



MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 4th JULY, 2018

AT 7.00 p.m.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT NELSON TOWN HALL

Minutes of all meetings held since the last Council meeting can be accessed via the Council's website www.pendle.gov.uk followed by the "Council" tab.

Members are reminded that it is now not necessary to submit amendments in writing prior to the start of the meeting. Members are however urged wherever possible to continue to do this so that the effect of amendments can be fully understood.

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PHILIP MOUSDALE, CORPORATE DIRECTOR



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AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of Council

Enc. To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on ??

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

4. Announcements from the Mayor and Leader of the Council (if any)

5. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader (if any)

6. Questions on Notice by Members to the Leader, a Committee Chairman or a Representative on an Outside Body on Matters not otherwise on the Agenda (if any)

7. Report from the Leader on the work of the Policy and Resources Committee

Enc. To consider the attached report.

8. Council Size and Frequency of Elections

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Corporate Director.

9. Community Governance Review

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Corporate Director.

10. Strategic Plan 2018-2020

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Chief Executive.

This report is to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 26th June, 2018 and any recommendations will be reported to Council.

11. Implementation of New Recycling Arrangements

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Corporate Director.

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12. Review of Revenue Reserves as at 31st March, 2018

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Chief Finance Officer.

This report is to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 26th June, 2018 and any recommendations will be reported to Council.

13. Notices of Motion

(a) Accessible Pendle

To be moved by Councillor W. Blackburn, seconded by Councillor

This Council acknowledges the potential difficulties that can be posed for disabled people in accessing town centre services and premises.

This Council is keen to highlight these inherent issues, to promote accessibility and ensure both Members and the wider community are aware of the issue and the small changes that can be made to ensure full accessibility for all.

This Council, through the work of the Disability and Mental Health Champion, agrees to work with local businesses, Pendle Disability Forum and other organisations to promote an “Accessible Pendle” campaign and work towards an “Accessible Pendle” event to highlight these issues.

(b) Rolls Royce, Barnoldswick

To be moved by Councillor C. Teall, seconded by Councillor T. Whipp –

Council notes with grave concern the announcement of job losses at Rolls-Royce, Barnoldswick together with a nationwide reduction in the company's workforce of thousands of people.

Council also notes the statements of major multi-national manufacturing companies Airbus, Siemens and BMW about the impact of Brexit on their presence in Britain. Council further notes that the proportion of people employed in manufacturing in Pendle is the highest in the country.

Council therefore resolves to urge Pendle's MP, other North West MPs and Members of the House of Lords to do all that they can to ensure that further jobs in manufacturing are not lost due to Brexit and instructs the Chief Executive to write to them accordingly.

(c) “Together an Active Future” Programme

To be moved by Councillor T. Whipp, seconded by Councillor M. Adams –

Council notes that the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in Pennine Lancashire has identified the need to work together with residents to help them become more active and improve physical and mental health.

Council further notes that Lancashire County Council has ceased funding for free primary pupil age swimming during school holidays; and that Government cuts are causing severe financial

problems in the continued provision of leisure services such as sports centres, swimming pools and parks.

This Council therefore resolves

- (1) To extend **congratulations** to Pendle Leisure Trust and Partners on their successful bid to secure funding from Sport England to support the “Together an Active Future” programme.
- (2) To Support the Together an Active Future programme where it is possible to do so.
- (3) To call on central government to provide adequate funding to ensure sport and leisure facilities can continue to be affordable, accessible and available to Pendle residents.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to Pendle’s MP and the relevant government ministers requesting their support for the terms of this resolution.

(d) Road Repairs

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp, seconded by

This Council notes that there are still huge problems with wrecked roads in Pendle due to potholes and wider damage to road surfaces many months after severe deterioration was caused due to winter weather.

Council also notes that Lancashire County Council is spending hundreds of thousands of pounds taking up relatively good pavements on Venables Avenue in Colne, Reedyford Road in Nelson – and that Greenberfield Lane in Barnoldswick is being resurfaced, despite three quarters of it being fully resurfaced in 2016.

Accordingly, Council resolves to write to County Council Leader Geoff Driver to ask his administration to reconsider their priorities for road repairs and invest in repairing the roads desperately needing doing in Pendle.

(e) Grass Cutting

To be moved by Councillor B. Newman, seconded by

Council notes that Lancashire County Council is reported to have increased its budget for highway grass cutting but further notes that Old Laund Booth Parish Council has had to commission grass cutters to cut the verge on the A6068.

This Council expresses concern that a parish council is having to have the grass cut to ensure safety when there’s supposedly more funding for such work from LCC and resolves to write to the county council accordingly.

(f) Flooding

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp, seconded by

Council notes that it’s now two and a half years since the devastating Boxing Day floods of 2015 in Pendle and that Earby has suffered further flooding in September 2016 and a ‘near miss’ more recently at the beginning of June.

With regard to Earby, Council welcomes the imminent commencement of work on repairs to the Victoria Clough culvert but notes with concern that the much anticipated and overdue flood alleviation study into Earby flooding has yet to report; and that match funding of £425,000 of Government Grant in aid enabling £635,000 of European money to be invested in flood defences in Earby has yet to be approved.

At Ghyll Meadows, Council welcomes the scheduled commencement of work on a further length of larger culvert in September, and thanks council staff who have secured funding and designed the new culvert scheme.

Council also notes that the Senior Engineer for Drainage, Luke Edwards, has secured an engineering manager post elsewhere and will be leaving Pendle Council after 23 years. Council places on record its appreciation of Mr. Edwards work in alleviating flooding in the borough.

Council resolves that;

- (1) Government Ministers are informed of the deep concern at the failure to produce the Earby flood alleviation report; to provide the match funding for the European money; and the timescale given for any progress on the major flood defence initiative.
- (2) The post of drainage engineer be filled at the earliest possible opportunity.