

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT NELSON AND COLNE COLLEGE  
ON 20<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2021**

*PRESENT –*

*His Worship the Mayor (Councillor K. Hartley – in the Chair)*

**Councillors**

*M. Adams  
M. Adnan  
F. Ahmad  
N. Ahmed  
Z. Ali  
E. Ansar  
R. Anwar  
N. Ashraf  
M. Aslam  
N. Butterworth  
R. Carroll  
D. Cockburn-Price  
S. Cockburn-Price  
L. Crossley  
M. Goulthorp  
D. Harrison*

*M. Hanif  
K. Howarth  
M. Iqbal  
Y. Iqbal  
D. Lockwood  
C. Lioni  
D. Lord  
K. McGladdery  
N. McGowan  
B. Newman  
J. Purcell  
M. Sakib  
A. Sutcliffe  
D. Whipp  
T. Whipp*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Albin and A. Mahmood).*



**1. ELECTION OF MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH**

It was moved by Councillor S. Cockburn-Price, seconded by Councillor D. Lord and supported by Councillor M. Hanif and –

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor N. Butterworth be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor N. Butterworth – in the Chair)

**2. MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed, seconded by Councillor N. Butterworth and –

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**3. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp, seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal, supported by Councillor M. Goulthorp and –

**RESOLVED**

That the best thanks for the Council be hereby tendered to Ken Hartley and Jayne Mills for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during their term of office.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor N. Ahmed, supported by Councillor T. Whipp and –

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor M. Sakib be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

**5. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed, seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal and –

**RESOLVED**

That an allowance of £5,130 be paid to the Mayor for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of the office and that such allowance be paid to the credit of the Mayor at the Council's bankers and any credit balance remaining at the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council be re-appointed to the Council's account.

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*The time having reached 6.45 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned and there was a short break to allow the Mayor's guests to leave the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7.00 p.m.*

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**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**7. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL**

A list of the Councillors elected at the elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 was submitted for information.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER**

It was moved by Councillor J. Purcell, seconded by Councillor M. Aslam and –  
**RESOLVED**

That Councillor N. Ahmed be appointed Leader and Councillor M. Goulthorp be appointed Deputy Leader for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

**9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 2989  
POLITICAL BALANCE RULES**

It was reported that, whenever the allocation of seats on Committees was reviewed, the Council was required to apply the statutory political balance rules. The rules applied to the Policy and Resources Committee, the Accounts and Audit Committee, Licensing Committee, Taxi Licensing Committee, Employment Appeals Committee and Standards Hearing Committee. They did not apply to the Area Committees.

A revised report was submitted based on a reduction in the number of Members for the Policy and Resources Committee, Licensing Committee and Taxi Licensing Committee.

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp –

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**10. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

Council considered the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 13 Members
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (c) Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 11 Members
- (d) Taxi Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (e) Employment Appeals Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 3 Members
- (f) Standards Hearing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (g) Area Committees – not politically balanced

**AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp that –

- (1) That the appointment of Members to the following Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22 be made as follows:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – politically balanced Committee of 5 Members

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- (c) Licensing Committee – politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (d) Taxi Licensing Committee – politically balanced Committee of 7 Members
- (e) Employment Appeals Committee – politically balanced Committee of 3 Members
- (f) Standards Hearing Committee – politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (g) Restructuring Committee – politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (h) Senior Management Appointments Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members

- (2) That the following Area Committees (not politically balanced) be appointed for the Municipal Year 2021/22:

West Craven Committee  
Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee  
Colne and District Committee  
Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee

Upon being put to the vote it was –

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the appointment of Members to the following Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22 be made as follows:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (c) Licensing Committee – politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (d) Taxi Licensing Committee – politically balanced Committee of 7 Members
- (e) Employment Appeals Committee – politically balanced Committee of 3 Members
- (f) Standards Hearing Committee – politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (g) Restructuring Committee – politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
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Colne and District Committee  
Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee

**11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

**MOTION**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp that the Chairmen of the following Committees be agreed as:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor N. Ahmed
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – Councillor D. Cockburn-Price
- (c) Licensing Committee – Councillor J. Purcell
- (d) Taxi Licensing Committee – Councillor N. McGowan
- (e) Employment Appeals Committee – Councillor J. Purcell
- (f) Standards Hearing Committee – Independent Person
- (g) Restructuring Committee – Councillor N. Ahmed
- (h) Senior management Appointments Committee – Councillor M. Goulthorp

Upon being put to the vote it was –

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor J. Purcell that –

The following Working Groups be appointed for the Municipal Year 2021/22:

- (a) Climate Emergency Working Group – 7 Members on the basis of 4:2:1
- (b) Governance Working Group – 5 Members on the basis of 3:1:1

Upon being put to the vote it was –

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

**13. DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2021/22**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed, seconded by Councillor D. Whipp –

- (1) That meetings of the Full Council be held on the following dates:

29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021  
30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021  
9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021  
24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 (Special Budget)  
24<sup>th</sup> March, 2022  
19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (Annual Council)

- (2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the attached schedule be approved.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

**14. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**(a) Appointment to Organisations and Associations**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp –

That the following amendment to the schedule be agreed:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Airedale General Hospital Foundation Trust	Councillor J. Purcell
Burnley and District Society for the Blind	Councillor D. Lockwood
Burnley and Pendle Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor K. Howarth (Councillor M. Aslam – Sub)
Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS Board	Councillor M. Aslam
Colne Business Improvement District	Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
District Councils Network	Councillor N. Ahmed
District Early Years Development and Childcare Forum	Councillor D. Lockwood
Fairtrade Group	Councillor M. Hanif
	Councillor D. Lord
	Councillor A. Sutcliffe
Forest of Bowland AONB	Councillor L. Crossley
Growth Lancashire Ltd.	Councillor N. Ahmed
Joint Venture Company (PEARL Board 1, PEARL Board 2, PEARL Brierfield Mill and PEARL Together)	Councillor N. Ahmed Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
	Councillor A. Mahmood
	Councillor D. Whipp
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	Councillor M. Adnan
Lancashire Leaders	Councillor N. Ahmed
Lancashire Police and Crime Commission	Councillor K. McGladdery
LCC Lancashire Waste Partnership	Councillor D. Albin
Local Government Association	Councillor N. Ahmed
(a) General Assembly	
(b) Voting re: Lancashire Leaders Group	
Nelson Town Deal Board	Councillor M. Aslam Councillor M. Iqbal Councillor D. Whipp
	Councillor N. Ahmed
North Western Local Authorities Employers Organisations	Councillor M. Aslam
Pendle Community Safety Partnership Steering Group	Councillor M. Hanif Councillor A. Sutcliffe Councillor D. Whipp
	Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Pendle Countryside Access Forum	

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board  
Pendle Public/Private Partnership (with Liberata)

Councillor Y. Iqbal  
Councillor T. Whipp  
Councillor L. Crossley  
Councillor N. Ahmed  
Councillor D. Cockburn-Price  
Councillor M. Goulthorp  
Councillor M. Iqbal  
Councillor D. Whipp  
Councillor R. Anwar  
Councillor N. Butterworth  
1 vacancy (Liberal Democrat)  
Councillor N. Ahmed  
Councillor D. Cockburn-Price  
Councillor M. Hanif  
Councillor B. Newman  
Councillor N. Butterworth  
Councillor D. Lord  
Councillor M. Sakib  
Councillor N. Ahmed  
Councillor M. Adnan

Pendle Twinning Association

Pendle Vision Board

Pendle Youth Orchestra

Pennine Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executive (PLACE)  
PLACE Health Partnership

Upon being put to the vote the AMENDMENT was **CARRIED** and it was –

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

**(b) Member Champions**

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor J. Purcell and –

**RESOLVED**

That the following Councillors be appointed as Member Champions for the Municipal Year 2021/22:

Armed Forces  
Dementia, Disability and Mental Health  
Every Child Matters  
Health and Wellbeing  
Older People  
Young People

Councillor N. Butterworth  
Councillor M. Aslam  
Councillor D. Lockwood  
Councillor K. Howarth  
Councillor N. Butterworth  
Councillor M. Adnan

**15. POST OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (s151 OFFICER)**

At the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 the Council appointed Fiona Greenway as Chief Finance Officer and statutory s151 Officer.

Unfortunately she has had to resign from the post for personal reasons. Pending recruitment to the post Council were recommended to appoint the Chief Executive as the statutory s151 Officer.

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp and –

**RESOLVED**

That Dean Langton, the Chief Executive, be appointed the statutory s151 Officer until a replacement is found for the previous post holder.

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a) Require a License to Order Nitrous Oxide Canisters**

It was moved by Councillor M. Hanif and seconded by Councillor Z. Ali –

Council notes many areas in Pendle are covered with small nitrous oxide canisters/balloons from where people have been using these and subsequently leaving the discarded rubbish. This was not only a blight on the local environment, it was a highly dangerous drug that could have serious impact.

Council resolves:

- (1) To ask that Government looks into regulation and licensing for the purchases of these canisters for the intended use for cooking and use in a commercial kitchen environment.
- (2) To write to HM Government to highlight the use of nitrous oxide for recreational purposes. It is highly dangerous and is incredibly cheap and widely accessible.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED** and it was –

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

**(b) Human Rights in Palestine**

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor Y. Iqbal –

Council notes with great concern the blatant disregard from human rights by Israeli forces in the occupied Palestinian lands with aerial/ground attacks against innocent civilians.



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Council notes the state sanctioned forced evictions of Palestinians from their homes.

Council notes the silence from HM Government in speaking out against the illegal Government sponsored attacks against civilians.

Council resolves to:

- (1) Show solidarity with the people of Palestine during their struggle for freedom.
- (2) Write to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary demanding immediate condemnation by HM Government against the actions of Israeli forces.
- (3) Ask HM Government to raise this at the United Nations Security Council and seek sanctions against the Government of Israel.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED** and it was –

### **RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

*At the request of two Councillors and in accordance with 17.4 of the Constitution a recorded vote was taken on this motion.*

*Those Councillors voting in favour of the motion were:*

*M. Adnan, F. Ahmad, N. Ahmed, Z. Ali, E. Ansar, R. Anwar, N. Ashraf, M. Aslam, D. Harrison, M. Hanif, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, K. McGladdery and M. Sakib.*

*Councillor M. Adams voted against the motion.*

*The following Councillors abstained from voting:*

*N. Butterworth, R. Carroll, D. Cockburn-Price, S. Cockburn-Price, L. Crossley, M. Goulthorp, K. Howarth, D. Lockwood, C. Lioni, D. Lord, N. McGowan, B. Newman, J. Purcell, A. Sutcliffe, D. Whipp and T. Whipp.*

### **(c) Lancashire Wildlife Trust Seasonal Surveys of Gib Hill**

It was moved by Councillor D. Harrison and seconded by Councillor K. Howarth –

Council resolves to:

Accept the kind offer from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust to carry out a series of seasonal surveys of Gib Hill, covering spring, summer and autumn 2021, so that a full ecological understanding can be developed.

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Upon being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED** and it was –

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

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His Worship the Mayor \_\_\_\_\_