

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL, BRADFORD
ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014**

Commenced: 1600

Concluded: 1920

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gibbons) and Councillors:

LABOUR

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

CONSERVATIVE

Barker	L'Amie	Poulsen	Sykes
Brown	Mallinson	Shaw	Townend
Cooke	McCabe	B M Smith	Walls
Ellis	Miller	D Smith	Whiteley
Heseltine	Pennington		

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Fear	Leeming	Reid	R Sunderland
Griffiths	Middleton	J Sunderland	Wallace

**BRADFORD
INDEPENDENTS**

Ahmed
Collector
Karmani
F Khan
Shabbir

INDEPENDENT

Robinson

GREEN

Hawarun Hussain
Love
Warnes

UKIP

Morris

INDEPENDENTS

Atkinson
Naylor

**QUEENSBURY
WARD
INDEPENDENTS**
L Cromie

The Lord Mayor in the Chair

14. RECORDING OF COUNCIL

In accordance with paragraph 8.1, Part 3B, of the Council's Constitution photography and sound recording of this meeting could only take place with the permission of the majority of the Elected Members in attendance at the meeting. Following a show of hands the photography and sound recording was allowed.

15. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

Petition – Council Wardens (Minute 20)

Councillor Dodds made a declaration that her son was employed as a Council warden.

Petition – Save Bingley Toilets (Minute 20)

Councillors Heseltine and Pennington made a declaration that they had signed the petition.

Petition – Save Shipley Toilets (Minute 20)

Councillor Love made a declaration that he had signed the petition.

Petition – Ilkley Moor (Minute 20)

Councillor Lee made a declaration that her brother in law owned a shoot.

Member Questions – Question 19 – Better Start (Minute 22)

Councillor Gill Thornton made a declaration that she was responsible for developing the bid for Better Start and would be managing the programme and Councillor Ikram declared that she was a Board Member for Better Start.

Motion – Bingley Regeneration (Minute 24)

Councillor Lee made a declaration that her family own a café in Bingley's refurbished 5Rise Shopping Centre.

The declarations were made on the basis of transparency and Members remained in the meeting during consideration and voting on those items.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

16. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2014 be signed as a correct record.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Cromie, Davies, Baroness Eaton, Hawkesworth and Jabar.

18. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TOUR DE FRANCE IN YORKSHIRE

The Lord Mayor added his own huge 'thank you' to the comments made by the Chief Executive in congratulating everyone who was involved in contributing to the Tour de France event be they Members of Council, Council staff or residents, who helped make the event a success. This achievement would be built upon for the future in continuing to attract large scale, impressive events to the District.

DEATH OF FORMER LADY MAYORESS, MRS BARBARA FREE

It was the Lord Mayor's sad duty to report to Council the death of Mrs Barbara Free, former Lady Mayoress of Bradford, on 14 June 2014 at the age of 84. Mrs Free very ably supported her late husband former Councillor Norman Free, during their year as Civic Heads from 1983-1984. The Lord Mayor had written to Mrs Free's daughter to express condolences and the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress attended the funeral service.

Members joined the Lord Mayor in standing in silent tribute to Mrs Free.

19. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no restricted documents.

20. PETITIONS

Members voted to suspend Standing Orders 11.2.6 and 11.3 to allow those petitions which raised issues from decisions made at the budget meeting of Council and more than five petitions to be received and under Standing Order 4.2 that the order of business be changed so that the motion on Governance and Accountability of Local Schools and the Laisterdyke Business and Enterprise College petition be dealt with as part of the same item and the debate on the petition be combined with the debate on the motion.

The following requests were received:

- (1) St Paul's Road and Wellington Crescent, Shipley – Residents Only Parking

At the request of the lead petitioner this petition was deferred to the meeting of Council on 21 October 2014.

- (2) No fracking in the Bradford District

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

- (3) Council Wardens

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

(4) Save Bingley Toilets

Following a debate it was

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Shipley Area Committee.

(5) Save Shipley Toilets

Following a debate it was

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Shipley Area Committee.

(6) Save St Ives Toilets

Following a debate it was

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Shipley Area Committee.

(7) Ban Bloodsports on Ilkley Moor

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(8) Jesmond Avenue, Bradford – Parking Permits

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to Bradford West Area Committee.

(9) Victoria Road Trees, Saltaire

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ACTION: City Solicitor (referral to Committees)

21. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Resolved –

(1) That Councillor Engel replace Councillor Swallow on the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- (2) That Councillors Mohammed and Akthar replace Councillors Dodds and Swallow on the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) That Councillor Jamil replace Councillor Wainwright on the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (4) That Councillor Abid Hussain replace Councillor Shabir Hussain on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and Councillor Shabir Hussain be appointed as an alternate.
- (5) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be confirmed:-

Health Representative: Kathy O'Connell

Teachers Secondary School Representative: Steve Boddy

Teachers Primary School Representative: Stephen Pickles

Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty

Voluntary Sector Representative: Janet Jewitt
and Mike Pollard

- (6) That the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be confirmed:-

Isobel Scarborough - Bradford District Older People's Partnership

Mike Young - Former Statutory Mental Health Services Manager

Tim Pickles - Strategic Disability Partnership

Susan Crowe - Strategic Disability Partnership

ACTION: City Solicitor

22. MEMBER QUESTION TIME

Council Document "C" detailed the written questions and answers from Members to the Leader of Council and Portfolio Holders.

Members voted to suspend Standing Order 12.1.1 to enable Councillor Naylor to ask a supplementary question on question 6 given the absence of Councillor Hawkesworth.

23. SOLAR SCHOOLS

A motion was moved by Councillor Warnes.

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

Resolved-

This Council welcomes the 'Run on Sun' campaign that has been launched by Friends of the Earth to (a) promote clean energy, (b) make it easier for schools to

invest in solar power, and (c) raise awareness of the financial, practical and environmental benefits of schools being powered by solar energy.

This Council also welcomes the extensive work that has been successfully carried out by the officers of our Environment and Climate Change Unit in recent years to reduce the Council's energy bills, invest in clean, renewable energy and establish Bradford Council as a national leader among UK councils for sustainable energy investment.

This Council applauds the pioneering spirit and vision shown by the staff, students and governors of Saltaire Primary School, where the solar panels installed in August last year by Council staff are operating successfully.

This Council notes that:

- a) solar photovoltaic and thermal panels are an affordable renewable energy technology that can be quickly installed and easily maintained across Bradford's schools estate;
- b) Bradford Council is able to provide free energy audits to schools and is an accredited installer of solar technologies;
- c) the capital investment required for solar photovoltaic panels is typically repaid within 7-9 years (by reduced electricity bills and feed-in-tariff income) and the energy generated for 25-40 years is free to the school;
- d) Friends of the Earth estimate that the financial benefits per school can be as high as £8,000 per annum;
- e) approximately forty Bradford schools are suitable for the early installation of solar technologies, thereby potentially saving our community nearly £5m over the next 15 years;
- f) the use of solar technologies contributes towards cutting Bradford's carbon footprint;
- g) solar technologies are a visible symbol of our determination as a community to reduce our carbon footprint and build energy security across Bradford District;
- h) solar technologies are a fantastic educational resource that can boost awareness of sustainable energy among children and local families;

This Council therefore requests that:

1. a robust funding formula to facilitate the installation of solar technologies by the Council across our schools is finalised by the Environment and Climate Change Unit and the Schools Forum as a matter of urgency;
2. the Chief Executive writes to every school in our district, as soon as the funding formula is finalised, outlining the financial and environmental benefits of solar photovoltaic and solar thermal technologies and publicising the fact that the Council is an accredited installer of these technologies;
3. the Environment and Climate Change Unit engages as proactively as possible with Bradford's schools to ensure the maximum and earliest roll-out of solar technologies across the schools estate;
4. the Environment and Climate Change Unit launches a high profile and well-publicised district-wide campaign over the summer months to encourage our schools to invest in solar technologies installed by the Council;

5. the Environment and Climate Change Unit liaises closely with Friends of the Earth to ensure that Bradford Council is positively involved in the 'Run on Sun' campaign;
6. the Environment and Climate Change Unit presents a comprehensive report to the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the end of September 2014 explaining and evaluating (a) the progress to date in this area of the Council's responsibilities and (b) a planned programme for installing solar PV and thermal panels in our schools over the coming 2-3 years.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture/
Strategic Director Children's Services/City Solicitor (Scrutiny Lead)*

24. **BINGLEY REGENERATION**

A motion was moved by Councillor Cooke.

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

Resolved-

Council notes:

- (1) Significant new permissions for housing in the Bingley Area
- (2) Ongoing discussions with J. Sainsbury PLC regarding the future of the former Bradford & Bingley Building Society headquarters
- (3) Elements of the Airedale Masterplan relating to Bingley
- (4) Continuing high levels of retail vacancy within the town

The Council resolves to work with local members, organisations, businesses and communities to further develop and deliver on plans to secure sustainable regeneration and economic growth for Bingley and to call on Government to support our town centres locally and nationally.

ACTION: *Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

25. **GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS**

A motion was moved by Councillor Berry.

Members received the Laisterdyke Business and Enterprise College petition. Following a debate it was

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The motion, as set out in the resolution below, was carried.

Resolved -

The Council is committed to ensuring that all the District's schools benefit from good quality governance, to supporting governors in holding schools' senior management to account and to subjecting the performance of schools and governors to appropriate levels of public scrutiny and accountability.

The Council is concerned that an increasingly fragmented system is undermining and creating barriers to its ability to challenge schools and governors and to intervene where there is cause for concern and is leading to confusion among parents about where accountability lies.

The Council also recognises that the system places a disproportionate amount of responsibility for holding local schools to account in the hands of Central Government.

We note that the Council has demonstrated its preparedness to take steps to address school governance and performance issues across a range of schools as and when necessary and that it has been praised for its work to support Kings Science Academy as it addresses its Ofsted Action Plan. We believe that the Council's powers to support local schools and hold them accountable to local people should be strengthened.

The Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Re-affirm its ongoing commitment to supporting Governors and head teachers to ensure that children in all our schools are educated to high standards and within a safe, well governed environment.
- (2) Support the Local Government Association's call for Councils to have greater powers including triggering school inspections, offering support and making early interventions.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Children's Services*

Chair

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

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