

Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 4 April 2019 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Marge Anderton and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Michael Barrowclough.

Councillors I Amos, R Amos, E Anderton, Atkins, Ballard, Beavers, Berry, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Catterall, Collinson, R Duffy, Ellison, Fail, Gibson, Henderson, Hodgkinson, Holden, Ibison, Jones, Kay, Lees, McKay, Moon, Orme, Ormrod, Pimbley, Raynor, Robinson, Shewan, Smith, B Stephenson, E Stephenson, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, M Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson.

Apologies: Councillors Balmain, B Birch, C Birch, I Duffy, Greenhough and A Turner. Councillors Ingham and Murphy were also not present.

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places
Emma Lyons, Communications and Marketing Lead
Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
Carole Leary, Democratic Services Officer
Emma Keany, Governance Trainee.

Also present: Alderman Bannister and thirteen members of the public.

85 Alderman Gordon McCann

A minutes silence was held in memory of Alderman Gordon McCann, who had passed away on 19 March 2019. Tributes were paid to him by Councillors Henderson, A Vincent, Moon, Shewan and Lees.

86 Confirmation of minutes

Agreed:

1. That the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record (by 31 votes to 0).
2. That the minutes of the budget meeting of the Council held on 7 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record (by 30 votes to 0), subject to the second paragraph of minute 82 (Business Plan 2019/23) being amended to read as follows:

“In response to comments made by Cllr Fail regarding the possibility of including a question in the Council’s biennial residents’ survey, in order to collect employment in Wyre data, Cllr Henderson stated that ‘we will find a way of doing it’.

87 Declarations of Interest

None.

88 Announcements

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Hodgkinson on winning a raffle prize at the Mayor’s Ball and announced that she would be hosting a “fizzy afternoon tea” at 1pm on Sunday 7 April at the Mount Hotel.

89 Public questions or statements

None received.

90 Questions "On Notice" from councillors

None received.

91 Executive reports

- (a) Leader of the Council (Councillor Henderson)

The Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) submitted a report.

Cllr Henderson thanked the Mayor and Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress and also the Youth Mayor for their work in those roles throughout their year of office. He also thanked all retiring councillors for their work on behalf of the Borough.

Cllr Henderson received comments and questions from Cllrs Fail, E Anderton, Jones, Ballard, B Stephenson, and Gibson.

Agreed that the report be noted.

- (a) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent)

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) submitted a report.

Cllr Vincent responded to questions and comments from Cllrs E Anderton and Fail.

Cllr Vincent said he would arrange for a written response to be sent to Cllr E Anderton about the extent to which exit interviews were carried out when employees left the Council.

Agreed that the report noted.

- (a) Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bridge)

The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Cllr Bridge) submitted a report.

Cllr Bridge responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Fail, McKay and E Anderton.

Agreed that the report noted.

- (a) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Cllr Michael Vincent) submitted a report.

Cllr Vincent responded to questions and comments from Cllr E Anderton.

Agreed that the report noted.

- (a) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry)

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Cllr Berry) submitted a report.

Cllr Berry said that he was pleased to be able to inform the Council that since his report had been written, confirmation had been received of funding of £110,000 for homelessness prevention in the Borough.

Cllr Berry responded to questions and comments from Cllrs E Anderton, Lady Atkins, Collinson and B Stephenson.

Agreed that the report noted.

- (a) Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen)

The Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Cllr

Bowen) submitted a report.

Cllr Bowen responded to questions and comments from Cllrs E Anderton, Ballard, Lady Atkins, Lees, Robinson, S Turner, Ellison and Ibison.

Cllr Bowen said that she would look in to concerns raised by Cllr E Anderton about insufficient bar staff being on duty at a recent wedding at the Marine Hall and seek to ensure that staffing levels were sufficient for future events.

Agreed that the report be noted.

(a) Cabinet Member Questions and Comments

Cllr A Vincent responded to questions and comments from Cllr Bridge and Cllr Michael Vincent.

92 Treasury Management Policy, Annual Investment Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Capital Strategy 2019/20

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) and the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) submitted a report recommending that the three treasury management policy documents considered by the Cabinet on 27 March 2019 be confirmed.

Agreed that the Treasury Management Policy and Annual Investment Strategy, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and the Capital Strategy for 2019/20, submitted as appendices to the report, be approved.

93 Audit Committee Terms of Reference

The Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) and the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) submitted a report on a proposed update of the Audit Committee's terms of reference to accord with best practice guidance issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. The proposed revisions had been considered and supported by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 12 March 2019.

Agreed that the revised terms of reference for the Audit Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and included as Article 7 in Part 2 of the Constitution, in place of the previous version.

94 Notices of Motion

None.

The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 8.30pm.

NOTE: An audio recording of this meeting is available via the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9FqkP49ko4>

