

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH**2011/2012**

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**6TH JULY 2011**

Present - Councillors Spencer (Mayor), J. Byrne (Deputy Mayor), Adia, Allen, Ashcroft, Barrow, Bashir-Ismail, Mrs. Brierley, P. Brierley, Burrows, L. Byrne, Chadwick, Clare, A. Connell, M. Connell, Cox, Critchley, Darvesh, Mrs. Fairclough, Francis, Gillies, Greenhalgh, Hall, Harkin, Hayes, Ibrahim, Irving, Jones, Kay, Kell, Kellett, Lord, McKeon, Mistry, Morgan, Morris, Murray, Norris, Peacock, Peel, Pickup, Radlett, Rothwell, Rushton, Shaw, Sherrington, Silvester, Swarbrick, Mrs. Thomas, J. Walsh, A. Walsh, White, C. Wild, P. Wild, A. Wilkinson, D. Wilkinson, Woodward and Zaman.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18th May, 2011 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

2. PETITION – REVIEW OF THE LIBRARY NETWORK

The Mayor informed the Council that a petition had been received regarding the Council's proposals relating to the review of the library network and, in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the matter would be debated by the Council as the petition had attained more than the 4,000 signatures required.

Following the debate it was moved by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and approved –

That the Executive be requested to consider the petition submitted, together with the comments now made, at its

meeting on 28th July, 201 when the review of the library network and the results of the consultation exercise are considered.

3. CONSTITUTION – MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Councillors Hayes and D.A. Wilkinson declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following matter and left the meeting during its consideration.

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

That the revised Members’ Allowance Scheme, as now submitted, be approved.

4. CHANGED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES

It was moved by Councillor A. Connell, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Brierley and agreed –

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

- (1) That Councillor Iqbal replace Councillor Burrows on the Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee and that Councillor Burrows replace Councillor Iqbal on the Adult, Community and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) That Councillor Kell replace Councillor Ibrahim as the Chair of the Regeneration, Housing and Skills PDG.
- (3) That Councillor M. Connell be appointed Chair and Councillor Pickup as Vice-Chair of the Adults Services PDG.
- (4) That Councillor Peacock replace Councillor McKeon on the Bolton Sports and Physical Activity Alliance (BOSPAA).

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

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

- (i) by Councillor Silvester relating to the land bank of Crushed Rock Aggregate;

The Leader of the Council replied to this question.

- (ii) by Councillor Morgan relating to Armed Forces Personnel – Housing;

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

- (iii) by Councillor D.A. Wilkinson relating to the attacks on Bolton Taxi Drivers;

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

- (iv) by Councillor D.A. Wilkinson relating to fast food premises near schools;

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

- (v) by Councillor Greenhalgh relating to a grant to the Stroke Association;

The Executive Member for Adult Services replied to this question.

- (vi) by Councillor Silvester relating to the Quest for Immortality Exhibition, Taiwan;

The Chief Executive replied to this question.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor A. Connell, seconded by Councillor Darvesh and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 28th April, 26th May and 23rd June be approved.

7. LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Lord, seconded by Councillor Jones and resolved –

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee held on 21st June, 2011 be approved.

8. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Greenhalgh and resolved –

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

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee – 30th June, 2011

Environmental Services, Regeneration, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee – 22nd and 30th June, 2011

Adults and Community Services and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 29th June, 2011

9. MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 4 – NORTHERN HUB

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

That this Council reaffirms its view that the Northern Hub is crucial to any improvements to rail services through Bolton and that any rail investment must include the Northern Hub if Bolton is to benefit from such investment.

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

(The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 8.15 p.m.)