

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**2008/2009**

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**27TH AUGUST, 2008**

Present - Councillors Connell (Mayor), Mrs. Ronson (Deputy Mayor), Adia, P. Allen, R. Allen, Ashcroft, Ayub, P. Barrow, R Barrow, Bashir-Ismail, Mrs. Brierley, Burrows, J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Chadwick, Cottam, Critchley, Darvesh, Mrs. Fairclough, Greenhalgh, Hall, Hayes, Higson, Hollick, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Kay, Lever, Lord, Mistry, Morgan, Morris, Murray, Norris, Peel, Rock, R. Ronson, J. Rothwell, Mrs. Rothwell, Rushton, Scowcroft, Shaw, Sherrington, J. Silvester, R. Silvester, Spencer, Mrs. Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas, A. Walsh, J. Walsh, White, Wild, D. Wilkinson, Williamson, Woodward and Zaman.

30. IN MEMORIUM

The Council stood in silent tribute in memory of Mrs. W. Wild, former Mayoress in 1981/1982 who had died recently.

31. JASON KENNY

The Mayor paid tribute to Jason Kenny who had won gold and silver medals at the Beijing Olympics and reminded members of the civic reception being held for Jason. The three leaders also paid tribute to Jason's achievements.

The Mayor also paid tribute to competitors from Bolton who had taken part in the games and the forthcoming Paraplegic Olympics.

32. PETITION

A petition was received relating to the closure of a footpath/alleyway between Masefield Road/Ruskin Road to Victory Road, Little Lever. It was referred to the Executive Member for Environmental Services and the Planning Committee.

33. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th July, 2008 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

34. CONSTITUTION – SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS

It was moved by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Thomas and agreed –

That the quarterly report on Executive decisions made under the special urgency provisions of the Access to Information Regulations be noted.

35. CONSTITUTION – FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2008/2009

It was moved by Councillor Murray and seconded by Councillor Ibrahim –

That the Food Service Plan 2008/09 be approved.

Whereupon as an amendment, it was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh and seconded by Councillor R. Ronson –

That the Food Service Plan be not approved and that this Council notes that, whilst the Plan identifies the key issues, it does not address the need to support the staff in tackling the growing pressures on the service with too few resources to meet the growing demands brought about by ever more food premises across the Borough.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was declared carried and replaced the original Motion to become the substantive motion before the Council.

Upon being put to the vote the Substantive Motion was agreed.

36. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Hornby, seconded by Councillor Shaw and agreed –

That the following appointments and changes in membership be approved:-

- (1) That Councillors Bashir-Ismail, J. Walsh and Hayes be confirmed as the Council's members on the AGMA Scrutiny Body
- (2) That Councillor Norris replace Councillor R. Barrow on the Valuing Diversity Working Party
- (3) That Councillor Critchley replace Councillor P. Brierley on the Private Unfit Housing Scrutiny Panel
- (4) That the following Councillors be appointed to the under mentioned Children's Centres

Oxford Grove – Councillors Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Fairclough

Great Lever – Councillors Murray and Wild

Lord Street and Grosvenor - Councillors Cottam and Mrs. Rothwell

Alexandra -Councillors Adia and Ashcroft

Harvey– Councillors Kay and Mrs. Brierley

Tonge – Councillors Sherrington and Norris

- (5) That Councillor Hornby replace Councillor Chadwick on the Bolton at Home Monitoring Group.
- (6) That Councillor R. Silvester replace Councillor Burrows on the Children’s Services, Culture and Young People and Sport Scrutiny Committee.
- (7) That Councillor R. Silvester replace Councillor Bashir-Ismail on the Fairtrade Steering Group.
- (8) That Councillor Hornby replace Councillor Bashir-Ismail on the External Organisations Scrutiny Committee.
- (9) That Councillor Iqbal replace Councillor Ibrahim on SACRE.

37. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)

The following questions were asked under Standing Order 9(a):-

- (i) by Councillor Bashir-Ismail relating to community buildings.

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Chadwick relating to examination results.

The Executive Member for Children’s Services replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Bashir-Ismail relating to small shopkeepers on the radial routes.

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration replied to this question.

- (iv) by Councillor Mistry relating to the regeneration in the North.

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration replied to this question.

- (v) by Councillor Chadwick relating to playground equipment on Hart Common.

The Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor Bashir-Ismael relating to the use of playing fields by local communities.

The Executive Member for Children's Services replied to this question.

- (vii) by Councillor Chadwick relating to the gas main on Leigh Road.

The Executive Member for Environmental Services replied to this question.

- (viii) by Councillor Chadwick relating to yellow housing signs.

The Executive Member for Environmental Services replied to this question.

- (ix) by Councillor Hayes relating to the provision of funds for Area Forums.

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources replied to this question.

- (x) by Councillor J. Silvester relating to the prevention of the spread of Ragwort.

The Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer replied to this question.

- (xi) by Councillor J. Walsh relating to the funding of bus/railway interchange.

The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships replied to this question.

- (xii) by Councillor R. Allen relating to Heaton Cemetery.

The Executive Member for Environmental Services replied to this question.

- (viii) by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough relating to binge drinking and 24 hour licensing.

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources replied to this question.

- (xiv) by Councillor Morgan relating to the health problems of cut price alcohol promotions.

The Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care replied to this question.

- (xv) by Councillor J. Walsh relating to industrial units.

The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships replied to this question.

- (xvi) by Councillor J. Walsh relating to Astley Bridge Children's Centre.

The Executive Member for Children's Services replied to this question.

- (xvii) by Councillor J. Walsh relating to the new bus station.

The Executive Member for Environmental Services replied to this question.

- (xviii) by Councillor J. Walsh relating to the TIF Bid.

The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships replied to this question.

- (xix) by Councillor Mrs. Swarbrick relating to Hayward School and the rebuilding funds.

The Executive Member for Children's Services replied to this question.,

38. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(c)

A question was asked under Standing Order 9(c) by Councillor Hayes regarding the cost of policing Premiership Football matches which was answered by the nominated spokesman of the Greater Manchester Police Authority.

39. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Hornby, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Woodward and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 10th and 24th July and 7th August, 2008 be approved.

40. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough, seconded by Councillor Lord and resolved -

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee held on 22nd July and 19th August, 2008 be approved.

41. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Higson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Brierley –

That the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees be approved:-

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee – 18th August, 2008

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 11th August, 2008

Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee – 13th August, 2008

Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Committee – 12th August, 2008

Children's Services and Young People and Sport Scrutiny Committee – 14th August, 2008

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 28th July, 2008

Whereupon as an amendment, it was moved by Councillor Critchley and seconded by Councillor P. Allen -

That Minute 13 of the proceedings of the meeting of the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be amended by the addition of the following:-

(iii) That the Council agrees to establish a task and finish Working Party to consider the consultation arrangements between Bolton at Home, Members and Tenants.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared carried.

The original Motion, as amended, was then put to the meeting and agreed.

42. ITEMS REFERRED TO COUNCIL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – WINTER GRITTING

Councillor J. Walsh submitted the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Critchley -

Mindful of the agreed success of the Scrutiny Panel which examined winter gritting arrangements in 2001/2002 and given the importance of winter gritting, Council resolves to:

Invite the Executive Member to defer implementation of the proposed reduction in the winter gritting fleet and, as discussed at the Scrutiny Committee on 13th August, 2008, to support the establishment of a new scrutiny panel to consider any changed circumstances which support the proposed reductions in the service before any further reductions are made.

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was declared carried.

43. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – LANCASHIRE DAY

It was moved by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor Critchley –

Recognising the importance of the historic boundaries of Lancashire this Council resolves to support Lancashire Day in November and to invite residents of the Borough and Friends of Real Lancashire to contribute by marking the day each year.

Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was declared carried.

44. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – SATS TESTS

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Swarbrick and seconded by Councillor Ashcroft –

Council believes that the marking of this year's national SATS tests has been a disgrace.

Council further believes that the SATS tests for 14 year olds are unnecessary, expensive and that results are unreliable, and calls for these tests to be scrapped.

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was declared lost.

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 10.00 p.m.)