

**BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**

**2021/2022**

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**25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021**

Present - Councillors Mrs. Thomas (Mayor), Mrs. Fairclough (Deputy Mayor), Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Challender, Connor, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Finney, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hewitt, Hill, Hornby, Ibrahim, Jiva, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Morgan, Murray, Muslim, Parkinson, Pattison, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Taylor-Burke, Veevers, Walsh, Warren, Weatherby, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

**21. TRIBUTES TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR DAVID GREENHALGH**

Members paid tributes to the late Leader of the Council Councillor Greenhalgh and also observed a minutes silence in his memory.

**22. MINUTES**

The minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**23. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough, seconded by Councillor Dean –

That Councillor Cox be appointed Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, 2022 or until such time as the Council removes him from office.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 30 viz:

Councillors Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Dean, Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Hewitt, Hill, Hornby, Morgan, Muslim, Parkinson, Pattison, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Taylor-Burke, Walsh, Warren, Weatherby, T. Wilkinson and Wright.

Against the Motion, 18 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Challender, Donaghy, Haworth, Heslop, Ibrahim, Jiva, Khurram, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Peel, Sherrington, Silvester and Zaman.

Abstained, 5

Councillors Bagnall, Hayes, McGeown, Veevers and D. Wilkinson.

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

**24. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

It was moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Khurram -

That the following appointment and change in membership be approved:-

That Councillor Veevers be appointed to the Bolton Active Travel Forum in place of Councillor D. Wilkinson

**25. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)**

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

- (i) by Councillor Haworth relating to Life Enhancing Changing Places Toilets

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (as deputy for the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery) replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Peel relating to home working

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Hayes relating to the Planning Service

The Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning replied to this question.

- (iv) by Councillor Abdullah relating to the planning application process

The Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning replied to this question.

- (v) by Councillor Hornby relating to refugees and asylum seekers

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor Hornby relating to the repairs and restoration of the Town Hall

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (vii) by Councillor McMulkin relating to flytipping and contaminated recycling bins

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger

Communities (as deputy for the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery) replied to this question.

- (viii) by Councillor McMulkin, on behalf of Councillor Ismail, relating to CCTV cameras

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities replied to this question.

- (ix) by Councillor D. Wilkinson relating to naming of new streets

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (x) by Councillor D. Wilkinson relating to the report of the failings of Greater Manchester Police

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities replied to this question.

- (xi) by Councillor Jiva relating to refuse collection times

The Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities (as deputy for the Executive Cabinet Member) for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (xii) by Councillor Mistry relating to a cycle track

The Executive Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport replied to this question.

## **26. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(c)**

The following questions were asked under Standing Order 9(c) –

- (i) by Councillor Haworth relating to the Cycle Hub Membership Scheme

The Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Transport replied to this question

- (ii) by Councillor Veevers relating to the Citizen's Charter

The Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police replied to this question

- (iii) by Councillor Jiva relating to policing across the Borough

The Spokesperson for Greater Manchester Police replied to this question

## **27. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Brady and agreed -

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 be approved.

## **28. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fairclough and agreed -

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved.

## **29. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

It was moved by Councillor Pattison, seconded by Councillor Silvester and agreed -

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

Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Joint Health Overview and Adult Social Care and Place Scrutiny Committees – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**30. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 –  
REMOVAL OF THE ‘TEMPORARY’ UPLIFT IN  
UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Councillor Silvester declared an interest in the undermentioned item and left the meeting during consideration and determination thereof.

It was moved by Councillor McGeown and seconded by Councillor Veevers -

Council deplores the decision of the Government to remove the ‘temporary’ uplift in Universal Credit on 1st October.

Council agrees with the former Tory Leader and architect of Universal Credit, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, and five of his successors (Stephen Crabb, Damian Green, David Gauke, Esther McVey and Amber Rudd) that a failure to keep the uplift in place would ‘damage living standards, health and opportunities for those that need our support most as we emerge from the pandemic, and that the extra £20 has been essential in allowing people to live with dignity.

Council therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to request that the uplift be incorporated permanently into Universal Credit.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 31 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Bagnall, Brady, Challenger, Donaghy, Flitcroft, Grant, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hornby, Ibrahim, Jiva, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Pattison, Peel, Sanders, Sherrington, Veevers, Weatherby, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 20 viz:

Councillors Baines, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Dean, Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Galloway, Hartigan, Haslam, Hewitt, Hill, Morgan, Muslim, Parkinson, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Taylor-Burke, and Walsh.

Abstained, 0

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

**31. MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – THE RAMBLERS ‘DON’T LOSE YOUR WAY’ CAMPAIGN**

It was moved by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Challenger -

On Sunday September 5, Bolton people will have an opportunity to take part in a memorial walk to remember the events of Sunday September 6 1896 when around 10,000 Bolton folk walked up Halliwell Rd, Smithills Dean and Coalpit Lane over the fields to Winter Hill and down into Belmont. They walked to reclaim a right of way closed by local landowner Col Ainsworth.

This Council commends the march to the people of Bolton and congratulates the organisers and their sponsors, Bolton Socialist Club, The Ramblers, The Woodland Trust and Bolton@Home.

The Council is also mindful, in our own times, of the need to protect open space and access to it.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 introduced a provision for a cut off of January 1 2026 for the registering of historic rights of way. The Ramblers have been undertaking surveys of public rights of way throughout England and Wales in an attempt to identify what they believe to be public rights of way that have not been included in the Definitive Map. The Ramblers 'Don't Lose Your Way' campaign tries to identify these paths. The Council expresses support for this campaign and commits its Public Rights of Way Team, albeit with its limited resources, to offer advice and support to volunteers who may be involved in this task locally.

We owe it to our forebears, the working class walkers to Winter Hill, whose recognition of the importance of the accessibility of the countryside continues to be an inspiration.

The Motion was then put to the vote when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 52 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Challender, Connor, Cox, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Mrs. Fairclough, Finney, Flitcroft, Galloway, Grant, Hartigan, Haslam, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hewitt, Hill, Hornby, Ibrahim, Jiva, Khurram, McGeown, McKeon, McMulkin, Mistry, Morgan, Murray, Muslim, Parkinson, Pattison, Peel, Radcliffe, Rimmer, Sanders, Sherrington, Silvester, Taylor-Burke, Veevers, Walsh, Weatherby, D. Wilkinson, T. Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

Against the Motion, 0

Abstained, 0



Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

At this point, in accordance with Standing Order 7, the movers of the following motions withdrew their motions and agreed to resubmit them to a later meeting of the Council, viz:-

- Harvey Nursery – motion in the name of Councillor Donaghy;
- Changes to the way planning decisions are made at a local level – motion in the name of Councillor Silvester; and
- Qualifying age for free prescriptions in England for 60 to 66 years of age – motion in the name of Councillor Haworth.

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 10.20 p.m.)