

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

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

<i>M. Adams</i>	<i>M. Hanif</i>
<i>M. Adnan</i>	<i>K. Howarth</i>
<i>F. Ahmad</i>	<i>M. Iqbal</i>
<i>N. Ahmed</i>	<i>Y. Iqbal</i>
<i>Z. Ali</i>	<i>D. Lockwood</i>
<i>E. Ansar</i>	<i>C. Lioni</i>
<i>R. Anwar</i>	<i>D. Lord</i>
<i>N. Ashraf</i>	<i>K. McGladdery</i>
<i>M. Aslam</i>	<i>N. McGowan</i>
<i>N. Butterworth</i>	<i>B. Newman</i>
<i>R. Carroll</i>	<i>J. Purcell</i>
<i>D. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>M. Sakib</i>
<i>S. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>A. Sutcliffe</i>
<i>L. Crossley</i>	<i>D. Whipp</i>
<i>M. Goulthorp</i>	<i>T. Whipp</i>
<i>D. Harrison</i>	

(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 25th 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.



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.



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 6th 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 1989
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

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- (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
- (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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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:

29th July, 2021

30th September, 2021

9th December, 2021

24th February, 2022 (Special Budget)

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24th March, 2022

19th 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:

Organisation

Representative

Airedale General Hospital Foundation Trust
Burnley and District Society for the Blind
Burnley and Pendle Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillor J. Purcell
Councillor D. Lockwood
Councillor K. Howarth
(Councillor M. Aslam – Sub)

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS Board
Colne Business Improvement District
District Councils Network
District Early Years Development and Childcare Forum
Fairtrade Group

Councillor M. Aslam
Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Councillor N. Ahmed
Councillor D. Lockwood
Councillor M. Hanif
Councillor D. Lord

Forest of Bowland AONB
Growth Lancashire Ltd.
Joint Venture Company (PEARL Board 1, PEARL Board 2,
PEARL Brierfield Mill and PEARL Together)

Councillor A. Sutcliffe
Councillor L. Crossley
Councillor N. Ahmed
Councillor N. Ahmed
Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Councillor A. Mahmood
Councillor D. Whipp

LCC Health Scrutiny Committee
Lancashire Leaders
Lancashire Police and Crime Commission
LCC Lancashire Waste Partnership
Local Government Association

Councillor M. Adnan
Councillor N. Ahmed
Councillor K. McGladdery
Councillor D. Albin
Councillor N. Ahmed

(a) General Assembly
(b) Voting re: Lancashire Leaders Group
Nelson Town Deal Board

Councillor M. Aslam
Councillor M. Iqbal

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North Western Local Authorities Employers Organisations Pendle Community Safety Partnership Steering Group	Councillor D. Whipp Councillor N. Ahmed Councillor M. Aslam Councillor M. Hanif Councillor A. Sutcliffe Councillor D. Whipp
Pendle Countryside Access Forum	Councillor S. Cockburn-Price Councillor Y. Iqbal Councillor T. Whipp
Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board Pendle Public/Private Partnership (with Liberata)	Councillor L. Crossley Councillor N. Ahmed Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Councillor M. Goulthorp Councillor M. Iqbal Councillor D. Whipp
Pendle Twinning Association	Councillor R. Anwar Councillor N. Butterworth 1 vacancy (Liberal Democrat)
Pendle Vision Board	Councillor N. Ahmed Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Councillor M. Hanif Councillor B. Newman
Pendle Youth Orchestra	Councillor N. Butterworth Councillor D. Lord Councillor M. Sakib
Pennine Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executive (PLACE) PLACE Health Partnership	Councillor N. Ahmed Councillor M. Adnan

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	Councillor N. Butterworth
Dementia, Disability and Mental Health	Councillor M. Aslam
Every Child Matters	Councillor D. Lockwood
Health and Wellbeing	Councillor K. Howarth

Older People
Young People

Councillor N. Butterworth
Councillor M. Adnan

15. POST OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (s151 OFFICER)

At the meeting on 25th 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 –

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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.

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:

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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.

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

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor _____