

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

A MEETING OF BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL of this Borough was held at the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness at 5.30 pm. on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019 to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects, namely:-

1. - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
2. - MINUTES.
3. - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
4. - ANNOUNCEMENTS.
5. - LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR.
6. - (A) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS:-
 - (1) Planning
 - (2) Licensing Regulatory
 - (3) Licensing
 - (4) Executive
 - (5) Audit
 - (6) Overview and Scrutiny
- (B) QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.
7. - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES.
8. - NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER RULE 11.
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10. - TO ORDER THE COMMON SEAL TO BE AFFIXED TO DOCUMENTS.

PRESENT:- Councillor Hamilton (Mayor in the Chair) and Councillors Assouad, Barlow, Blezard, Brook, Burns, Burley, Callister, Cassidy, D. Edwards, H. Edwards, Gawne, Hall, Husband, R. McClure, W. McClure, McEwan, McLeavy, Maddox, Mooney, Morgan, Nott, Pemberton, Pidduck, Preston, Roberts, Robson, Ronson, Seward, A. Thomson, C. Thomson and Wall.

Officers Present:- Sam Plum (Executive Director), Susan Roberts (Director of Resources), Jon Huck (Democratic Services Manager and Monitoring Officer), Paula Westwood (Democratic Services Officer - Member Support) and Sandra Kemsley (Democratic Services Officer).

23 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Council held on 28th March, the Annual Council meeting held on 20th May and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 4th June, 2019 were taken as read and confirmed.

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Biggins, Johnston, Shirley and Worthington.

25 Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service.

26 List of Engagements Carried Out by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

A list of the engagements carried out by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor between 20th May and 16th July, 2019 had been submitted for information and noted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

27 Planning Committee

It was moved by Councillor C. Thomson, and

RESOLVED:- That the reports of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 16th April, 21st May, 18th June and 9th July, 2019 be received.

28 Licensing Regulatory Committee

It was moved by Councillor Callister and seconded by Councillor Seward that the reports of the meetings held on 23rd May and 27th June be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted. An addendum of the meeting held on 27th June, 2019 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the meeting of the Licensing Regulatory Committee held on 23rd May, 2019 be received; and

(ii) That the report of the meeting held on 27th June, 2019 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted, as follows:-

1. Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences

RESOLVED:-

- (i) To permanently delimit the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences, as suggested by government guidance; and
- (ii) To establish a Work Group with Officers, Members and the Trade to discuss disability provision.

29 Licensing Committee

The Mayor advised that the meetings of the Licensing Committee scheduled for 23rd May and 27th June, 2019 had been cancelled.

30 Executive Committee

It was moved by Councillor Brook and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the reports of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 22nd May and 26th June, 2019 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

RESOLVED:- That the reports of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 22nd May and 26th June, 2019 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted, as follows:-

1. The Fitness of Applicants for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licences Policy - Amendment

RESOLVED:- To amend the Fitness of Applicants for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licences Policy, to include the additional right to review.

2. Information Classification

RESOLVED:- To adopt the Council's Information Classification Policy.

3. Personal Device Acceptable Use Policy

RESOLVED:- To adopt the Council's Personal Device Acceptable Use Policy.

4. Outturn 2018/19

RESOLVED:- To approve the outturn for 2018/19 including the movements in reserves.

5. Social Media Policy

RESOLVED:-

- (i) To approve the updated Social Media Policy; and
- (ii) To agree that minor revisions to the Social Media Policy, as set out in the report, be delegated to the Director of Resources.

31 Audit Committee

It was moved by Councillor Burns, and

RESOLVED:- That the report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 21st March, 2019 be received.

32 Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It was moved by Councillor McLeavy and seconded by Councillor Cassidy that the report of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4th July, 2019 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

There were no recommendations referred to Council from the meeting held on 6th June, 2019.

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6th June, 2019 be received; and

(ii) That the report of the meeting held on 4th July, 2019 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted, as follows:-

1. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2018/19

RESOLVED:- To accept the Annual Report 2018/19.

33 Questions to the Leader of the Council

There had been no questions submitted to the Leader of the Council under notice as required by Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4.

34 Appointment of Members to Committees

The Executive Director's report dealt with a change in the appointment of Members to Committees agreed at the Annual Council meeting.

The Conservative Group had given notice of its wish to make a change to the membership of the Housing Management Forum with the appointment of Councillor Gawne in place of Councillor Worthington.

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 places a duty on the Council to give effect to the allocation of seats in accordance with the wishes of political groups.

It was moved by Councillor H. Edwards and seconded by Councillor Hall, and

RESOLVED:- To agree that the Council confirms the appointment of Councillor Gawne in place of Councillor Worthington as a Member of the Housing Management Forum.

35 Notice of Motion under Rule 11

The following motion had been signed by Councillors Preston and M. A. Thomson and had been provided to the Council with Notice under Rule 11:-

We are asking the Council to consider the following actions, which have been brought forward after the SEND Crisis Day in May and further discussions with the Planning Committee:-

1. Identify an official point of contact between the Council and Parents and Carers Disability Groups to improve communication and understanding between the policy makers and those most affected by SEND reforms.
2. Formally acknowledge the difficulty accessing Early Assessment and Early Interventions by our local families and schools (Nationally recognised as having a significant impact on future attainment by those with SEND).

3. Discuss and promote fair and consistent access to SEND support. This includes SEND investment in Cumbria to reduce the need for placements in out of county independent specialist schools.

The motion had been duly seconded by Councillor M. A. Thomson, a vote was taken on the motion and it was,

RESOLVED:- To unanimously agree to support the motion.

36 Notice of Motion under Rule 11

The following motion had been signed by Councillors M. A. Thomson and Husband and had been provided to the Council with Notice under Rule 11:-

Climate Emergency 2019

Council confirms that we are facing a climate emergency.

Council acknowledges that climate change is occurring, that man-made greenhouse gas emissions are a primary cause and that climate change will continue to have far reaching effects on people and places, the economy, society and environment in the Borough, across the UK and across the world.

Council now urges government to recognise this urgency and to work with local authorities, health services, businesses, consumers, farmers, educational institutions and all other interested bodies to reduce to net zero as quickly as possible our carbon emissions and their equivalents.

Council notes:

The intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 1.5°C special report which provides, with sobering clarity, the evidence of the impact of climate change.

The wider acknowledgement from some bodies that there is a 50% chance of a 2°C rise by the end of this century.

The World Meteorological Organisation in their annual bulletin (November 2018) state that carbon dioxide levels hit new highs of 405.5 parts per million (ppm) in 2017, up to 403.3 ppm in 2016 and 400.1 ppm in 2015.

The UN Gap Report published before the COP24 in Poland in December 2018, reminding us that the Paris Agreement targets are off track.

UK Met Office's 2018 Prediction offering an assessment of what we can expect to experience – higher sea levels, rise in temperatures, disrupted rainfall patterns, and as we have seen recently, flooding, overheating and torrential unpredicted rain.

Climate Change Policy and Action Plan

Council declares a climate emergency and confirms that it is committed to reducing its carbon emissions and will establish a working group comprising Members, Officers and other interested parties to look at all areas of policy and delivery. A Climate Change Policy and Action Plan will be developed to demonstrate and clarify our position and ambitions and will be reported to Council in Autumn 2019.

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Husband, a vote was taken on the motion and it was,

RESOLVED:- To unanimously agree to support the motion.

37 Common Seal

RESOLVED:- That the Council authorises the affixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect to the Minutes and proceedings of the Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and any other matters dealt with at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.