

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

2019/2020

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - 21st AUGUST 2019

Present - Councillors Mrs. Fairclough (Mayor), Sherrington (Deputy Mayor), Abdullah, Adia, Ayub, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunliffe, Cunningham, Darvesh, Dean, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hewitt, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, McKeon, McGeown, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Pattison, Peel, Radcliffe, Sanders, Silvester, Mrs. Thomas, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, Watters, C. Wild, Wilkinson, Wright and Zaman.

**23. CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY
ALDERMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF
BOLTON – MR. JOHN BYRNE**

It was moved by Councillor Peel, seconded by Councillor Cox and unanimously agreed -

That the title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton be conferred on Mr. John Byrne.

**24. CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY
ALDERMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF
BOLTON – MR. NORMAN CRITCHLEY**

It was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Thomas and unanimously agreed -

That the title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton be conferred on Mr. Norman Critchley.

**25. CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY
ALDERMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF
BOLTON – MR. GUY HARKIN**

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

That the title of Honorary Alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton be conferred on Mr. Guy Harkin.

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 7.55pm)

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26. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 19th June 2019 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

27. CONSITUTION – AGMA CONSTITUTION

It was moved by Councillor Greenhalgh, seconded by Councillor Cox and agreed –

To agree the revised AGMA constitution, as detailed in the report circulated.

28. CONSTITUTION – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

To approve the proposed changes to the powers and duties of the Audit Committee, as detailed in the report circulated.

29. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor McKeon and agreed –

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

1. That Councillor Bullock replace Councillor Newall on the Health Overview and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee
2. That Councillor Sanders be appointed to serve on the Single Local Joint Consultative Committee
3. That Councillor McKeon replace Councillor Donaghy on the Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee
4. That Councillor Donaghy replace Councillor McKeon on the Place Scrutiny Committee
5. That Councillor Newall replace Councillor Hayes on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
6. That Councillor Newall replace Councillor Bagnall on the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee
7. That Councillor Newall replace Councillor Hayes on the Central, Health and Safety Joint Consultative Committee
8. That Councillor Radcliffe replace Councillor Muslim on the Education Assistance Panel
9. That Reverend Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle be appointed at the Church of England Diocese Representative on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

30. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(a)

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

- (i) by Councillor Silvester relating to weekly grey bin collections

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Peel relating to fly tipping

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Peel relating to fly tipping on unadopted land

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (iv) by Councillor Radcliffe relating to the timescale for highways and pavement works

The Deputy Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (v) by Councillor Hornby relating to reviving Britain's struggling high streets

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor Cunningham relating to the NWEF compound on Church Road, Kearsley

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

- (vii) by Councillor Gibbon relating to the Shopmobility Service

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

- (viii) by Councillor Hornby relating to the attractions in Bolton

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (ix) by Councillor Hornby relating to the Albert Halls

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (x) by Councillor Walsh relating to the post office on Higher Blackburn Road

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xi) by Councillor Walsh relating to the Energy Recovery Centre at Raikes Lane

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (xii) by Councillor Cunliffe relating to the capital spend in the Health Service

The Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing replied to this question.

- (xiii) by Councillor Mrs. Thomas relating to funding for Brexit

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xiv) by Councillor Hayes relating to funding for Brexit

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xv) by Councillor McGeown relating to new litter bins

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Delivery replied to this question.

- (xvi) by Councillor Wilkinson relating to the Mayoral Precept for free travel to young people

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (xvii) by Councillor Hayes relating to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund Notice of Motion

The Chief Executive replied to this question.

- (xviii) by Councillor Dean relating to State of Affairs in the Jammu and Kashmir

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

31. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9(c)

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

- (i) by Councillor Fletcher relating to the Greater Manchester Fire Service

The spokesperson for Fire replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Hornby relating to the 101 Service

The spokesperson for Police replied to this question.

- (iii) by Councillor Wilkinson relating to bicycle storage cages and waiting room facilities

The spokesperson for Transport replied to this question.

32. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Darvesh and agreed –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Planning Committee held 27th June and 25th July 2019 be approved.

33. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Haslam and agreed –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee held on 23rd July 2019 be approved.

34. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

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

That the minutes of the meeting of the following Committee be approved:-

Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee –
1st July 2019

Place Scrutiny Committee – 26th June and 1st August
2019

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 24th June
2019

Health Overview and Adult Social Care Scrutiny – 3rd
July 2019

35. ITEM REFERRED TO COUNCIL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – LAND AT SINGLETON AVENUE

It was moved by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Brady -

That the decision should be referred to Council with a recommendation that the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader portfolio resolves not to sell the land but retain it as open green space for the continuing benefit of residents in Horwich

Whereupon as an amendment, it was moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Donaghy -

This Council believes that the decision made by the Executive Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader to dispose of Council owned land off Singleton Avenue, Horwich should be reversed. Council believes that this land is a valuable community asset of open green space and should be available for use for the continuing benefit of residents for recreation and leisure purposes as was the case before being included in the Allocations plan. Council believes that the Executive Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader should listen to the 456 objections received against the sale of the land and the decision of this Council's Planning Committee to refuse permission to build on this land. Council therefore concludes that this land should not be sold and that the Executive Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader should reverse his decision.

The amendment was then put to the meeting when the voting was as follows:-

For the Amendment, 19 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Brady, Cunliffe, Darvesh, Donaghy, Evans, Haworth, Ibrahim, Iqbal, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Peel, Sherrington, Silvester, Mrs. Thomas, Watters and Wright.

Against the Amendment, 30 viz:

Councillors Bagnall, Baines, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunningham, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Eckersley-Fallon, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hayes, Hewitt, Hornby, McGeown, Muslim, Newall, Parkinson, Pattison, Radcliffe, Sanders, Veevers, J. Walsh, Warren, C. Wild and Wilkinson.

Abstained, 1 viz:

Councillor Heslop.

Whereupon, the amendment was declared lost.

The original motion was then put to the meeting when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 29 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Bagnall, Baines, Brady, Cunliffe, Darvesh, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Haworth, Hayes, Heslop, Ibrahim, Iqbal, McGeown, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Newall, Pattison, Peel, Sherrington, Silvester, Mrs. Thomas, Veevers, Watters, Wilkinson and Wright.

Against the Motion, 21 viz:

Councillors Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunningham, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Flitcroft, Fletcher, Galloway, Gibbon, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hewitt, Hornby, Muslim, Parkinson, Radcliffe, Sanders, Walsh, Warren and C. Wild.

Abstained, 0 viz:

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

At this point in the meeting, it was moved by Councillor Donaghy and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Thomas -

That Standing Order No 7 of the Standing Orders relating to Council be suspended to allow Councillor McMulkin's notice of motion on Climate Change to be debated first.

The motion was then put to the meeting when the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion, 31 viz:

Councillors Abdullah, Adia, Bagnall, Cunliffe, Darvesh, Donaghy, Eckersley-Fallon, Evans, Flitcroft, Gibbon, Hayes, Haworth, Heslop, Hornby, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Ismail, McKeon, McGeown, McMulkin, Mistry, Murray, Newall, Pattison, Peel, Silvester, Sherrington, Mrs. Thomas, Veevers, Watters and Wilkinson.

Against the Motion, 18 viz:

Councillor Baines, Brady, Bullock, Connor, Cox, Cunningham, Dean, Fletcher, Galloway, Greenhalgh, Haslam, Hewitt, Muslim, Parkinson, Radcliffe, J. Walsh, Warren and C. Wild.

Abstained, 2 viz:

Councillors Sanders and Wright.

Whereupon, the motion was declared carried.

At this point, the Mayor advised that as the meeting had gone past the time limit of 10.30 p.m. the meeting would be adjourned and reconvened at a later date.