

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Full Council

19 July 2016 at 6.00 pm



Present: Jeff Lovell, Lord Mayor; Marvin Rees, Bristol Mayor

Councillors: Peter Abraham, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Nicola Beech, Charlie Bolton, Harriet Bradley, Mark Bradshaw, Mark Brain, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Fabian Breckels, Tom Brook, Clare Champion-Smith, Tony Carey, Craig Cheney, Barry Clark, Jos Clark, Stephen Clarke, Harriet Clough, Eleanor Combley, Asher Craig, Mike Davies, Carla Denyer, Kye Dudd, Richard Eddy, Jude English, Martin Fodor, Helen Godwin, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, John Goulandris, Fi Hance, Claire Hiscott, Gary Hopkins, Chris Jackson, Hibaq Jama, Carole Johnson, Steve Jones, Anna Keen, Tim Kent, Gill Kirk, Cleo Lake, Mike Langley, Brenda Massey, Olly Mead, Matt Melias, Graham Morris, Anthony Negus, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Celia Phipps, Ruth Pickersgill, Kevin Quartley, Liz Radford, Jo Sergeant, Paul Smith, Mhairi Threlfall, Estella Tincknell, Jon Wellington, Mark Weston, Lucy Whittle, Chris Windows and Mark Wright

Aldermen/women in attendance: R Griffey, A Massey, J McLaren, C Smith

1. Welcome and safety information

The Lord Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and made a safety announcement in relation to the fire/emergency evacuation procedure.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davies, Stevens and Thomas.

3. Minutes - Full Council - 31 May 2016

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Eddy, it was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 31 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.



4. Minutes - Extraordinary Full Council - 29 June 2016

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gollop, it was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 29 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

5. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Lord Mayor's business

Urgent item – Designation of Section 151 Officer

The Lord Mayor informed Full Council that since the original publication of the agenda papers, he had agreed, in consultation with the Mayor and other party group leaders, that an urgent report should be considered at this meeting on the designation of the Council's Section 151 Officer.

A copy of the report had been circulated. The reason for urgency was that the current Section 151 Officer would be leaving the Council's employment shortly and there was a need to ensure that the authority filled this statutory post.

The Mayor then moved the report and the recommendation set out therein.

Councillor Weston seconded the report.

Upon being out to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Annabel Scholes be designated as the authority's Section 151 Officer with effect from 29 July 2016 for an interim period.

On behalf of the Full Council, the Lord Mayor thanked the outgoing Section 151 Officer, Julie Oldale for her work during her employment with the Council.



7. Public forum

Public petitions:

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

Petition PP 01 – “Stopping pavement parking”

Petition organiser – Stephen Finch

Petition PP 02 – “Refurbish pedestrian crossing at junction of Two Mile Hill Road and New Queen Street and reduce speed limit from 30 to 20 mph”

Petition organiser – Emma Fenton

Public statements:

The Full Council received and noted the following statements (which would also be forwarded to the Mayor and relevant Cabinet member where appropriate):

Statement PS 01 – Speedwell Baths

Submitted by Mike Baker

Statement PS 02 – Traffic measures and residents parking

Submitted by Helen Murray

Statement PS 03 – Traffic and parking issues

Submitted by Stephen Petter

Statement PS 04 – re: Petition – residents parking

Submitted by Judith Tyler

Statement PS 05 – re: Petition – residents parking

Submitted by Dr Stefan Cembrowicz

Statement PS 06 – re: Petition – residents parking

Submitted by Patricia Kieran

Statement PS 07 – Residents parking, Clifton village

Submitted by Myra Stokes

Statement PS 08 – Devolution deal

Submitted by David Redgewell, Nigel Bray and Jenny Raggett

Statement PS 09 – City Hall

Submitted by Martin Cinnamon



Statement PS 10 – Residents parking, Clifton village
Submitted by Jocelyn Sewell

Statement PS 11 – Secondary school places in Bristol
Submitted by Christine Townsend

Statement PS 12 – Residents parking
Submitted by Huw Wells and Jenny Willbourn

Statement PS 13 – re: Petition – residents parking
Submitted by Andrew Morgan

Statement PS 14 – re: Motion 3 – Impact of Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood / new park and ride
Submitted by Martin Garrett

Statement PS 15 – Transport / traffic issues including residents parking
Submitted by Edward Bowditch

Within the time available, statements were presented by individuals present at the meeting.

Public questions:

The Full Council noted that the following questions had been submitted:

Question PQ 01 – Malcolm X community centre
Submitted by Daph Muir

Question PQ 02 – Residents parking – essential workers
Submitted by Daph Muir

Question PQ 03 – Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
Submitted by Wilf Mound

Question PQ 04 – Living Wage Foundation accreditation / pay policy
Submitted by Paul Wheeler

Question PQ 05 – Budget issue – Local Government Association membership
Submitted by Philip Morris

Question PQ 06 – Budget issue – investment in Icelandic bank
Submitted by Philip Morris

Question PQ 07 – Disposal of the freehold of the docks estate at Avonmouth and Portbury docks
Submitted by Alderman Royston Griffey



Question PQ 08 – Clifton village RPZ
Submitted by Brian Latham

Question PQ 09 – Clifton village RPZ
Submitted by Ben Wallbridge

Question PQ 10 – Residents parking
Submitted by Hilary Bright

Question PQ 11 – Traffic congestion, Stockwood
Submitted by Kirsty Harper

Question PQ 12 – 20 mph speed limit
Submitted by Den Parkin

Question PQ 13 – Clifton village RPZ
Submitted by Patrick Halliwell

Question PQ 14 – Residents parking
Submitted by Phil Lewin

Question PQ 15 – 20 mph speed limit / mobile speed cameras
Submitted by Hazel Lackie

Question PQ 16 – RPZ, Kersteman Road
Submitted by Andy Pink

Question PQ 17 – Residents parking
Submitted by Alan Napier-Brown

Question PQ 18 – Residents parking
Submitted by Steve Wray

Question PQ 19 – 20 mph speed limit
Submitted by Steve Wray

Question PQ 20 – Traffic calming measures
Submitted by Richard Bond

Question PQ 21 – Residents parking
Submitted by Geoffrey Davies



Question PQ 22 – 20 mph speed limit
Submitted by Geoffrey Davies

Question PQ 23 – Residents parking
Submitted by James Hardy

Question PQ 24 – Residents parking
Submitted by Sue Luger

Question PQ 25 – Traffic measures in Kingsdown
Submitted by Tommi Grover

Question PQ 26 – Residents parking
Submitted by Anthony Davis

Question PQ 27 – 20 mph speed limit
Submitted by Anthony Davis

Question PQ 28 – Traffic issues
Submitted by James McCulloch

Question PQ 29 – Residents parking petition
Submitted by Nigel Cooke

Question PQ 30 – Residents parking
Submitted by Maita Robinson

Question PQ 31 – Residents parking
Submitted by Edward Bowditch

Within the time available, the Mayor responded to the following questions (also responding to supplementary questions where asked): PQ 01, PQ 02, PQ 03, and PQ 07.

ADJOURNMENT – At this point the Lord Mayor advised that the Full Council meeting would adjourn for a 20 minute refreshment break.

8. Petitions notified by councillors

The Full Council received and noted the following petition:

Petition CP 01 – “Council – let the Pavilion be used for Harbourside community events”
Presented by: Councillor Wright



9. Petition debate - petition on residents parking schemes

The Full Council considered a report of the Service Director – Legal and Democratic Services setting out details of a petition entitled “Halt any further Bristol residents parking schemes and roll back all in place.” The petition had reached the threshold (3,500 signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol) for a Full Council debate.

Edward Bowditch, the petition organiser, was invited by the Lord Mayor to present the objectives of the petition.

The Full Council then debated the petition.

Following the debate, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the petition be noted and referred to the Mayor for consideration and response.

10. Audit Committee - annual report 2015-16

The Full Council considered the Audit Committee’s annual report for 2015-16.

Councillor Brain moved the report and the recommendation set out therein. In presenting the report, Councillor Brain suggested that future consideration be given to making a constitutional change whereby (in the interests of reinforcing the political impartiality of the committee) party group leaders should not serve on the Audit Committee.

Councillor Weston seconded the report.

During the debate, Councillor Gollop, on behalf of members, thanked Councillor Brain in relation to the quality and impartiality of the way he had chaired the Audit Committee over several years, noting that Councillor Mead had now been appointed to this role.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That the annual report of the Audit Committee (at Appendix A) be accepted, and that the assurances provided in the report be noted.



11. Report from Place Scrutiny inquiry day - The Case for Culture: How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish?

The Full Council considered a report on the outcomes of the Place Scrutiny inquiry day: "The Case for Culture – How can we support Bristol's cultural sector to continue to grow and flourish?" The report also set out details of the recent Cabinet decision (7 June 2016).

Councillor Bolton moved the report.

Councillor Hiscott seconded the report.

Following debate, it was

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

12. Motions

a. Altered motion 1 – Devolution engagement

Councillor Threlfall moved the following altered motion:

"This Council welcomes the Mayor and Cabinet's decision to move forward with a £1 billion devolution deal from Government, along with Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) and South Gloucestershire councils. We note the deal is the largest in the country and is worth more than £1,000 per head of population. We further note a new Combined Authority would oversee the new funding and powers devolved from Government and would be chaired by a publicly-elected West of England Mayor, working alongside the Leaders and Mayor of the three councils.

We recognise that a public consultation on the creation of a new West of England Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) is now open, running from Monday 4 July 2016 until 15 August 2016. This is being carried out in line with national legislation, which means that the scope of this initial consultation is narrower than what we as a council would wish.

As a Council we are determined to ensure that devolution works for the people of Bristol. We recognise that a greater public consultation and engagement is needed to identify the public's priorities for devolution.

As soon as the Secretary of State has granted approval for the creation of the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, we as a council resolve to:



1. Establish a city wide engagement programme and consultation to identify the public's devolution priorities. This will include working with the neighbourhood partnerships, our public and voluntary sector partners, the business community, education, environmental and community partners, faith organisations and Trade Unions.
2. Work with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board and the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee on developing robust and transparent scrutiny arrangements to strengthen the governance of the new authority.
3. Identify further powers which local people and businesses would wish to see devolved in any future deals.
4. Ensure that decision making, and the evaluation of the impact of those decisions, considers the social and environmental impact of them as well as the solely economic benefits."

Councillor Pearce seconded the altered motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the altered motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED:

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At this point in the meeting, the Full Council stood and observed a minute's silence in remembrance of the victims of recent terrorist attacks.

b. Motion 2 – Living in a diverse and tolerant society

Councillor Hopkins moved the following motion:

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community."

Councillor Carey seconded the motion.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, motion was CARRIED and it was

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Meeting ended at 8.44 pm

Lord Mayor _____

