

**Minutes of: COUNCIL**

**Date of Meeting:** 1 July 2015

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor , in the Chair)  
Councillors Adams, D Bailey, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black,  
R Caserta, D Cassidy, M C Connolly, D'Albert, J Daly,  
E Fitzgerald, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside, J Grimshaw,  
D Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, Harris, P Heneghan,  
R Hodgkinson, T Holt, K Hussain, T Isherwood, M James,  
D Jones, Kelly, Kerrison, Mallon, A Matthews, S Nuttall,  
O'Brien, N Parnell, T Pickstone, Preston, A Quinn, R Shori,  
A Simpson, S Smith, Southworth, S Southworth, T Tariq,  
Walker, R Walker, S Walmsley, Whitby, M Wiseman and  
Y Wright

**Apologies for  
Absence** S Briggs, J Lewis and Skillen

**Public Attendance:** 6 members of the public attended the meeting.

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#### **C. 111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Councillor Connolly declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.
2. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee of Bury Council.
3. Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury School.
4. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee within a Bury High School.

#### **C. 112 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 20 May 2015 be signed by the Mayor as a true and correct record.

#### **C. 113 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The Mayor thanked those who had attended the Mayoral Sunday Service held on 7 June at Guardian Angels Church.
2. The Mayor paid tribute to Colonel Eric Davidson, Michael Jelley and Yvonne Moore who were recently awarded the Freedom of the Borough at a Special Council ceremony.

3. The Mayor informed Members of the recent death of ex- Councillors Sally Ancill and Julie Higson. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect and remembrance.

**C. 114 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Mayor reported that no written questions had been received in advance of the meeting.

On inviting questions from members of the public present, no issues were raised

**C. 115 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**1. Minute CA.74 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 June 2015 – Council Vision, Purpose and Values 2015-2020**

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That approval be given to adopt the Council Vision, Purpose and Values 2015-2020.

**2. Minute CA.79 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 June 2015 – Township Forums**

It was moved by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

(i) That the Operating Framework for Township Forums be amended to incorporate the proposals detailed in the report.

(ii) That the number of meetings of Township Forums be reduced from six to four per year.

(iii) That the proposals referred to in (i) and (ii) above be implemented during to 2015/16 Municipal Year.

**3. Minute HRA.02 of the meeting of the Human Resources and Appeals Panel held on 24 June 2015– Local Authorities (Standing Orders England Amendment)**

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

**RESOLVED:**

That, in order to comply with the amendment, necessary adjustments be made to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out in the Council Constitution.

**1. Minute 1 of the Democratic Arrangements Forum held on 16 June 2015**

It was moved by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Councillor Gartside and it was :-

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Petition Scheme be included in the Council Constitution.
- (ii) That any future changes be promptly notified and explained to organisers of live petitions, with changes not coming into effect until the Council's website is updated.

**2. Minute HRA.03 of the meeting of the Human Resources and Appeals Panel held on 30 June 2015**

It was moved by Councillor Holt and seconded by Councillor Connolly and it was:-

**RESOLVED:**

That this Council approves the appointment of Mike Owen to the post of Chief Executive.

**C. 116 LEADER'S STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME**

**(a) Written question (Notice given)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Connolly, 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:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by</b>
1.	Financial Outturn 2014/15	Councillor Mallon	Councillor Shori
2.	Foster Carers	Councillor Parnell	Councillor Heneghan
3.	Planning Approvals	Councillor Bayley	Councillor Shori
4.	Email correspondence - Scout Moor	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Walmsley
5.	Cuts to Public Health Budgets	Councillor Black	Councillor Simpson
6.	Domestic Violence.	Councillor O'Brien	Councillor Tariq
7.	Children in Care	Councillor Black	Councillor Heneghan
8.	Bury Hospice	Councillor Caserta	Councillor Simpson
9.	Midwife Services within Children's Centres	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Heneghan
10.	Visit of Lyn Romeo	Councillor Grimshaw	Councillor Simpson
11.	Visit from Chief Executive of Public Health England	Councillor Tariq	Councillor Simpson
12.	Planning Inspectorate Inquiry	Councillor Fitzwalter	Councillor Walmsley
13.	Skills Agency Funding	Councillor Nuttall	Councillor Kelly
14.	Universal Credit	Councillor Holt	Councillor Walmsley
15.	Bury Art Museum	Councillor Tariq	Councillor Heneghan
16.	Primary School Admissions	Councillor Whitby	Councillor Heneghan
17.	Core Strategy	Councillor Bevan	Councillor Walmsley
18.	I Will if You Will	Councillor D'Albert	Councillor Simpson
19.	Bus Access to Radcliffe Pool	Councillor J Walker	Councillor Isherwood
20.	Government Budget	Councillor Preston	Councillor Shori
21.	Radcliffe Works	Councillor Preston	Councillor Walmsley
22.	On-line Council Meetings	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Connolly
23.	Community Cohesion	Councillor Jones	Councillor Tariq
24.	S106 monies	Councillor Whitby	Councillor Walmsley
25.	Agency Staff	Councillor Gunther	Councillor Holt
26.	I Will if You Will	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Simpson
27.	Public Health Budget Cuts	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Simpson

Due to the lack of time to answer questions 16 to 29 inclusive and in the absence of Councillor Nuttall for question 13, 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 the work of the Cabinet since the last Council meeting (without Notice)**

1.	Township Forum – Bus Lane Removal	Councillor Gartside	Councillor Connolly
2.	Township Forums – Changes to Grant Funding	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Shori
3.	Parklife Event	Councillor Quinn	Councillor Connolly
4.	Leisure Facility Radcliffe	Councillor J Walker	Councillor Connolly

**C. 117 JOINT AUTHORITIES - REPORT BY THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND QUESTIONS**

- (a) Councillor Matthews, the Council's representative on the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority, gave a verbal report on the work of the Authority to all Members of the Council.
- (b) The following questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Answered by</b>
1.	Greater Manchester Cycling Grants	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Noel Bayley (Representative on the Greater Manchester Transport)
2.	Relocation of ambulances to Whitefield Fire Station	Councillor Pickstone	Councillor Matthews (Representative on the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority)
3.	Fare Avoidance on Metrolink	Councillor D'Albert	Councillor Noel Bayley (Representative on the Greater Manchester Transport)

**C. 118 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Three Notices of Motions were received and set out in the Summons.

## **1. Scout Moor**

**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, S Nuttall, R Walker, and Y Wright**

It was moved by Councillor Gartside and seconded by Councillor Harris:-

"This Council notes the current planning applications to Rossendale and Rochdale Councils for 16 additional wind turbines on Scout Moor. Most of the cluster will shortly be determined by the Rossendale Planning Committee on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (At the time of writing, Rochdale have yet to set a date for the two turbines to be determined within the boundary of their authority).

Therefore, this motion requests Councillors who oppose this new development write to Rossendale and Rochdale's planning departments before the decisions are taken, expressing their opposition (on a personal basis and not on behalf of the Council). This could be for the following reasons :-

- 1) The application contradicts the latest Government guidance regarding on-shore wind turbines which now acknowledges further expansion on these sites should be curtailed.
- 2) The proposed site is largely un-obscured, and many residents in Ramsbottom, Tottington and the villages of Summerseat, Holcombe, Greenmount and Brandlesholme would no longer be able to enjoy the wonderful countryside that currently exists.
- 3) An additional cluster of turbines, in the words of the Government Planning Inspector who approved the current wind farm, "would cause much more serious harm".
- 4) In comparison to the current wind farm, the energy benefits are significantly diminished, meaning that they do not outweigh the visual impact on the landscape.
- 5) The allowable size of up to 115 metres tall is significantly higher than the existing ones.
- 6) The adverse effect upon leisure and tourism in our borough, for example, the views from the Peel Monument and areas of Holcombe Moor will be adversely affected."

**The motion on being put with 14 voting for, 19 against and 11 abstentions was declared lost.**

## **2. Benefit Sanctions**

**A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of Councillors P Adams, N Bayley, J Black, S Briggs, , D Cassidy, M Connolly, E FitzGerald, L Fitzwalter, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, P**

**Heneghan, T Holt, A Isherwood, M James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, J Lewis, J Mallon, A Matthews, E O'Brien, N Parnell, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, A Simpson, R Skillen, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby.**

It was moved by Councillor Parnell and seconded by Councillor Simpson:-

"This Council is concerned and appalled at how this government continues to use benefit sanctions against some of our most vulnerable citizens. This regime of sanctions appears to be used more and more. DWP figures from April 14 to March 15 show 918,600 JSA claimants alone were sanctioned a 410% rise on the same period in the previous year.

This council notes that when a pass-ported benefit has been sanctioned for what can be up to four months, other entitlements to benefits stop.

This practice is causing a massive strain on claimants and their families plunging many into poverty and spiralling debt.

This council call for a letter to be sent on behalf of this council and residents to The Rt. Hon Iain Duncan Smith outlining our concerns and demanding he stops this cruel, and arbitrary use of sanctions."

**Prior to the vote on the motion, in excess of eight Councillors requested that voting be recorded to show how each Member cast their vote, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5.**

**The result of the vote was as follows:-**

For the motion:

**P Adams, D Bailey, N Bayley, J Black, D M Cassidy, M Connolly, M D'Albert, E FitzGerald, L Fitzwalter, J Grimshaw, P Heneghan, T Holt, A Isherwood, M A James, D Jones, J Kelly, S Kerrison, J Mallon, A K Matthews, E O'Brien, N A Parnell, T Pickstone, C Preston, A Quinn, R Shori, A Simpson, Sarah Southworth, Susan Southworth, T Tariq, J Walker, S Walmsley and M Whitby**

Against the motion:

**Councillors I Bevan, R Caserta, J Daly, I B Gartside, D Gunther, M Hankey, R Hodgkinson, R E Walker and Y Wright.**

Abstaining from the motion:

**The Worshipful the Mayor and Councillor Wiseman, Deputy Mayor.**

**The Mayor declared the Motion carried.**

### **3. Food Waste**

**A motion had been received and set out in the summons in the names of Councillors D'Albert and Pickstone**

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

"Council notes:

1. That in Britain today households throw away 7 million tonnes of food and drink waste each year, half of which could have been eaten.
2. Bury Council pays to dispose of 15,000 tonnes of brown bin waste in a year, costing nearly £1 million in charges.
3. That 4 million people in the UK are living in food poverty; 900 million people in the world go to bed hungry every day.

Council resolves:

1. That Bury MBC will play its part to encourage a reduction in the amount of food waste generated by the Borough.
2. To include more information about reducing food waste in the information we provide to residents about waste disposal, including online, paper resources and through the work of the waste enforcement teams.
3. To investigate further options for making better local use of food thrown away by retailers, including seeing if a branch of Rotherham's 'Community Shop' would work in Bury.
4. To work with major institutional producers of food waste in the Borough (Schools, colleges, hospitals, other major employers) and encourage strategies to achieve a significant reduction of food waste.
5. Write to all of Bury's MPs and MEPs, encouraging them to support policies which will continue and improve Britain and EU's role tackling food waste and poverty both in this country and worldwide.
6. For the Cabinet Member to report back to the Cabinet on this issue before the end of the 2016-17 Municipal Year. "

**On being put, with no-one voting against and no abstentions, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.**

**C. 119 SCRUTINY REVIEW 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. 120 QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

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

**C. 121 DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

There were no written questions asked on the delegated decisions of the Committees or Scrutiny Committee contained in the Digests of Decisions 8 (2014/15) and Digest 1 (2015/16).

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**



**(Notes: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 10.00 pm)**