

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL, BRADFORD
ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015**

Commenced: 1600

Concluded: 1740

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Gibbons) and Councillors:

LABOUR

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

CONSERVATIVE

Barker	Ellis	Miller	D Smith
Cooke	Heseltine	Pennington	Sykes
Davies	L'Amie	Shaw	Townend
Baroness Eaton	Mallinson	B M Smith	Walls
			Whiteley

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Fear	Leeming	Reid	R Sunderland
Griffiths	Middleton	J Sunderland	Wallace

**BRADFORD
INDEPENDENTS**

Ahmed
Collector
Karmani
F Khan
Shabbir

GREEN

Hawarun Hussain
Love
Warnes

INDEPENDENTS

Atkinson
Hawkesworth
Naylor

INDEPENDENT

Robinson

UKIP

Morris

The Lord Mayor in the Chair



62. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

Petition – Health On The Streets (HOTS) Team (Minute 67)/Public Health (Minute 74)

Councillor Smithies made a declaration that she worked for Bradford District Care Trust where the HOTS project was based and Councillor Ikram declared in relation to both the petition and motion that she was a Governor of Bradford Foundation Hospital Trust which works with public health services.

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

ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor

63. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 be signed as a correct record.

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, L Cromie, P Cromie, Godward, McCabe and Poulsen.

65. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATH OF FORMER LORD MAYOR, ARNOLD LIGHTOWLER

It was the sad duty of the Lord Mayor to report the death, on 6 January 2015, of former Councillor and former Lord Mayor, Arnold Lightowler, at the age of 92. Arnold represented the Baildon ward from 1974 until 1987 and had also served as the last Chairman of the former Baildon UDC. He served as Lord Mayor of Bradford in 1980-81 with his wife Joyce who sadly died last year a short time after the couple celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary. The Lord Mayor attended Arnold's funeral service and wrote to his daughter to express condolences on behalf of the district.

DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR CLEMENT ("CLEM") RICHARDSON

The Lord Mayor also, with regret, reported the death of former Councillor Clement 'Clem' Richardson, who passed away on 12 December 2014. Clem represented constituents in the Wibsey ward from 1986 to 1990 and was also a former Chairman of the Bradford South Labour group. The Deputy Lord Mayor attended Clem's funeral service on behalf of the district.

The Lord Mayor placed on record this Council's gratitude for the service given by these two former Members and sadness at their passing. Members and Officers joined the Lord Mayor in standing in their memory.

TERRORIST ATROCITIES IN PESHAWAR AND PARIS

The Lord Mayor drew attention to the terrorist atrocities which took place recently on the army-run school in Peshawar, Pakistan, and in Paris. A community condolence scroll was being sent to Peshawar as a mark of this community's empathy and Members were invited to sign the scroll. The Lord Mayor had written to the Consul-General to express revulsion at the attack and to extend sympathy to all affected by this act of barbarity.

Innocent lives were also lost due to the attacks which took place in Paris last week. This assault on liberty and freedom provoked an enormous response in both this district and around the globe and the Lord Mayor was sure that Members would join him in expressing horror at this violence and hoped that the commitment of the free world to peace and harmonious co-existence would prevail.

THE BRADFORD CINDERELLA CLUB'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Bradford Cinderella Club was this year celebrating 125 years of operating in the district as a charity supporting under-privileged children and this had been acknowledged through holding a Civic reception prior to this meeting. To this day the charity had been funded by the generosity of local people and businesses and been run by entirely unpaid volunteers who gave their free time and talents willingly. Members were encouraged to support this worthy cause.

BRADFORD COMMUNITY BROADCASTING (BCB 106.6fm) – ANNIVERSARY AND AWARD

The Lord Mayor reported that the local radio station BCB 106.6fm was celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2015. For the second year in succession BCB had collected the Radio Academy Radio Station of the Year Award (Yorkshire). A Civic reception was being hosted for them on 11 February 2015.

66. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no restricted documents.

67. PETITIONS

The following request was received:

Decommissioning of Health On The Streets (HOTS) Team

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor (referral to Committees)

68. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

69. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

Resolved –

- (1) **That the appointments of Sidiq Ali as a voting Parent Governor Co-opted Member and Kerr Kennedy as a Voluntary Sector non-voting co-opted Member on the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2014/2015 municipal year be confirmed.**
- (2) **That Councillor Whiteley be appointed as an alternate for the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Sykes.**

ACTION: *Assistant City Solicitor*

70. **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

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

71. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES**

There were no recommendations.

72. **YOUTH SERVICES**

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

An amendment moved by Councillor Davies was defeated.

Resolved-

This Council notes that:

- (1) **The Coalition Government’s unprecedented and disproportionate spending cuts are putting Council budgets under intolerable pressure and services at risk.**
- (2) **Those financial pressures have led to difficult decisions about the future of services including reductions to the Council’s youth service and provision for young people commissioned from other organisations.**
- (3) **Some Local Authorities have completely abolished their directly provided and/or commissioned youth services in the face of Coalition spending cuts.**
- (4) **Bradford Council has listened to local people, recognised the importance of young people being able to access appropriate services and is maintaining a relatively high level of financial support for those services given the severe resource constraints that it faces.**

- (5) The Council has undertaken a comprehensive consultation and engagement exercise with young people about the future of youth provision within the District.
- (6) That the MP for Bradford South has tabled Early Day Motion no 488 calling for youth services to be placed on a stronger statutory footing.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Write to the Leaders of the main national political parties requesting them to make a commitment in their 2015 General Election Manifestos to strengthening the statutory basis of the provision and commissioning of youth services making clear the expectations of local authorities and to ensuring that sufficient funding is made available to Councils for them to be able to meet those obligations.
- (2) Write to the MPs for Bradford East, Bradford West, Shipley and Keighley asking them to sign the Early Day Motion no 488.
- (3) Continue to work with local young people, communities and organisations to provide the best possible youth offer across the District within the context of vastly reduced resources.

ACTION: *Interim Chief Executive/Strategic Director Children's Services*

73. **COMMEMORATING SREBRENICA**

A motion, as set out in the resolution below, was moved by Councillor Ross-Shaw and was carried.

Resolved-

This Council:

- (1) Notes that 2015 is the twentieth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- (2) Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- (3) Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

The Council resolves to:

- (1) Offer its full support to the Remembering Srebrenica delegates from Bradford, who visited Bosnia last year and have been working tirelessly in our community to raise awareness of the genocide and learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

- (2) **Support the planned Srebrenica memorial event planned for 4 July in City Park, which will launch the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week, 5-11 July 2015.**
- (3) **Recognise and support the work of the Bradford Remembering Srebrenica delegation in planning a memorial to the victims of the genocide in the Peace Gardens outside Bradford City Hall to be installed during Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week.**

ACTION: *Interim Chief Executive/Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture/
Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

74. PUBLIC HEALTH

A motion was moved by Councillor Jeanette Sunderland.

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

Resolved-

This Council notes:

- (1) **The very high priority it attaches to working in partnership with others to improve people's health and to reduce the significant health inequalities in the District.**
- (2) **That in addition to Public Health many of its services can have a significant impact on health for example, environmental services, sport and leisure services, regeneration, education and care services.**
- (3) **That imposing additional bureaucratic overheads on every Council decision will do little or nothing to achieve better health outcomes for the people of Bradford District.**

The Council resolves to continue to make improving health and reducing health inequalities top priorities.

ACTION: *Director of Public Health/all Strategic Directors*

75. ESPRIT DE CORPS

A motion was moved by Councillor Miller.

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

During consideration of the motion Members and Officers stood in silent tribute to those who lost their lives during the atrocities in and around Paris, Peshawar and Baga, Nigeria.

Resolved-

This Council notes the deplorable recent terror attacks in and around Paris, Peshawar and Baga, Nigeria.

The Council reaffirms its commitment to the freedom of self expression as contained within Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998 and notes that the Act recognises freedom of expression as a qualified right which has limits and carries with it duties and responsibilities.

The Council requests that the Interim Chief Executive write to Anne Hidalgo, the Mayor of Paris and to the civic representatives of Peshawar and Baga expressing Bradford District citizens' concerns for and solidarity with the people of Paris and wider France, of Peshawar and Pakistan and of Baga and Nigeria.

ACTION: Interim Chief Executive

Chair

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

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