

**Bristol City Council**  
**Minutes of the Full Council**

**7 September 2021 at 6.00 pm**



**Members Present:-**

**Councillors:** Mayor Marvin Rees, Amal Ali, Donald Alexander, Lesley Alexander, Kerry Bailes, Jenny Bartle, Nicola Beech, Marley Bennett, Fabian Breckels, Andrew Brown, Craig Cheney, Jos Clark, Sarah Classick, Amirah Cole, Asher Craig, Carla Denyer, Tony Dyer, Richard Eddy, Emma Edwards, Lily Fitzgibbon, Tessa Fitzjohn, Martin Fodor, Lorraine Francis, John Geater, Helen Godwin, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, Zoe Goodman, John Goulandris, Katy Grant, Fi Hance, Alex Hartley, Tom Hathway, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Katja Hornchen, Jonathan Hucker, Philippa Hulme, Farah Hussain, Chris Jackson, Hibaq Jama, Ellie King, Tim Kent, Heather Mack, Mohamed Makawi, Brenda Massey, Henry Michallat, Graham Morris, Paula O'Rourke, Barry Parsons, Steve Pearce, Ed Plowden, Guy Poultney, Tom Renhard, James Scott, Sharon Scott, Steve Smith, Ani Stafford-Townsend, Lisa Stone, Christine Townsend, Andrew Varney, Mark Weston, David Wilcox, Chris Windows and Tim Wye

**1 Welcome and Introductions**

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

**2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradshaw, Davies, English, Mohamud, Quartley and Rippington.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

None received.



#### 4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 6 July 2021 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.

#### 5 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor informed Full Council that there would be a Service of Commemoration to be held on Tuesday 21st September at 2pm at St Mark's, the Lord Mayor's Chapel. This was in memory and in tribute to the following former Councillors who passed away during 2020 and 2021:

Ald Claire Warren  
Ald Bill Payne  
Ald Arthur Massey

Members of Council were invited to attend. Information would be circulated to the Whips by Democratic Services.

#### 6 Public Forum (Public Petitions, Statements and Questions)

##### Public petitions:

There was one public petition received which was referred to the Mayor for his consideration and response.

Ref No	Name	Title
PP01	Ms Davey	Petition from residents of Mildred Street, BS5. The petition asks for installation of traffic calming measures.

##### Public statements:



The Full Council received and noted the following statements (which were also referred to the Mayor for his consideration/information):

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
PS01	John Templer	Illegal 10-hour rave in Sparke Evan Park Saturday 17 July 2021
PS02	Danica Priest	I support the motion to protect green spaces
PS03	Dr Miles Thompson	Supporting the motion: Protect the Green Belt and Bristol's Green Spaces
PS04	The Friends of the Western Slopes, Chair: Julia Pimenta	Response to Conservative Golden Motion 7th Sept
PS05	James Drozd	Response to Conservative Golden Motion 7th Sept
PS06	Julia Halpenny	Protect the Green Belt and Bristol's green spaces
PS07	Jeremy Halpenny	Protect the Green Belt and Bristol's green spaces
PS08	David Redgewell	Bus Service Reductions
PS09	Jen Smith	The selling off of the St George CE Primary School
PS10	Glenn Vowles	Statement to support no building on Bristol green spaces or green belt
PS11	Catherine Withers at Yew Tree Farm	Supporting the motion protect the greenbelt and Bristol's greenspaces
PS12	Clare Prior-Clarke	The Western Slopes
PS13	Martyn Cordey	Statement in support of golden motion: PROTECT THE GREEN BELT AND BRISTOL'S GREEN SPACES
PS14	Fran Whitlock	Motion 'Protect the Green Belt and Bristol's green spaces'
PS15	Chris Bailey	Residents' Parking Scheme for the Ashley Down area
PS16	Jasmine Beard	Supporting the motion to protect the greenbelt and Bristol's greenspaces
PS17	Dave Cridge	Novers Hill Development Objections
PS18	Ann-Marie Vowles	Objection re the Lovell's development plan for the Slopes on Novers Hill
PS19	Catherine Robson	Support for motion entitled Protect the green belt and Bristol's Green Spaces
PS20	Sally Mundy	Novers Hill
PS21	George Cook	SAVE Ashton Vale environment
PS22	Wendy Coe	Support the motion to save the green belt around South Bristol



PS23	Martin Grant Chair, Manor Woods Valley Group	Support the motion - Protect the Green Belt and Bristol's Green Spaces
PS24	Lucie Meadows	Support Motion to Protect Greenbelt Land & Yew Tree Farm
PS25	Jenny Heyer	Motion to protect the greenbelt land
PS26	Finbar Cullen	Western Slopes (Novers Hill)
PS27	Sarah Breaux	Protect the green belt and Bristol's Green Spaces
PS28	Roland Oliver	Plot 5 of the Bedminster Green Development
PS29	Maddy Longhurst	Yew Tree Farm and the Green Belt
PS30	The Bristol Cycling Campaign	Support of Motion 10
PS31	Martin Howard	Statement to support no building on Bristol green spaces or green belt
PS32	Tony Pitt	Statement in support of the 'Golden Motion - Protect the Green Belt and Bristol's Green Spaces'
PS33	Anna Archer	Motion to Protect the greenbelt and Bristol's green spaces
PS34	Nick Smith	Protect the green belt and Bristol's Green Spaces
PS35	Jeremy Iles	Yew Tree Farm
PS36	Danielle Houghton	Support of the Motion to protect Bristol's Green belt and spaces
PS37	Jaime Breitnauer	Support of the Motion to protect Bristol's Green belt and spaces
PS38	Jennifer Little	Bristol Fair Renting Campaign
PS39	Pippa Grace Robinson	Motion to protect the Green Belt -in reference to Yew Tree Farm

Within the time available, statements PS01, PS02, PS04, PS11, PS37, PS38 were presented by individuals present at the meeting.

#### Public Questions:

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

Ref No	Name	Title
PQ01	Jessica Errington	Lamppost charging points for electric cars
PQ02	Nigel Shipley	Need to achieve healthy air and focus on saving lives
PQ03 & P404	Tim Mason	Trials of alternatives to pesticides



PQ05 & PQ06	David Wiley	Cladding
PQ07 & PQ08	Grant Mercer	Asking schools to stop using pesticides
PQ09 & PQ10 &	Nicola Earnshaw	Measuring reduction in council pesticide use
PQ11 & PQ12	Roxanne Ismail	Cut-and-Collect mowers
PQ13	Valerie Harland	Sustainable Construction
PQ14 & PQ15	Ben Anthony	The Climate Emergency
PQ16 & PQ17	Julie Milton	The Council's One City Ecological Emergency Strategy
PQ18 & PQ19	John Templer	Illegal 10-hour rave in Sparke Evan Park Saturday 17 July 2021
PQ20 & PQ21	David Redgewell	Bus Service Reductions
PQ22 & PQ23	Dan Geerah	Response to the Ecological Emergency declaration in February 2020
PQ24	Mary Montgomery	Tackling Air Pollution
PQ25	Prof John Tarlton	Protecting vulnerable citizens from the effects of climate change
PQ26	Peter Herridge	Weston Harbour and Baltic Wharf Caravan Site
PQ27	Jill Tarton	Existing Green Infrastructure on developments
PQ28 & PQ29	Dr Claire Gronow	Carbon Emission reductions
PQ30 & PQ31	Tom Bosanquet	St Lukes Road BS3 & Council Fix My Street
PQ32	Suzanne Audrey	Play and Informal Recreation for Children
PQ33	Andrea Mackay	Tackling Single Use Plastic Recycling

Within the time available, the Mayor responded verbally to questions PQ02, PQ18, PQ19 and PQ32 also responding to supplementary questions.

## 7 Petitions Notified by Councillors

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

Petition CP01 – petition presented by Councillor Hornchen - Petition by residents of Wyndham Crescent, Broomhill, in favour of changing the road layout to one way including new double yellow lines. (91 Signatures).



## **8 Mayoral Commission Update: Report of the Youth Mayors/ Youth Council**

Full Council received an update on the Youth Council, presented by the Youth Mayors Alice Towle and John Wayman.

The update was introduced by Mayor Marvin Rees.

Councillors King, Townsend, Michellat and Hartley responded to the update on behalf of their respective political groups.

**RESOLVED – The report was NOTED.**

## **9 Annual Report of the Audit Committee**

Full Council considered the annual report of the Audit Committee.

The report was moved by Councillor Hopkins and seconded by Councillor Dyer.

Councillors Goodman and Gollop responded on behalf of their respective political groups.

**RESOLVED – The report was NOTED.**

## **10 Reference from Human Resources Committee - Selection Committee Size and Composition**

Full Council considered a reference from the Human Resources Committee regarding Selection Committee Size and Composition.

The report and recommendations were moved by Councillor Wye and seconded by Councillor Pearce.

Councillors Eddy and Classick responded on behalf of their respective political groups.

**RESOLVED – That Council approve the reduction in size of the Selection Committee from 9 to 6 members as recommended by the Human Resources Committee.**



## 11 Motions

Following a short adjournment, it was then moved by the Lord Mayor that standing order CPR2.1(xi) be suspended to allow the meeting to go past the 30 minutes time limit for motions. Following a vote it was agreed to proceed up until a 45 minute limit for motions and a 9pm finish time for the meeting.

### **Golden Motion: PROTECT THE GREEN BELT AND BRISTOL'S GREEN SPACES**

#### **Councillor Eddy moved the following motion:**

This Council welcomes the importance placed by Her Majesty's Government on the protection of the Green Belt and endorses the main reasons given for preserving this strategic space.

These zones are essential to check urban sprawl; prevent the merging of neighbouring towns; safeguard the countryside from encroachment; preserve the setting and special characteristics of historic areas; and assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of already developed land.

The need to conserve the existing Green Belt, as well as retaining vital green spaces, remains a major priority for most people in our city. As a result, Council notes the Mayor's recent decision to not now build housing on Brislington Meadows and to 'look again' at housing plans which would destroy the Western Slopes wildlife corridor.

Sadly, there are other equally significant sites which remain under the threat of the bulldozer. One such place is Yew Tree Farm, Bristol's last working farm. The family there has been recognised by the Avon Wildlife Trust and RSPB for the huge strides made in achieving sustainable, low-intensity, organic local food production, whilst maintaining abundant and attractive biodiversity.

Considering the Mayor's pledges around combatting food poverty and encouraging communities to grow more of their own food, Council calls for a halt to the proposed redevelopment of or incursion into any remaining productive wildlife rich agricultural land.

Furthermore, the Mayor is asked to give a cast-iron commitment that he will look instead to increase the emphasis placed in the Authority's Site Allocations and Development Management policies on re-using or re-purposing existing and emerging 'brownfield', previously developed or urban centres rather than continuing to erode our surrounding fields and countryside.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hucker.

#### **Councillor Renhard then moved the following amendment:**

'That the motion be amended to read as follows:



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This Council also notes the inclusion of the Government's Planning Bill in the 2021 Queen's Speech, the content of which runs contrary to the views expressed in this motion. Full Council believes this Planning Bill, that would abolish Section 106, fetter Development Control committees and lead to a free-for-all for housing developers, is an affront to local democracy as it could see developers build on green space with no public consultation or democratic oversight. This Council therefore calls on Party Group Leaders to write to the Government to make it clear of its view that this bill should not become law.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Cole.

**Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.**

The Lord Mayor then invited Councillor Eddy, as mover of the original motion to speak.

**Councillor Plowden then moved the following amendment:**

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Council notes that much of the land we may think of as Green Belt is in fact designated as Sites of Nature Conservation interest (SNCIs) and wildlife corridors, and that whilst this land has some protection granted under local planning regulation, policy may override these protections.

Full Council resolves:

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2. To ask the Mayor to give a cast-iron commitment that he will look instead to increase the emphasis placed in the Authority's Site Allocations and Development Management policies on re-using or re-purposing existing and emerging 'brownfield', previously developed or urban centres where not also needed as space for nature rather than continuing to erode our surrounding fields and countryside.
3. In the forthcoming update of the site allocations policies, to make every effort to avoid designating any SNCIs for development.
4. To create policy to prioritise the preservation of the integrity of any wildlife corridors contained within sites designated for development.
5. To work with adjacent local authorities and WECA to reinforce our policies on preserving Green Belt, and to work with these bodies to preserve our cherished countryside.
6. To assign or instruct officers to consider adopting the Western Slopes and Brislington Meadows as Local Green Space as provided for within NPPF guidance, providing similar planning protection as for the Green Belt.



7. Furthermore, to work with local communities across Bristol to similarly make every effort to designate much loved green space in other parts of the city and noting that such protection for green space was proposed as part of the recent Bristol Local Plan Review.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Hance.

**Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED.**

(41 For, 0 against, 22 abstentions)

Mayor Rees was invited to speak on the debate.

The Lord Mayor then moved to vote on the motion as amended.

**Upon being put to the vote, the motion as amended was CARRIED.**

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**RESOLVED:**

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**Silver Motion - Achieve Zero Carbon Development**

Councillor Stone moved the following motion:

Full Council notes that:

1. Bristol City Council declared a Climate Emergency in November 2018 following a Green Motion set out by Carla Denyer.
2. The motion committed the city to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 and there are now only 9 years left to this target date.
3. The Council is currently required to implement the Government approved uplift to Part L (power and energy standards) and F (ventilation standards), of the new building regulations due to be published in December 2021 for implementation from June 2022



4. Responses to the Government's 2020 consultation on the Future Homes Standards made it clear that the Part L uplift proposed for December 2021 was insufficient to meet the government's zero carbon target for 2050, and called for higher standards.

5. The Council has the capacity and authority to set local energy efficiency standards for new homes as set out in the Planning and Energy Act 2008, and may set them at a higher level than government standards. Local Planning Authorities must do this through their development plan documents, following consultation and examination by planning inspector.

6. The Council's Local Plan is currently under review and often goes above-and-beyond the proposed 2021 building regulations. The Council also notes that the draft 2019 Local Plan would encourage all new developments to be zero carbon and this aim was reiterated in Progressing Bristol's Development – a Bristol City Council statement on planning in Bristol.

Full Council believes:

1. Only implementing the minimum uplift values for Part L (see appendix A) in Dec 2021 for new homes would require further costly retrofitting in the future in order for homes to meet our 2030 carbon targets.
2. Implementing the principles of the proposed building regulation requirements for Part L discussed in the Futures Homes Standards 2025, in December 2021, would contribute to Bristol reaching our zero carbon targets by 2030.
3. The Council's revised Local Plan should seek to require rather than simply 'encourage' zero carbon development of all types of buildings.
4. It will be necessary to set out a strategic plan and use the powers in the revised Local Plan to ensure that all buildings which receive planning consent from 2024 are to be built to a 100% zero carbon standard.

Full Council Resolves:

1. To call on the administration to implement the powers of the Council with respect to the Planning and Energy Act 2008 and apply zero carbon Standards at the earliest possible opportunity through revision of the Local Plan.
2. That the administration promote all new buildings to be built zero carbon from 2025, and that a strategic plan is established in partnership with the homes board and in consultation with the building development industry to enable some Bristol City Council and private projects to achieve this standard earlier

Councillor Pearce seconded the motion.



Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the motion was **CARRIED (61 For, 0 against, 0 abstention)** it was **RESOLVED**:

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Meeting ended at 8.45 pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

