

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 5th DECEMBER, 2018**

PRESENT –

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. K. Starkie – in the Chair)

Councillors

*G. Adam
M. Adams
Nadeem Ahmed
Nawaz Ahmed
Mohammed Arshad
Musawar Arshad
N. H. Ashraf
W. Blackburn
N. Butterworth
R. E. Carroll
J. Cooney
T. A. Cooney
L. M. Crossley
V. A. Fletcher
M. S. Foxley
P. J. Foxley
M. Goulthorp
A. R. Greaves
K. Hartley
J. M. P. Henderson
M. Horsfield*

*M. Iqbal
Y. Iqbal
D. E. Lord
N. T. McCollum
P. A. McCormick
N. McEvoy
N. McGowan
A. Mahmood
B. Newman
J. A. Nixon
M. Sakib
C. Teall
K. Turner
C. Wakeford
G. Waugh
D. Whalley
D. M. Whipp
T. Whipp
P. White
S. Wicks
N. Younis*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Ammer, S. Petty, J. Purcell, G. Roach and K. E. Shore).

47. JIM SMART

Council observed a period of silence for Jim Smart who had recently passed away. Jim was a well-known figure in Colne who worked tirelessly for the community.

48. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting and the full Council meeting both held on 25th September, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

50.

RECORDED VOTES

Members were reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council all votes on budget issues would be recorded. This included all motions and amendments in relation to minute numbers 55 and 58.

51.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader passed on his congratulations to Nelson and Colne College in connection with their recent merger with Accrington and Rossendale College. He also congratulated Year 2 pupils at St. Paul's School in Nelson who would be singing on day 17 of the 'Count Down to Christmas' on 2BR. Members were also reminded of the public meeting at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 10th December at North Valley Community Centre where representatives from Colne FC would be giving a presentation on their proposals for improvements to the Holt House facility.

The Mayor advised Council that he would be meeting with the In Bloom Groups and winners of the Best Kept Villages at a Community Pride Reception on 13th December. He also referred to a recent twinning visit to Marl. Whilst there he received a gift from Fjell in Norway. There had also been an exchange of blue cornflower pins and poppies with Twinning members in Creil to mark Remembrance Sunday.

The Mayor informed Council that in the New Year he would be taking part in a "Get Fit Campaign" with the help of Pendle Leisure Trust.

52.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER

There were no questions from members of the public.

53.

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

Councillor M. Iqbal asked the Leader if he had had any formal or informal meetings with any Leisure Service providers regarding future leisure provision in Pendle? The Leader said he had only met with Burnley Football Club in the Community with regards to the leisure box at Northlight and Pendle Leisure Trust regarding service provision in the Borough. In response to a supplementary question the Leader said he had not had any meetings with a company called Evolution.

Councillor M. Iqbal asked if the Leader supported the decision of his colleague, County Councillor Geoff Driver, in threatening elected members from Pendle and refusing to allow them to speak up for their residents? The question resulted from an incident at a Cabinet meeting at Lancashire County Council earlier in the week. In response the Leader said he did not support threatening behaviour but was aware of the analysis given of the situation.

Councillor Greaves asked the Leader what the Council's policy was on the number of electric vehicle charging points required in Pendle, what progress was being made on their provision in each part of Pendle and what were the policies of the Council for promoting their provision and use? The Leader said the Council did not have a policy on the number of electric vehicle charging points in the Borough but this would be considered during the preparation of the Local Plan Part 2. Several years ago the Council looked at trying to get government funding for two electrical vehicle

charging point sites but the funding did not come to fruition. The Leader said he understood that the County Council was currently looking at introducing electric vehicle charging points at four sites in the Borough – Manchester Road, Nelson, Church Street, Colne, Victoria Road, Earby and Frank Street, Barnoldswick.

In a supplementary question the difficulty there would be in providing these charging points where there was terraced housing was referred to and it was hoped that the need for public access points would be addressed in the Local Plan Part 2. The Leader was also asked if he was aware that, for the past three years, the County Council had funding for vehicle charging points. The Leader was further asked if he thought that Frank Street in Barnoldswick was a suitable location for electric vehicle charging points. In response the Leader said he was not aware of the County Council funding but he would look into it and agreed that Frank Street in Barnoldswick was not a suitable location for these charging points. He said he hoped that the Local Plan Part 2 would be ready within the next twelve months.

Councillor Newman asked what recent discussions had the Leader had in his capacity as Council Leader with County Councillor Driver, Leader of Lancashire County Council; what were the topics covered; what agreements were reached on matters affecting Pendle; and what was his assessment of progress being made in joint working with the County Council for the benefit of Pendle residents. The Leader said he had had several discussions with County Councillor Driver which included discussions on:

- (a) East West Connectivity
- (b) Potential for a centralised enforcement team
- (c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne
- (d) Education Attainment Levels
- (e) Potential regeneration of Nelson Town Centre

In supplementary questions the Leader was asked how long these discussions had lasted; had there been any discussions around the disproportionate allocation of highway funding and why Pendle's share was only £2,000; were the discussions around enforcement for a centralised enforcement team in Pendle and would this team focus on parking or all enforcement issues.

In response the Leader said his meetings had lasted for at least four hours; he was not aware of the disproportionate allocation of highway funding but said he would look into this; the proposal was to have a centralised enforcement team based in Pendle which would focus, at this stage, just on parking issues. A report on other enforcement issues was to be submitted to the next Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Greaves asked the Leader what were the respective powers of the Policy and Resources Committee and Area Committees in relation to cemeteries and whether the Colne and District and Nelson Committees would receive reports on proposals to impose a new policy on the enforcement of regulations in relation to the presence of kerbs, memorials, decorations etc., on graves in the cemeteries in those towns. The Leader said that a report before the Policy and Resources Committee had recently been deferred pending a site visit to both Nelson and Colne cemeteries. There wasn't any intention to impose a new policy but to enact, in a reasonable way, the current policy. This was a Policy and Resources Committee decision and therefore not a decision for Area Committees.

Councillor D. Whipp asked what was the Leader's policy on the use of brownfield sites fund for non-housing purposes. The Leader referred to a recent decision of the Policy and Resources

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Committee where the development of a masterplan for Nelson Town Centre had been agreed as well as targeting funding at prominent vacant buildings across the Borough to bring them back into use; the acquisition of brownfield sites/vacant buildings and supporting the provision of self/custom build opportunities.

In response to a supplementary question the Leader said that all four areas included a significant amount of housing, there had been no suggestion to preclude development in the South Valley area. He accepted that brown field sites needed to be developed.

Councillor D. Whipp asked the Leader if the Council was in discussion with the owners of Barnsey Mill, Brook Shed, Spring Gardens Mill and other sites in the South Valley area of Colne, with a view to them being development for housing and if so what progress had been made. The Leader said he had not had any discussions personally but he was aware that officers had been in discussion with various developers of potential development sites on an ongoing basis. He said he was aware of discussions some time ago with the owner of the Spring Gardens Mill site regarding the sale of the site but this had been sold to another purchaser. PEARL had been in discussion with the owners of Brook Shed but due to other jobs that had come forward no further progress had been made.

In response to supplementary questions the Leader said he was happy to have discussions with owners of various brownfield sites. He said he was not aware of officers speaking with owners of sites in the South Valley regarding development of sites for commercial purposes. The owner of Spring Gardens Mill had made it clear what he wanted to do and site was now up for sale. The Leader said he wanted to see brownfield sites developed wherever possible and didn't disagree with the option to compulsory purchase a site, subject to funding being available.

Councillor T. Greaves asked the Leader what discussions were taking place with Colne Town Council on the preparations of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2 site allocations and the Colne Neighbourhood Plan with a view to co-ordinating the proposals for new housing sites in the town. In response the Leader said that initial meetings had been held with the Town Council and site options had been discussed with Borough Councillors prior to the informal public engagement which took place in May 2018. Officers had provided feedback to the Town Council on the draft proposals but no further contact had been made since.

In a supplementary question reference was made to the Town Council carrying out an informal consultation on possible housing sites in Colne and ongoing work with the production of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2. The Leader was asked if he felt there should be a process to enable better co-ordination of the work. In response the Leader said he would write to Councillor Greaves with a full response to his question.

54. REPORT FROM THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Leader submitted, for information, a report on the work of the Policy and Resources Committee since the last meeting.

55. ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW

At a meeting of the Restructuring Committee on 16th October, 2018 it was resolved –

“(1) That Council be recommended to agree that

- (a) the Corporate Director be allowed flexible retirement from 1st June, 2019 reducing his working week from 5 days to 3 days.
 - (b) the Economic Development Team be transferred from Housing, Health and Economic Development (to be renamed 'Housing, Health and Engineering') to Planning, Building Control and Licensing (with the latter being renamed 'Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services').
 - (c) the number of Service Managers be reduced from 5 to 4 and in doing so agree to:
 - (i) delete the post of Neighbourhood Services Manager;
 - (ii) the allocation of functions as set out in the report;
 - (iii) delete the post of drainage Engineer and agree to create the post of Special Projects Officer reporting directly to the Head of Housing, Health and Engineering;
 - (iv) retain the services of the North West Employers Organisation to provide advice on the salary levels for the amended job roles for the remaining Service Managers.
 - (d) Countryside Access, the Environmental Action Group and Parks Outreach be transferred to Environmental Services.
 - (e) Elliot House administration be merged with the Town Hall administration (as part of the accommodation moves).
 - (f) a number of requests for voluntary redundancy be approved, together with the deletion of a number of vacant posts and a few related changes in responsibilities as detailed in the report.
- (2) No further areas of the Council's structure were identified to be considered as part of the review."

The minutes from the Restructuring Committee meeting held on 16th October, 2018 were submitted along with the report from the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

- (1) That Council agree that
 - (a) the Corporate Director be allowed flexible retirement from 1st June, 2019 reducing his working week from 5 days to 3 days.
 - (b) the Economic Development Team be transferred from Housing, Health and Economic Development (to be renamed 'Housing, Health and Engineering') to Planning, Building Control and Licensing (with the latter being renamed 'Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services').
 - (c) the number of Service Managers be reduced from 5 to 4 and in doing so agree to:

- (i) delete the post of Neighbourhood Services Manager;
 - (ii) the allocation of functions as set out in the report;
 - (iii) delete the post of drainage Engineer and agree to create the post of Special Projects Officer reporting directly to the Head of Housing, Health and Engineering;
 - (iv) retain the services of the North West Employers Organisation to provide advice on the salary levels for the amended job roles for the remaining Service Managers.
- (d) Countryside Access, the Environmental Action Group and Parks Outreach be transferred to Environmental Services.
- (e) Elliot House administration be merged with the Town Hall administration (as part of the accommodation moves).
- (f) a number of requests for voluntary redundancy be approved, together with the deletion of a number of vacant posts and a few related changes in responsibilities as detailed in the report.
- (2) No further areas of the Council's structure were identified to be considered as part of the review.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp, seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves –

That in (1)(c)(iii) above the words “delete the post of drainage Engineer and” be deleted and it be amended to read “agree to create the post of Special Projects Officer reporting directly to the Head of Housing, Health and Engineering.”

Upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council agree that
- (a) the Corporate Director be allowed flexible retirement from 1st June, 2019 reducing his working week from 5 days to 3 days.
 - (b) the Economic Development Team be transferred from Housing, Health and Economic Development (to be renamed ‘Housing, Health and Engineering’) to Planning, Building Control and Licensing (with the latter being renamed ‘Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services’).
 - (c) the number of Service Managers be reduced from 5 to 4 and in doing so agree to:
 - (i) delete the post of Neighbourhood Services Manager;
 - (ii) the allocation of functions as set out in the report;
 - (iii) agree to create the post of Special Projects Officer reporting directly to the Head of Housing, Health and Engineering;

- (iv) retain the services of the North West Employers Organisation to provide advice on the salary levels for the amended job roles for the remaining Service Managers.
 - (d) Countryside Access, the Environmental Action Group and Parks Outreach be transferred to Environmental Services.
 - (e) Elliot House administration be merged with the Town Hall administration (as part of the accommodation moves).
 - (f) a number of requests for voluntary redundancy be approved, together with the deletion of a number of vacant posts and a few related changes in responsibilities as detailed in the report.
- (2) No further areas of the Council's structure were identified to be considered as part of the review.

In accordance with Minute 49 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carrol, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, K. Hartley, M. Horsfield, D. E. Lord, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, B. Newman, J. Nixon, J. K. Starkie, C. Teall, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp and P. White.

Those Members who abstained from voting were Councillors:

G. Adam, Mohammed Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, A. Mahmood, M. Sakib, D. Whalley, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

No Councillors voted against the motion.

56. ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Corporate Director submitted a report on the future size of the Council. This was in response to a previous Council resolution in July this year where Council confirmed its wish for a periodic electoral review to be carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE).

The LGBCE had included the review in its programme which would commence this month with a view to it being completed in time for all out elections to be held in May 2020. Stage One would consider the Council's governance needs together with a five year population forecasts which would help determine the new size of the Council. At Stage Two LGBCE would consider and make recommendations on new ward boundaries across which the new number of councillors would be distributed.

The report referred to the rationale for the reduction in the number of councillors; the five year forecast for the size of the Council and areas for submission and consideration by the LGBCE.

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Stage One submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission be made on the basis of a new council size of 33 councillors.
- (2) That the Corporate Director, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to finalise the submission and submit it to the Commission, and send a copy to all Members.
- (3) That the Corporate Director provide representatives of the political groups and parties with the data on electorate and population forecasts and any other reasonable assistance in making their own submissions.
- (4) That a report be submitted to the Council meeting on 26th March, 2019 on the Council's Stage Two submission on new warding proposals.

In accordance with rule 17.4 of the constitution and at the request of two Councillors a recorded vote was taken.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carrol, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, J. Nixon, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.

Those Members voting against the Motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Mohammed Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, M. Sakib, C. Teall, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

57. ELECTORAL INTEGRITY PILOT

The Corporate Director submitted, for information, a report which provided an outline of the pilot to be carried out at the May 2019 elections.

58. INCOME REVIEW PHASE II (2019/20 BUDGET SETTING AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN)

The Chief Financial Officer submitted a report which reviewed fees and charges in advance of the 2019/20 budget process in line with the Fees and Charges Policy.

It was reported that at the Policy and Resources Committee on 23rd October, 2018 it was resolved

- “(1) That Council be recommended to approve the changes to the licence fee structure for Houses in Multiple Occupation.
- (2) That Council be recommended to approve the Mobile Homes, Charges for Residential Sites Policy.”

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the changes to the licence fee structure for Houses in Multiple Occupation be approved.
- (2) That the Mobile Homes, Charges for Residential Sites Policy be approved.

In accordance with Minute 49 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Mohammed Arshad, Musawar Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carrol, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, A. R Greaves, K Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Horsfield, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, J. Nixon, M. Sakib, J. K. Starkie, C. Teall, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, P. White S. Wicks and N. Younis.

There were no votes against or abstentions.

59. HOUSING STRATEGY

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on the Pendle Housing Strategy for 2018-2023.

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

RESOLVED

That the Pendle Housing Strategy for 2018-2023 be approved.

60. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF POLICY

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 23rd October, 2018 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to adopt the Gambling Act 2015 Statement Policy.”

A copy of the report considered by the Licensing Committee was submitted for information.

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

RESOLVED

That the Gambling Act 2015 Statement of Policy be approved.

61. STREET TRADING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL’S POLICY

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 13th November, 2018 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to approve the new Street Trading Policy.”

A copy of the report considered by the Licensing Committee was submitted for information.

It was moved by Councillor K. Turner, seconded by Councillor P. White –

RESOLVED

That the new Street Trading Policy be approved, subject to the inclusion of the proposed amendments listed in paragraph 11(b) in the report.

62. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Barnoldswick Household Waste Recycling Centre

It was reported there was a similar motion further down the agenda. Therefore the motion put forward was withdrawn.

(b) Charges for on-street parking

It was moved by Councillor D. E. Lord and seconded by Councillor D. M. Whipp –

Pendle Council expresses its total opposition to the proposal to introduce on-street parking charges in Colne and Nelson which would have a serious effect on trade in the town centres and calls on Lancashire County Council to abandon this proposal forthwith.

Council therefore resolves to invite the Leader of Lancashire County Council to a public meeting with local residents to discuss his views on the proposals for charges for on-street parking in Nelson and Colne.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor P. Foxley –

Pendle Council expresses its total opposition to the proposal to introduce on-street parking charges in Colne and Nelson which would have a serious effect on trade in the town centres and call on Lancashire County Council to abandon this proposal forthwith and will respond to the consultation as such.

In accordance with rule 17.4 of the constitution and at the request of two Councillors a recorded vote was taken.

Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:

Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, J. K. Starkie, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.

Those Members voting against the Motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Mohammed Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, N. McGowan, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, M. Sakib, C. Teall, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

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Those Members who abstained were Councillors:

J. Nixon and K. Turner.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor D. E. Lord –

“It further resolves to request the Chief Executive to write immediately to the Leader of Lancashire County Council making this Council’s position clear and that this Council will respond accordingly to any consultation that may occur.” Be added to the original motion.

RESOLVED

Pendle Council expresses its total opposition to the proposal to introduce on-street parking charges in Colne and Nelson which would have a serious effect on trade in the town centres and calls on Lancashire County Council to abandon this proposal forthwith.

Council therefore resolves to invite the Leader of Lancashire County Council to a public meeting with local residents to discuss his views on the proposals for charges for on-street parking in Nelson and Colne. It further resolves to request the Chief Executive to write immediately to the Leader of Lancashire County Council making this Council’s position clear and that this Council will respond accordingly to any consultation that may occur.

In accordance with rule 17.4 of the constitution and at the request of two Councillors a recorded vote was taken.

Those Members voting in favour of the motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Mohammed Arshad, Musawar Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, J. Nixon, M. Sakib, J. K. Starkie, C. Teall, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, P. White, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

There were no votes against or abstentions.

(c) Recycling Centre

It was moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by Councillor M. Adams –

Council notes Lancashire County Council’s proposals to close Pendle’s Household Waste Recycling Centre in Barnoldswick on two days a week and reduce opening hours to 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Council believes this will result in an increase in fly tipping and an increase in cost to the borough council for the resulting clean-up.

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Council therefore resolves to request all Pendle Council County Councillors to oppose this proposal and instructs the Chief Executive to write to them accordingly, together with a letter of objection to the Chief Executive and Leader of Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(d) Council Housing

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor W. Blackburn –

This Council notes the Government announcements on 3rd October, 2018 and in the budget that restrictions on Council borrowing to build new Council housing were being lifted or eased.

Council further notes the problems in developing a significant programme of new building for social housing in Pendle to cater for identified needs.

Council therefore resolves to consider the desirability and practicalities of building new Council housing in the Borough to complement existing and new provision by housing associations.

It therefore resolves to set up an all-party scrutiny task group to investigate this question, to report back to the Policy and Resources Committee and to the Council:

- (a) with an interim report within four months with recommendations on whether to pursue the matter further; and
- (b) (subject to a decision to go ahead) within nine months on a proposed scheme or options.

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(e) The Colne Line

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor D. E. Lord –

Pendle Council notes the problems, including both severe inconveniences for all passengers and alarm and distress for vulnerable persons, when trains from Preston are terminated (often without notice) at Burnley Central or further back down the line, instead of continuing to Brierfield, Nelson and Colne leaving passengers to provide themselves with onward travel.

It notes that this has frequently happened into the evening and late at night and continues to do so, placing vulnerable passengers in an unacceptable and potentially dangerous situation.

It resolves to demand that Arriva Northern Rail take responsibility for providing transport for passengers to their destination; that staff are on hand at the station where the train terminates to provide help, assistance and security; and to request the Government (which is responsible for supervising the Northern franchise) to insist that these things are done.

It further resolves to seek a meeting with the senior management of Arriva Northern Rail to discuss this and the other problems affecting services on the Colne line and in particular services to and from Brierfield, Nelson and Colne.

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

63. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

In accordance with the provisions of Section 100 (B)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, His Worship the Mayor agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency, the ground being that a decision was required as soon as possible and especially before the onset of winter.

64. NOTICE OF MOTION

Together Housing – Grit Bins

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor J. Cooney –

This Council expresses great concern at the actions of the Together Housing Group in removing grit bins from locations across the Borough, especially given the timing at the onset of winter and with no notice having been given of their removal.

Council requests that the Chief Executive makes urgent representations to the Together Housing Group for the grit bins to be reinstated and refilled as a matter of urgency and that an all –party meeting is convened with Together Housing to take the matter further in the event that grit bins are not restored immediately.

RESOLVED

Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

His Worship the Mayor _____