

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

MEETING DATE Tuesday, 22 July 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Roy Lees (Mayor), Councillor Marion Lowe (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Charlie Bromilow, Terry Brown, Henry Caunce, Jean Cronshaw, Matthew Crow, John Dalton, Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Robert Finnamore, Christopher France, Gordon France, Margaret France, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Mike Handley, Steve Holgate, Keith Iddon, Mark Jarnell, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Adrian Lowe, Matthew Lynch, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Alistair Morwood, Mick Muncaster, Steve Murfitt, Beverley Murray, Mark Perks, Pauline Phipps, Dave Rogerson, Joyce Snape, Kim Snape, Ralph Snape, Richard Toon, John Walker, Paul Walmsley, Alan Whittaker and Peter Wilson

OFFICERS: Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Jamie Carson (Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community), Chris Moister (Head of Governance) and Carol Russell (Democratic Services Manager)

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Dickinson and Peter Goldsworthy

14.C.154 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 3 June 2014 of Council

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 3 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

14.C.155 Declarations of Any Interests

There were no declarations of interest received.

14.C.156 Mayoral Announcements

On behalf of the Council the Mayor expressed sympathy to the family of Donald Simkin who had passed away in June. Mr Simkin had been Mayor of the Borough in 1993/4.

The Mayor then gave an update on forthcoming fundraising events, in particular a charity golf day to be held on 2 September at Duxbury Park Golf Course.

14.C.157 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

14.C.158 Chorley Council Annual Report 2013/14

Members received the Annual Report for 2013/14. Councillor Alistair Bradley highlighted several key achievements, including the Working Together With Families Programme, the Chorley Time Credits Programme and connecting communities through food pilot. A range of improvements to the town centre have been made and local businesses have benefitted from grants for improvements and expansion. The development of the inward investment plan had promoted economic growth in the borough and helped to create jobs.

The Council was proactively working with partners to deliver the Friday Street Health Centre and had taken steps to become a Dementia Friendly Community. The Council had delivered 129 affordable homes and put Chorley on the national map with the entry to Britain in Bloom. The success of the high street Credit Union was proving an alternative to pay day lenders. The recent Peer Challenge Review highlighted what the Council was doing well and identified where the Council could improve.

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Leader of the Council proposed and Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the Chorley Council Annual Report be noted.**

14.C.159 Fleet Street/Gillibrand Street Masterplan

Members considered the Fleet Street/Gillibrand Street Masterplan which had been subject to a five week consultation.

Over 100 responses had been received and following this, the Masterplan had been revised. The key points raised by the consultation included concerns over the loss of West Street Car Park, the protection of the St Johns Ambulance Hall and the former hospital building. Other comments were generally about car parking and support for the potential provision of an extra care facility.

Members supported the revision of the Masterplan and thanked the Council for acting on the consultation received. Councillor Peter Wilson gave assurances that West Street Car Park would not be built on, that discussions would take place for the St Johns Ambulance Hall to remain or be replaced, and that the hospital building façade would be retained.

Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources proposed and Councillor Alistair Bradley, Leader of the Council seconded and it was **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the results of public consultation on the Fleet Street/Gillibrand Street Masterplan be noted,**
- 2. That approval be granted to the revised Fleet Street/Gillibrand Street Masterplan being used to inform the delivery of housing/extra care facility,**
- 3. That the revised Fleet Street/Gillibrand Street Masterplan be adopted for Development Control purposes.**

14.C.160 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Planning Document

Members considered the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). SPDs offered local planning authorities the opportunity to add guidance in specific policy areas. The document had been prepared in consultation with interested parties.

The SPD provided an overview of the various renewable and low carbon energy technologies available such as wind turbines and solar power, and identified the planning issues associated with each technology. The SPD also provided further advice and guidance for applicants on the requirements of the relevant Core Strategy policies.

18 representations had been received in relation to the consultation and a summary of the main issues raised and how those issues had been addressed were included in Appendix 2 of the report. Approximately 1,500 people and organisations had been consulted including statutory consultees, other organisations and members of the public that had asked to be kept informed of work on the Local Plan.

Councillor Paul Walmsey, Executive Member for Public Protection proposed and Councillor Alistair Bradley, Leader of the Council seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPD be adopted as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.**

14.C.161 Executive Cabinet

Members considered a general report of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 26 June 2014.

Members raised issues relating to the Croston Flood Management Scheme, the Select Move Overview and Scrutiny Task Group report, the Friday Street Health Centre, the Youth Zone and Young Peoples' Champion post.

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader proposed and Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

14.C.162 Scrutiny Reporting Back 2013/14

Members considered the Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny in 2013/14 and noted the achievements of the Committee during the last Municipal Year.

Councillor Steve Holgate, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2013/14, proposed and Councillor Mark Perks, Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2013/14, seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

14.C.163 Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Members considered a general report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 10 April and 19 June, including updates on the work of scrutiny task groups.

Councillor Mark Perks, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee proposed and Councillor June Molyneaux, Vice Chair seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

14.C.164 Governance Committee

Members considered a general report of the meeting of Governance Committee held on 25 June 2014.

Councillor Paul Leadbetter, Chair of the Governance Committee proposed and Councillor Julia Berry, Vice Chair, seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

14.C.165 Members Code of Conduct: Amendment to Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints

Members considered a report seeking approval to an amended procedure for the dealing of complaints made under the code of conduct for Members. This included the provision of guidance on the role of the Independent Member.

Councillor Paul Leadbetter, Chair of the Governance Committee proposed and Councillor Julia Berry, Vice Chair, seconded and it was **RESOLVED – That approval be granted to the proposed amendments to the Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints about the Conduct of Existing Members in accordance with the report and the Monitoring Officer be authorised to finalise the wording and incorporate those changes into the Council's Constitution.**

14.C.166 Proposed Changes to the Members Allowances Scheme and Constitution

Members considered a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel with recommendations about the Members Allowances Scheme and some consequential changes required to the Constitution.

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader proposed and Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources seconded and it was **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That approval be granted to the allowance paid to the role of Member Responsible (formally Portfolio Champions) at £714.27.**
- 2. That approval be granted to the creation of a role for Council Champions with an allowance of £314.44.**
- 3. That approval be granted to the definition of a Portfolio Champion being maintained and renamed as Member Responsible and the consequential Constitutional changes be approved.**
- 4. That approval be granted to the definition of a Council Champion, as set out in the report, and the consequential Constitutional changes; and**
- 5. That approval be granted to the proposals of the IRP in relation to reviewing support for Councillors with disabilities/health issues.**

14.C.167 Changes to Council Appointments

Members were asked to approve the following Conservative Group changes to Council Appointments for 2014/15.

Councillor Mark Perks, Leader of the Conservative Group proposed and Councillor Paul Leadbetter, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group seconded and it was **RESOLVED –**

1. **Councillor John Walker be appointed as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel.**
2. **Councillor Mark Perks to replace Councillor Greg Morgan as a member of the General Purposes Committee; the Market Walk Steering Group; the Appointments Panel; and the Chief Executive’s Performance Review.**
3. **Councillor Greg Morgan to replace Councillor Mark Perks as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Performance Panel and as a substitute member of Development Control Committee.**
4. **Councillor Mick Muncaster to replace Councillor Henry Counce as a member of the Governance Committee.**
5. **Councillor John Dalton be appointed to the Equality Forum.**
6. **Councillor Kevin Joyce be appointed as a full member of the Market Walk Steering Committee rather than a substitute.**
7. **Councillor John Walker to replace Councillor Mick Muncaster on Chorley and District Sports Forum.**

14.C.168 Questions Asked under Council Procedure Rule 8

There were no questions under Procedure Rule 8.

14.C.169 To consider a Notice of Motion given in accordance with Council procedure Rule 10

The following Motion was submitted by Councillor Bev Murray:

Chorley Council supports the residents of Buckshaw Village and the patient participate group in their efforts to oppose the termination of the contract for Doctor Nimal at Buckshaw Village surgery. The Council believes that an excellent service is provided at the surgery and the decision by NHS England to terminate the contract and tender out the service undermines the good work that has been done.

The Council condemns the Tory led government putting dogma before common sense insisting that all NHS contracts go out to tender. The Council will continue to support the work of the MP, elected representatives and local residents to protect the current service in the interests of local users.

Councillor Mark Perks expressed concerns. He proposed, and Councillor Paul Leadbetter seconded, the following amendment to the second paragraph of the motion:

“To consult with and act in the best interests of the patients of Buckshaw Village Surgery. The Patient Participation Group at Buckshaw Village Surgery is deeply concerned to hear that the contract for Dr Muttucumar and his team is to be terminated in 12 months and put out to tender. As patients of the surgery, we do not believe this is in our best interests and we are distressed that it has been done without any patient consultation”.

On being put to the vote, Councillors cast their vote for the amended motion as follows:

FOR: Councillors Eric Bell, Henry Caunce, John Dalton, Doreen Dickinson, Keith Iddon, Paul Leadbetter, Greg Morgan, Michael Muncaster, Mark Perks, John Walker.

AGAINST: Councillors Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Charlie Bromilow, Terry Brown, Jean Cronshaw, Matthew Crow, Graham Dunn, Robert Finnamore, Christopher France, Gordon France, Margaret France, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Mike Handley, Steve Holgate, Mark Jarnell, Hasina Khan, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Matthew Lynch, June Molyneaux, Alistair Morwood, Steve Murfitt, Bev Murray, Pauline Phipps, Dave Rogerson, Joyce Snape, Kim Snape, Ralph Snape, Richard Toon, Paul Walmsley, Alan Whittaker, Peter Wilson, Roy Lees.

The vote was therefore LOST.

Councillor Bev Murray, then proposed, and Councillor Steve Holgate, seconded, that the motion as circulated to all Councillors be approved.

On being put to the vote, Councillors cast their vote as follows:

FOR: Councillors Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Charlie Bromilow, Terry Brown, Jean Cronshaw, Matthew Crow, Graham Dunn, Robert Finnamore, Christopher France, Gordon France, Margaret France, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Mike Handley, Steve Holgate, Mark Jarnell, Hasina Khan, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Matthew Lynch, June Molyneaux, Alistair Morwood, Steve Murfitt, Bev Murray, Pauline Phipps, Dave Rogerson, Joyce Snape, Kim Snape, Ralph Snape, Richard Toon, Paul Walmsley, Alan Whittaker, Peter Wilson, Roy Lees.

AGAINST: Councillors Eric Bell, Henry Caunce, John Dalton, Doreen Dickinson, Keith Iddon, Paul Leadbetter, Greg Morgan, Michael Muncaster, Mark Perks, John Walker.

The vote was therefore CARRIED and the motion approved.

Mayor

Date