

Minutes of: **AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting: 16 January 2019

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J Black), in the Chair; Councillors N Bayley, K S Briggs, R A Caserta, P Cropper, A J Cummings, M D'Albert, J Daly, I Gartside, J Grimshaw, D L Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, R Hodkinson, K Hussain, M A James, D Jones, N Jones, G Keeley, O Kersh, K Leach, G McGill, E O'Brien, T D Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, I Schofield, R Shori, D Silbiger, A Simpson, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, L Smith, S Smith, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, R E Walker, S Walmsley, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright.

Apologies from: Councillors R Cathcart, T Holt, J Kelly, A McKay, R Skillen and S Nuttall.

Public attendance: 26 members of the public attended the meeting

C.001 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor S Wright declared a personal interests in any matter relating to staffing as his wife is employed in a Bury School.
2. Councillor L Smith declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as her partner works for the NHS.
3. Councillor Quinn declared a personal interest in relation to Item 6, Leader's Question Time as his son and daughter in law work for the NHS.
4. Councillors Leach and Simpson declared personal interests as they are employed by the NHS.
5. Councillor R Hodkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Notice of Motion relating to Ramsbottom Additional Car Parking, as the owner of a car park and business in Ramsbottom and as the Treasurer of the Ramsbottom Business Group. Councillor Hodkinson left the meeting during consideration of this item.

C.002 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28 November 2018 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

C.003 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor congratulated Rabbi Warren Elf, Susan Lomas and Kate Brown who had been recognised in the Queen's New Year's honours.

The Mayor thanked all those who supported the Mayoral Ball in December and provided an update on the work of her Mayoral Charities.

The Mayor reported on a proposal to twin the new Town Hall toilets with those in a developing country.

The Mayor reminded Members that she will be hosting an Interfaith breakfast in early February.

Members stood in silent tribute to ex-Mayor of Bury, Mr Peter Ashworth, who had recently passed away.

C.003 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Council Procedure Rule 13(c), it was moved by Councillor Pickstone and seconded by Councillor D'Albert and it was:-

Resolved:

That the order of business be changed to consider the Notice of Motion relating to the People's Vote on Brexit as the first item of formal business.

C.004 NOTICE OF MOTION

People's Vote on Brexit

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

Councillors D'Albert, Pickstone and S Wright

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

This Council notes:

1. That it is now two and a half years since the EU referendum, and a matter of weeks until the scheduled date of leaving the EU;
- 2 That the government has still to present to the public a deal with the European Union which can command the support of Parliament that secures a stable and sustainable place for Britain in the world and delivers on the promises of the Leave campaign.

This Council Meeting further notes:

- 1 The UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and Bury residents;
- 2 Both private business and public-sector organisations, such as the NHS, are facing labour shortages;

3 New investment in Greater Manchester is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost for residents of Bury and across the North West;

4 There are a large number of non-UK EU nationals living in Bury who are concerned about the impact of Brexit on their lives, and that their current rights are not being fully protected;

5 Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for the residents in Bury and further squeezing living standards; and

6 Impact of any Brexit will reduce funding for the public sector, further restricting resilience and capacity to respond to shocks to our economy and limiting services for the poorest in our society.

This Council Meeting believes that the public should be given the final say on the most important decision to affect this Country in decades, in knowledge of the full facts.

This Council Meeting therefore resolves to call on the government to abandon any plans for a "hard Brexit" and to give the British people a final say on the deal finally negotiated, alongside the opportunity for a vote on keeping the many benefits Britons currently enjoy by staying in the European Union

It was moved by Councillor Shori and seconded by Councillor O'Brien as an amendment to:-

DELETE:

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ADD:

This Council Notes:

The outcome of the EU Referendum held in June 2016, the biggest democratic exercise ever conducted in the UK.

That over the last two and a half years the current Prime Minister and Conservative Government have failed to negotiate a deal that enjoys the full confidence of Parliament for an orderly exit from the EU.

117 Conservative Members of Parliament have no confidence in the Prime Minister.

That by a margin of 432 to 202 the Government's Brexit Deal was defeated in the House of Commons on 15 January 2019 with 118

Conservative MPs rebelling -inflicting the biggest ever defeat on a Government in modern day history.

This Council Resolves:

As it is clear that a Parliamentary majority cannot be achieved to approve a finalised agreement relating to the UK's departure from the European Union (by 29 March 2019) then a General Election should be called, with the current Conservative Government no longer enjoying the confidence of Parliament, and unable to successfully negotiate an agreement with the EU.

In the event of no General Election being called then all other options should be considered including a Second Referendum on the UK's membership of the EU.

On being put, with 25 voting for and 18 against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the amendment carried.

On being put, with 25 voting for and 18 against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

C.005 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered By
1.	Financial Settlement	Mr S Bowles	Councillor Shori
2.	Proposals for Radcliffe	Mr S Hurst	Councillor Shori
3.	Potholes in Sedgely	Mr R Gold	Councillor Quinn
4.	Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and Simister	Mr C Neville	Councillor O'Brien
5.	Recycling Centres	Ms C Allen	Councillor Quinn
6.	GMSF and Ramsbottom	Mr P Lewis	Councillor O'Brien
7.	Homelessness	Mrs A Audin	Councillor Shori

C.006 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board held on 28 November 2018 – Annual Report 2017/18

It was moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Briggs and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report and progress made by the Corporate Parenting Board over the past year be noted.

C.007 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.	GMSF Petition	Councillor Gartside	Councillor O'Brien
2.	GMSF Consultation	Councillor Bayley	Councillor O'Brien
3.	Prestwich Town Centre Challenge	Councillor Bayley	Councillor Shori
4.	Additional Bins	Councillor Silbiger	Councillor Quinn
5.	Social Capital Fund	Councillor Cathcart	Councillor Tariq
6.	Winter Pressures	Councillor Preston	Councillor Simpson
7.	GMSF and Affordable Starter Homes	Councillor Harris	Councillor O'Brien
8.	3G Pitches	Councillor Cummings	Councillor Quinn
9.	GMSF and Green Belt Land	Councillor S Wright	Councillor O'Brien
10.	ITree Survey	Councillor Rafiq	Councillor Quinn
11.	GMSF and Infrastructure Projects	Councillor J Daly	Councillor O'Brien

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 12 to 23 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)

1.	Investment in Townships	Councillor Kersh	Councillor Shori
2.	GMSF and Loss of Trees	Councillor Hussain	Councillor Shori
3.	GMSF and Air Quality	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Shori
4.	GMSF and Ainsworth	Councillor J Walker	Councillor O'Brien
5.	GMSF and Loss of Green Belt	Councillor Hodkinson	Councillor O'Brien

C.008 JOINT AUTHORITIES – REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL’S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS

Due to the lateness of the hour and with the consent of the meeting, the Mayor undertook to ensure that the Joint Authority report on Waste and responses to Joint Authority questions be provided in writing to Elected Members and published on the Council’s website.

C.009 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Bury to Become a Plastic Free Community

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

Councillors N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, R Cathcart, A Cummings, J Grimshaw, M Hayes, S Haroon, T Holt, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, K Leach, G McGill, E O’Brien, C Preston, A Quinn, T Rafiq, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, L Smith, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, K Thomas, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.7 (a), consent was given for the motion as set out in the summons to be altered, and it was moved by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Leach that:-

This Council notes:-

- The recent Government consultation [ending on 3 December 2018] into the elimination of single use plastics in respect of plastic stirrers, cotton buds and straws.
- The new Government Resources and Waste Strategy launched on 18 December 2018.
- Notes the environmental impact of both excess plastics in natural environment and in relation to Global Warming

Council welcomes:

- A. The opening of the borough’s first plastic free shop ‘Fulfilled’ in Ramsbottom in September 2018.
- B. The significant increase in recycling achieved in the Borough since 2011.
- C. The introduction of Deposit Return Schemes.

This Council therefore resolves that:

1. Develop a plastics strategy with the objective that Bury will become a Plastic Free Community by 2022;
2. That the requirement to be plastic free (where allowable) will be incorporated into the Council's Social Value Policy, to ensure that the Council's supply chain is plastic free by 2026;
3. Create plastic free community spaces in our parks, libraries, community and leisure centres with a £20,000 being made available to community groups from the Council's Social Capital Fund (19/20 allocation) whose ambitions are to support the plastic free agenda.
4. Support Plastic Free Community initiatives in the area
5. Nominate a member of the council to sit on the Plastic Free Community Steering Group

On being put, with 42 voting for, 0 voting against and with 2 abstentions including the Mayor, the Mayor declared the Motion carried.

(ii) Additional Car Parking – Ramsbottom

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

In the names of Councillors R Caserta, P Cropper, J Daly, I Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, J Harris, K Hussain, N Jones, G Keeley, O Kersh, S Nuttall, I Schofield, D Silbiger, R Walker, and Y Wright

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

Ramsbottom is a fantastic place to live and work in the north of our Borough.

However, this Council notes:

1. The need for additional long stay parking capacity in the town to address congestion and reduce the number of cars and other vehicles parked in residential streets causing inconvenience and disruption for local residents.
2. Extra car parking capacity will provide parking areas for those who work in the town and the many visitors and tourists who wish to shop and enjoy the area with its many attractions, supporting and developing the local economy.
3. To ensure Ramsbottom continues to thrive and expand as a commercial centre and to cater for those wishing to visit the town approximately 600 extra stay parking are required.
4. Within the town there are realistically only two sites where the required car parks could be situated, either on land adjacent to Ramsbottom Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool or on the Holcombe Paper Mill on Bridge Street, commonly known as the "Mondi Paper Mill."

Therefore, this COUNCIL resolves to:

1. Request the Chief Executive and responsible Cabinet Member hold a meeting with landowners, the Ramsbottom Business Group and all stakeholders within the next 8 weeks to develop a strategy addressing this issue, leading to a clear plan and time line for delivery of the additional car parking capacity.

2. Request the aforementioned strategy / plan be brought before a meeting of Full Council within the next 16 weeks for consideration and approval.
3. Instruct officers to consider extra car parking capacity to fall within the definition of "employment land" with reference to the planning guidance attached to the "Mondi Paper Mill" site.

It was moved by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Shori as an amendment to:-

Retain:

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1. The need for additional long stay parking capacity in the town to address congestion and reduce the number of cars and other vehicles parked in residential streets causing inconvenience and disruption for local residents.
2. Extra car parking capacity will provide parking areas for those who work in the town and the many visitors and tourists who wish to shop and enjoy the area with its many attractions, supporting and developing the local economy.

Delete and Replace 3:

3. To read as follows:

"To ensure Ramsbottom continues to thrive and expand as a commercial centre and to cater for those wishing to visit the town more long stay parking is required but acknowledges there is no land available to deliver this within the centre of Ramsbottom with a total of 15,000 sq metres required."

Retain:

4. Within the town there are realistically only two sites where the required car parks could be situated, either on land adjacent to Ramsbottom Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool or on the Holcombe Paper Mill on Bridge Street, commonly known as the "Mondi Paper Mill."

Add:

5. **Notes the plan led by the Deputy Cabinet Member for Regeneration to introduce new car parking capacity in the town centre in the next six months**

Therefore, this COUNCIL resolves to:

Delete 1, 2, 3 and Replace with:

1. **Support the proposals being led by the Deputy Cabinet Member for Regeneration to introduce 200 new car parking spaces on the land adjacent to Ramsbottom Leisure Centre which will be a more than 100% increase on the Council owned parking provision in the centre of Ramsbottom.**

2. In addition to Point 1 above, introduce residents parking schemes within the Town Centre area and short stay parking within Ramsbottom to promote-

a. economic growth

b. provide improved parking amenity for local residents

c. support those that work within the town centre

On being put, with 43 voting for, 0 voting against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the amendment carried.

On being put, with 43 voting for, 0 voting against and with the Mayor abstaining, the Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

C.010 SCRUTINY REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

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

C.011 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS

There were no questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

C.012 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Committee contained in the Digest of Decision 4 (2018/19).

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

NOTE: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.35pm

NOTE: Members of Council voted to suspend Council Procedure Rule 9.1 to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10.20pm in order to conclude the business items set out in the summons.