

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 30 April 2019 starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor S Carefoot (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	S Hind
J E Alcock	S A Hirst
S Atkinson	J Holgate
R Bennett	S Hore
S Bibby	A M Knox
A Brown	S Knox
I Brown	G Mirfin
S Brunskill	R Newmark
P M Dobson	J Rogerson
P Dowson	G Scott
R J Elms	R E Sherras
M Fenton	D T Smith
M French	R Swarbrick
L Graves	D Taylor
R Hargreaves	R J Thompson
T Hill	N C Walsh
B Hilton	J White

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Head of HR, Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Councillors observed a minute's silence in respect of Councillor Ian Sayers who had recently died.

780 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend A Froud opened the meeting with prayers.

781 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Geldard, K Hind, M Robinson and the Director of Resources.

782 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

783 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

784 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reflected on his municipal year and thanked everyone for their support. He also paid tribute to Councillor Ian Sayers, who had recently died. The Mayor reported on recent events he had attended including the distribution of red roses for St George's Day. The Mayor presented retiring gifts to Councillors P Ainsworth, J Holgate, D Smith and D Taylor in recognition of their service to the Council, each of whom had served for more than 20 years.

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LEADER'S SPEECH

The Leader reflected on the Council's achievements over the last four years. He thanked all Members and officers for their contribution to the delivery of effective and efficient services to all the residents of the borough.

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LEADER'S QUESTION TIME

The Leader of the opposition, Councillor A Knox, asked if the Leader could give a full statement regarding the recent demolition of 3 King Street.

The Leader thanked Councillor Knox for his question and reported that the demolition of the rear of 3 King Street had commenced at the end of March. The planning permission granted at the site had involved the demolition of the rear of the building with the front façade and inner party walls for support retained.

On 11 April one of the leaving walls had collapsed when machinery was moved near it; this collapse had caused damage to an electrical cable and so for safety reasons Electricity North West could not dig underneath the scaffolding which had been erected in front of the façade to enable supplies to be disconnected, nor could they invite anybody close to the power supply to allow further supporting scaffolding to be erected to the rear of the façade. Without supporting scaffold the façade was therefore not considered to be stable and had to be taken down to enable the electricity supply to be disconnected and the site made safe.

All the stone from the front elevation of the building was currently being stored and the site owner had been advised that the site no longer had an implemental planning permission and that a new application would be necessary. The site owner had also been advised that any subsequent application would need to be identical to the scheme which had been approved and should utilise reclaimed materials from the front façade of the building.

Next Councillor Knox asked if the Leader could confirm how many successful prosecutions or guilty pleas CCTV footage provided by the Council had led to over the past 5 years.

The Leader confirmed that the town centre CCTV systems in Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley were monitored 24/7 by staff in the monitoring office in Clitheroe and that images were available for inspection by police officers investigating potential crimes or on submission of a formal request. On reviewing evidence the police would then make a decision as to whether to refer matters to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). The CPS did not answer to the Council nor did it provide the Council with any data relating to its decisions on whether to

pursue a prosecution, therefore the Leader was unable to answer the question directly. However, the Leader did confirm that an analysis of the Council's log of when evidence had been handed over to the police indicated that the number of requests received in the 5 year period was as follows:

2014 – 72
2015 – 35
2016 – 33
2017 – 36
2018 -- 21

The police had also asked to see CCTV footage on a number of occasions whilst investigating vandalism to the Council's public toilets, which had on one occasion led to the culprit being identified and making reparation for damage to toilets on the castle field in Clitheroe.

Finally, Councillor Knox asked what Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) were in force at Clitheroe Cemetery and how many individuals had been prosecuted for breach of the orders.

The Leader reported that of the 6 PSPO's that were listed on the Council's website, 1-5 applied to Clitheroe Cemetery. To date the Council had only taken informal action or offered advice and guidance in respect of the order and in all cases when challenged, people had complied with requirements.

788 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources asking Members to consider recommendations from Policy and Finance Committee made on 2 April 2019 in respect of Member allowances.

RESOLVED: That

1. the new scheme of Member allowances be approved; and
2. the Chief Executive be asked to write to the Independent Remuneration Panel Members to thank them for their work in developing a revised scheme.

789 LONGRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Economic Development and Planning to confirm the 'making' of the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan as part of the statutory Local Development Plan for the borough.

RESOLVED: That the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan be adopted.

790 COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (i) Community Committee – 12 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(ii) Planning and Development Committee – 14 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iii) Personnel Committee – 20 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iv) Health and Housing Committee – 21 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(v) Licensing Committee – 26 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of minute number 728.

Minute 728 – Whalley Cumulative Impact Assessment

Council were asked to approve that the Whalley Cumulative Impact Assessment form part of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Whalley Cumulative Impact Assessment form part of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

(vi) Economic Development Committee – 28 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(vii) Policy and Finance Committee – 2 April 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of Minute numbers 746, 747, 752 and 753 (Minute 753 having already been discussed on the agenda).

Minute 746 – Capital and Treasury Management Strategy 2019/2020

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/2020 be approved.

Minute 747 – Treasury Management Policies and Practices 2019/2020

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management Policies and Practices 2019/2020 be approved.

Minute 752 – Annual Review of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: That the amended statutory orders for 2019/2020 be approved.

(vii) Accounts and Audit Committee – 10 April 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(viii) Planning and Development Committee – 11 April 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).