

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL, BRADFORD
ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2014**

Commenced: 1600
Concluded: 2020

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Khadim Hussain) and Councillors:

LABOUR

Akthar	Greenwood	Khaliq	Shafiq
Azam	Hinchcliffe	H Khan	M Slater
Berry	Abid Hussain	I Khan	V Slater
Billheimer	Amir Hussain	S Khan	L Smith
Dodds	Arshad Hussain	Lal	Smithies
Dredge	Imran Hussain	Lee	Swallow
Engel	Shabir Hussain	Malik	Thirkill
Farley	Ikram	Pullen	A Thornton
Ferriby	Jabar	Ross-Shaw	Wainwright
Godward	Javed	Ruding	Warburton
Green	Johnson		

CONSERVATIVE

Binney	Gibbons	Pennington	D Smith
Brown	Heseltine	Poulsen	Sykes
Cooke	L'Amie	Shah	Townend
Davies	Mallinson	Shaw	Walls
Baroness Eaton	McCabe	B M Smith	Whiteley
Ellis	Miller		

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Gray	Leeming	C Reid	Wallace
Griffiths	Middleton	G Reid	

**BRADFORD
INDEPENDENTS**

Ahmed
Collector
Karmani
F Khan
Shabbir

GREEN

Hawarun Hussain
Love

PEACE

Imdad Hussain

INDEPENDENTS

Greaves
Hawkesworth
Naylor

INDEPENDENT

Robinson

**QUEENSBURY
WARD
INDEPENDENTS**

L Cromie
P Cromie

The Lord Mayor in the Chair



86. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following declarations on the basis of transparency in matters under consideration were received:

Petition – Wensleydale Road, Bradford (Minute 92)

Councillor Shafiq made a declaration that he was a resident of Wensleydale Road and left the meeting during the item.

Petition – Haworth Park Toilets (Minute 92)

Councillor Dodds made a declaration that a close relative was employed by the Council to service the toilets.

Children's Centres (Minute 93)

The following Members declared that they were a governor/trustee/attended the advisory panel of a children's centre: Councillors Dodds, L'Amie, Lee, Middleton, Poulsen, D Smith, M Slater and Townend; Councillors Davies, Engel and Swallow were users of children's centres; Councillor L Smith was on the Board of Trustees of Bankfoot whose premises were used by a children's centre for outreach; and Councillor Leeming's husband worked at a children's centre.

The declarations were made on the basis of transparency and with the exception of Councillor Shafiq's declaration on the Wensleydale Road petition Members remained in the meeting during consideration and voting on those items.

ACTION: City Solicitor

87. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2013 be signed as a correct record.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kelly, Sunderland, G Thornton and Warnes.

89. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATH OF MR DONALD BINNEY, LORD MAYOR'S CONSORT (2005-06)

It was with much sadness that the Lord Mayor reported the death on 1 January 2014 of Mr Donald Binney, late husband of Councillor Mrs Valerie Binney and Lord Mayor's Consort during their year in civic office in 2005-2006. Donald's charisma and warm, approachable personality earned him a great many friends and admirers and the support he provided to Councillor Binney was especially apparent during her term as Lord Mayor and they had a truly memorable year.

Everyone in the chamber joined in expressing sincere condolences to Councillor Valerie and her family at this very sad time.

DEATH OF DR ACHHRU PAUL DHARNI, MBE

The death, on 16 January 2014, of prominent local Hindu community leader Dr Achhru Paul Dharni at the age of 72 was also reported.

Over many years, Dr Dharni has worked with dedication and a deep sense of commitment for the communities of Bradford and, more widely, Yorkshire. Dr Dharni was well regarded for his extensive voluntary work and he was recognised by this Council with a lifetime achievement award in 2005.

Members stood in silent tribute to Mr Binney and Dr Dharni.

90. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no restricted documents.

91. ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved and carried that Standing Order 11.3 be suspended to enable more than 5 petitions to be received and to vary the order so that the highways and public convenience petitions were received first and under Standing Order 4.2 the order of business was changed so that the Children's Centres petitions and the motion on the Children's Centres were dealt with as part of the same item and that the debate on the petition was combined with the debate on the motion.

92. PETITIONS

The following requests were received:

Wensleydale Road, Bradford – request for bollards to be installed in passage with Petrie Road

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Bradford East Area Committee.

Haworth Park Toilets

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive as part of the budget process consultation.

Northgate, Baildon Toilets

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive as part of the budget process consultation.

Laycock Lane, Keighley – request for traffic calming measures

As the petition did not comply with Standing Order 11.5, as the petitioners were not in attendance to present the petition, the petition was not received.

ACTION: City Solicitor (reference to committees)

93. CHILDREN'S CENTRES CONSULTATION

The motion by Councillor Shabbir and the proposed amendments were moved and seconded.

Members received the following Children's Centres petitions:

Little Lane Children's Centre, Ilkley
Baildon Children's Centre
Menston and Burley Children's Centre
Alternative Children's Centre Proposal
Bingley Trinity 5 Rise Children's Centre
Treetops Children's Centre, Haworth
Objecting to the Children's Centre Proposals
Hirst Wood Children's Centre

Resolved –

That the petitions be referred to the Executive as part of the budget process consultation.

Following the debate an amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Berry and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor L'Amie was defeated.

Resolved -

This Council notes the Government's reduction by one third of the Early Intervention grant that took place over a year ago, equivalent to £253 for each 0-4 year old in the District.

We recognise the support that has been given to support Children's Centres since that cut by this Council working with the Schools Forum.

This Council notes that a wide range of consultation responses have been submitted , and that as yet the outcomes of that consultation and other issues relating to the future delivery of Children's Centres have not been determined.

Notes that assessment of all proposals submitted during the consultation process is being undertaken and that no decisions have been reached.

This Council recognises that alternative models of delivery will be required in order to deal with the loss of Central Government funding. It resolves to take full account of the outcomes of the consultation, give consideration to any alternative proposals put forward and confirms its intention to secure the future use of Children's Centre buildings in consultation with Schools and the Community.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

94. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

95. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

Resolved –

That Councillor Walls replace Councillor Whiteley on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Walls be appointed Deputy Chair; and Councillor Whiteley be an alternate.

ACTION: City Solicitor

96. **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

Council Document “I” detailed the written questions and answers from Members to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.

97. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES
RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – PLANNING CODE OF CONDUCT**

Previous references: Standards Committee, Minute 12 /Governance and Audit Committee, Minute 54 (2013-2014)

The City Solicitor and the Assistant Director Planning, Highways and Transportation submitted **Document “J”** which set out proposals and options for amendments to the Council’s Planning Code of Conduct in the light of adoption within the Council’s Constitution of a local Members Code of Conduct by Council.

An amendment moved by Councillor Griffiths was defeated.

Resolved –

That the revised Planning Code of Conduct be adopted.

ACTION: City Solicitor/ Assistant Director Planning, Transportation and Highways

98. **SHARED SERVICES**

The motion was moved by Councillor Miller.

An amendment, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

Resolved -

The Council notes:

- (1) That the Chief Executive has already been asked by the Leader of Council to enter discussions with neighbouring authorities and other public sector partners on the potential for shared services and collaborative working and that discussions, instigated by Bradford, are currently ongoing with other Councils and public sector organisations.
- (2) That the Council already engages in a wide range of shared and collaborative working including West Yorkshire Pension Fund, West Yorkshire Joint Services and significant joint procurement and commissioning activity.
- (3) That since 2010 the Council has delivered internal efficiency savings of over £22.5m, including management reductions of over £10m, and that the delivery of those efficiencies significantly outstrips the performance of some of the shared service initiatives that have been quoted as models to emulate.
- (4) That Business Process Reviews continue to secure ongoing efficiency savings totalling £850K in 2013.
- (5) That some decisions and contractual arrangements inherited from the Council's previous administration mean that major efficiencies will be difficult to achieve until such a time as it is possible to alter those arrangements.
- (6) That the Executive's budget proposals for 2013-14 and 2015-16 would deliver further savings through improved efficiency, joint working and pooling of resources with 58% of the total value of the proposals having no direct, detrimental impact on services.
- (7) That Shared Services don't necessarily deliver savings and the scale and speed of the Government's disproportionate cuts to the Council's funding are such that they cannot be absorbed solely through sharing or other efficiencies so local services will inevitably be affected.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Instruct the Chief Executive and Director of Finance to keep working to identify and pursue potential opportunities for shared services and collaboration with other authorities and public sector partners where these will deliver benefits to the people of Bradford District.
- (2) Continue to seek improvements in internal efficiency, value for money and opportunities to reduce costs.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Director of Finance*

99. WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

The motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Karmani was defeated.

Resolved -

This Council pays tribute to the sacrifices made by those who fought in defence of the country in World War 1. We are committed to playing our part in the national commemorations of the centenaries of the outbreak of the War in 1914 and the armistice of 1918.

The Council notes that it is already making plans to commemorate the events of the First World War and the sacrifices made by those involved and to provide opportunities to reflect on its impact.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the commemorations are inclusive of all communities, widely advertised and actively seek contributions and ideas from local people.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

100. DISTRICT WIDE REGENERATION

The motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Green and was carried.

An amendment moved by Councillor Geoff Reid was defeated.

Resolved -

The Council recognises the recent progress on local issues of significant importance to the District's regeneration and economy including Westfield, the Worth Way development in Keighley, the purchase of the Odeon, the Canal Road Corridor, Buck Lane Business Park and the new Skelwith Development.

Council notes that these developments reflect commitments to progress regeneration made by the current administration in its 2010 manifesto.

However we recognise that big challenges remain and much more needs to be done in order to achieve our ambitions for the District.

Youth unemployment remains high; population growth means the District needs to create 5,000 jobs a year; City centre regeneration does not begin and end with Westfield nor does regeneration begin and end with the city centre; congestion continues to be a problem in many areas.

The Council resolves to continue working closely with its partners across all sectors to help to create the right conditions for local growth and deliver a strong and sustainable local economy, in particular it will seek to:

- **Maximise investment in the District from the Leeds City Region, Government and the private sector.**
- **Maximise inward investment from national and international investors**
- **Develop effective transport infrastructure and digital networks**
- **Equip local people with the skills that business needs.**
- **Continue to target employment support at young and disadvantaged people**
- **Offer quality sites and premises to attract business.**
- **Promote research, innovation and business growth**

- **Increase business start ups and ensure that businesses in all parts of the District can access appropriate support and advice.**
- **Deliver vibrant city and town centres.**
- **Market and promote the District as a place to do business.**
- **Lobby Government to increase the economic powers and autonomy of local authorities.**

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the Council and its partners develop the “Producer City” strategy as a five to ten year plan designed to strengthen the public-private sector partnerships cultivated over recent years in order to deliver on priorities for regeneration and the economy to the benefit of all parts of the District.

ACTION: Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of Council.

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