

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
29th SEPTEMBER, 2022**

PRESENT –

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Y. Iqbal – in the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Adnan
F. Ahmad
Nadeem Ahmed
S. Ahmed
Z. Ali
M. Ammer
R. Anwar
Naeem Ashraf
M. Aslam
N. Butterworth
R. Carroll
C. Church
D. Cockburn-Price
S. Cockburn-Price
M. Goulthorp*

*M. Hanif
M. Iqbal
M. Kaleem
D. Lord
K. McGladdery
P. McGladdery
A. Mahmood
B. Newman
J. Purcell
K. Salter
M. Stone
A. Sutcliffe
D. Whipp
T. Whipp*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Albin, C. Lioni and N. McGowan).



33. MINUTES SILENCE

Council observed a minutes silence following the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

35. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood and –

RESOLVED

That subject to the removal of the words “...with recommendations to the next Council meeting” in relation to resolution (1) minute 28 and with the addition of “... and that the Working Group consider the capital/revenue split” to resolution (6) minute 28 the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th August, 2022 be agreed as a correct record and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

36. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

On behalf of the Council His Worship the Mayor thanked all the staff involved in the implementation of Operation London Bridge following the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for all their hard work and ensuring ran smoothly.

37. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER

There were no questions from members of the public.

38. 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

There were no questions from Members.

39. REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Leader of the Council submitted a report on the work of the Policy and Resources Committee.

A question was asked in relation to last week's Policy and Resources Committee and whether it had been held legally due to the mourning period following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was explained that it had been a lawful meeting and the required notice had been given when calling the meeting.

There was also reference made to the Capital and Revenue budgets and the savings challenge.

40. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report which provided an update on the Quarter 1 Capital Programme. The report also sought approval to proceed with the purchase of the proposed new cemetery site on Halifax Road, Nelson.

It was moved by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed, seconded by Councillor D. Cockburn-Price and –

RESOLVED

- (1) That the addition of the new cemetery site on Halifax Road, Nelson be included in the Capital Programme 2022/23.
- (2) That approval be granted for the purchase of the Halifax Road, Nelson site from Lancashire County Council.
- (3) That the Environmental Services Manager be granted delegated authority to appoint a design and project Management Company for the site following a formal tender process.
- (4) That Area Committee budgets now be allocated as revenue funding.

41. CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report following the consideration of the working arrangements for a new central Planning Committee by a Working Group on 12th September, 2022.

The report also included the functions delegated to the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager (Scheme of Delegation) in relation to the determination of planning applications. This included amendments suggested by the Working Group and decisions on the Scheme as agreed at the last Council meeting.

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and seconded by Councillor K. McGladdery –

- That meetings be held normally monthly on the second or third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 pm, unless this clashes with another meeting.
- That Planning training be required for all Councillors who would be able to be on the Committee, including substitutes.
- That officers present applications to Committee at the start of each item.
- That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager give consideration to providing guidance to each meeting, either on the agenda or in the planning report, on what can be taken into account when determining applications, to help the Committee with the formation of decisions and manage expectations from members of the public.
- That Parish and Town Councils be invited to send a representative to attend Planning Committee meetings for applications being determined in their area and that they have a right to speak on those matters, but not vote.

AMENDMENT

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

- (1) That Council notes the recommendation of the Working Group.
- (2) That Council refers the working arrangements and Scheme of Delegation to the Working Group and asks it to undertake a comprehensive consultation with all Area Committees and Town and Parish Councils across Pendle.
- (3) That Council instructs the Working Group to undertake a public consultation once (2) above has been completed.

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

RESOLVED

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42. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Chief Executive submitted a report which outlined a new delivery model for community safety in Pendle, working with partners across the Pennine Lancashire footprint.

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Stone –

That Pendle joins the Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, whilst continuing to tackle community safety issues at a local level via Area Committees.

Upon being put to the vote the Motion was **LOST**.

43. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25th August, 2022 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to approve the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy.”

It was moved by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed, seconded by Councillor D. Cockburn-Price and –

MOTION

That the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy be approved.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor A. Mahmood and seconded by Councillor Naeem Ahmed –

That the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy be approved but the fees levels remain unchanged.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

That the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy be approved but the fees levels remain unchanged.

44. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

At a meeting of the Senior Appointments Committee on 19th September it was resolved “that Council be recommended to appoint Richard Gibson, the current Chief Finance Officer, to the post of Director – Resources.”

It was moved by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed, seconded by Councillor D. Cockburn-Price and –

RESOLVED

That Richard Gibson be appointed to the post of Director – Resources with effect from 30th September, 2022.

45. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Energy

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

Council notes the tax payer funded Price Guarantee for energy supply companies announced by Government; the Prime Minister’s commitment to “end the moratorium on extracting our huge reserves of shale”; and, her refusal to implement a windfall tax on energy producers.

Council further notes that domestic consumers still face a doubling of energy supply costs from last winter’s level; the costs for business users are uncertain, with support limited to the short term; and there is a very real prospect of power cuts this winter.

Council resolves to request Pendle’s MP Andrew Stephenson to oppose and campaign against a resumption of fracking, which would be environmentally disastrous in both the short and long term, and for him to press for a massive expansion in renewable energy supplies, together with a comprehensive programme of energy conservation with Government support for major improvements to insulation.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(b) Electric Vehicle Charging Points

It was moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by Councillor C. Church –

Council notes the protracted discussions about providing electric vehicle charging points in council car parks; the tenders received for their provision; that only one supplier is offering to pay rent to locate chargers (for 120Kw at Wellhouse Road, Barnoldswick and Dockray Street, Colne); and that provision of such fast, destination, chargers is a boost for the host locations.

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Accordingly, Council resolves to proceed with negotiations for these chargers in advance of the wider charger network.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor _____