:-

This Council resolves:

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- To request the Leader of the Council writes to the Committee of Advertising Practice and Broadcast Committee with the survey evidence noted in this Notice

of Motion to ask them to open a wider investigation and consultation into the possibility of introducing a 9pm watershed for the advertising of alcohol products on TV to protect children and young people from the influence of alcohol advertising.

Retain:-

To continue to promote good health in our borough, to support the UK Chief Medical Officers' Alcohol Guidelines, and to protect children and adults from alcohol-related harm.

On being put, with 16 voting for and 33 voting against, the Mayor declared the amendment lost.

On being put, with 33 voting for, 0 voting against, and with 16 abstentions the Mayor declared the motion carried.

(iii) Domestic Violence

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors I Bevan, R Caserta, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, G Keeley, O Kersh, I Schofield, D Silbiger, S Nuttall, R Walker, and Y Wright

It was moved by Councillor Gartside and seconded by Councillor Daly that:-

This Council notes that a £20 million fund to support domestic abuse victims is being launched by the Government. The money will help to provide accommodation, employment and skills training for women fleeing violence.

Local authorities will be able to bid for a share of the money, which is the first part of an overall £40 million investment package. Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said the boost will mean "no victim is turned away" from essential support.

This Council requests that officers should immediately place a bid that will help us give more support to victims of domestic violence in Bury.

It was moved by Councillor Tariq and seconded by Councillor Preston as an amendment to:-

Replace: the word "women" with "all victims" (para 1)

Replace: Last paragraph wording with:

"This council recognises the good partnership work that is going on in the Borough to support victims of Domestic Abuse at a terrible time in their lives.

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This council requests that the Cabinet Member for Communities and Safer Neighbourhoods reports back to full council on the progress of partnership working in relation to Domestic Abuse.

In order to build on the good work to date, the council requests that the Community Safety Team work to develop a submission for national funds that is available to support Domestic Abuse victims.”

On being put, with 49 voting for, 0 against and the Mayor abstaining the Mayor declared the amendment carried.

On being put, with 49 voting for, 0 voting against, and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

The Mayor called upon the Leader to move the Closure Motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9, and with 49 voting for, 0 against and 1 abstention it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the whole of the remaining business before Council be approved.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.30 pm

NOTE:

- The Joint Authority report was duly noted.
- There were no scrutiny review reports or specific items called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- There were no questions on the work of Outside Bodies or Questions on the Delegated Decisions of the Council.