

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LUTON HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, LUTON ON

TUESDAY 15th JULY 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

THE MAYOR -

THE DEPUTY MAYOR -

COUNCILLORS -

Councillor Farooq
Councillor T. Malik
Akbar, Ashraf, M. Ayub, N.
Ayub, Bailey, Burnett,
Campbell, Castleman, Cato,
Chapman, J. Davies, R. J.
Davis, Dolling, Foord, Franks,
Gale, Garrett, Hanif, Hinkley,
Hopkins, Hussain, A. Khan, T.
Khan, Knight, Lewis, Malcolm,
K. Malik, Mead, Moles, O'
Callaghan, Rathore, Riaz,
Rivers, Roden, Saleem,
Sharif, Shaw, Simmons,
Skepelhorn, Stewart, Taylor,
Timoney, Titmuss, Whittaker,
Worlding and Zia

60 MINUTES (REF: 1)

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2014 and 28th May 2014 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None noted.

62 MAYOR CONDUCT (REF: 2.1)

The Mayor reminded Members of the need to observe proper conduct, to show respect for each other and to observe her rulings at meetings of the Council.

63 MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENTS (REF: 2.2)

The Mayor advised Members of a number of his upcoming Charity events:

- Miraj Indian Restaurant on 30th July at 7.30pm at a cost of £12 per person.
- Swiss Garden Afternoon Tea and Garden Tour at Shuttleworth on 13th September at 1.00pm at a cost of £25 per person.
- Dress the Mayor in his Official Outfit/Beetle Drive on 25th September at 7.30pm at a cost of £10 per person.
- Jade House Chinese Restaurant on 27th October at 7.30pm at a cost of £18 per person

All proceeds would be donated to the Mayor's Charities: Cancer Research UK, Mary Seacole, Edhi Foundation and The Bismillah. Tickets and further details of these events could be obtained from the Business and Member Support team.

64 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992

The Chief Executive reminded the Council that a list of items before the Council which were within the ambit of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 had been circulated to all Members and that any Member to whom that Section applied should disclose the fact and refrain from voting on any question relating to those items.

(Note: No disclosures by Members were made.)

65 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Director of Environment and Regeneration reported one disclosure of interest received from Councillor Sharif who disclosed a personal but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 11, Bi-Annual Report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Panel in her capacity as Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner.

66 PRESENTATION – PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT (ITEM 2)

The Mayor introduced Gerry Taylor, Director of Public Health who gave a presentation on the Annual Public Health report.

The Director of Public Health agreed to circulate a response to Members queries on the mental health first aid training and the proportion of Luton's population going into higher education.

Resolved: That the Director of Public Health be thanked for her presentation on the Annual Public Health report.

67 PRESENTATION – JON BOUTCHER DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE (ITEM 3)

Resolved: That this item would be rescheduled for the next Council meeting due to the Deputy Chief Constable being unable to attend the meeting.

68 QUESTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 7.1 (REF: 5)

Councillor Garrett asked and Councillor A. Khan responded to a question (Ref: Q/7/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1.

Councillor Mead asked and Councillor Shaw responded to question Ref: Q/8/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1.

Councillor Garrett asked and Councillor Taylor responded to a question (Ref: 9/14) of which written notice had been given under Standing Order 7.1.

69 REPORT OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY (REF: 6)

Councillor Saleem, the Council spokesperson on the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority presented the reports on the proceedings of the meetings of the Authority held on 17th June 2014.

Resolved: That the report (Ref: 6) be received.

70 BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY: QUESTIONS (REF: 7)

The Mayor advised that no written notice had been given by Councillors under Standing Order 15.1 of their intention to ask a question of the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

71 RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE -TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014 (REF: 8.1)

Upon consideration of the report of the Head of Finance on the Treasury Management Annual Report – Year Ended 31st March 2014 (Ref: 8.1) it was proposed by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Simmons and:

Resolved: (i) That the Treasury Management Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2014 as set out at Appendix Ai to the report of the Head of Finance (Ref: 8.1) be approved;

(ii) That the retrospective adjustments to prudential indicators for: Gross Borrowing (as set out in paragraph 12 Table 1A - Appendix A) to the report of the Head of Finance (Ref: 8.1) be approved.

72 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE AND TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING COMMITTEE – CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP (REF: 9.1)

Upon consideration of the report of the Chief Executive (Head of Policy and Performance) (Ref: 10.1) regarding the change of membership to the Development Control Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Simmons seconded by Councillor Timoney.

Resolved: (i) That the replacement of Councillor Sid Knight with Councillor Mahmood Hussain, on Development Control Committee, with immediate effect be approved.

(ii) That the filling of the current Liberal Democrat vacancy on the Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Committee by Conservative Councillor Mike Garrett, until such time as the Liberal Democrat Group wish to appoint a member of that Group be approved.

73 APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANCY OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE (REF: 10.1)

Upon consideration of the report of the Head of Human Resources and Monitoring Officer) (Ref: 10.1) on the appointment to the vacancy of an independent member of Standards Committee, it was proposed by Mr John Jones seconded by Councillor Taylor and

Resolved: That the appointment of Paula Brennan as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee to take effect on 16th July 2014 for the term of four years be approved.

74 BI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (REF: 11)

Upon consideration of the Bi Annual report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, it was proposed by Councillor Whittaker, seconded by Councillor Dolling:

“That the Bi-annual report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel be received.”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Hussain:

“While noting the Bi-annual report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, the Council does not agree with all of the findings of the work of the

Panel, in particular the Panel's conclusions in relation to anti-social behaviour, hate crime and the levels of crime."

The proposed amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

The amendment was then put to the meeting and it was:

Resolved: That while noting the Bi-annual report of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel, the Council does not agree with all of the findings of the work of the Panel, in particular the Panel's conclusions in relation to anti-social behaviour, hate crime and the levels of crime

(Note: Councillor Sharif disclosed a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in the above item in her role as the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and remained in the meeting.)

75. NOTICE OF MOTION (REF: 11)

(a) It was proposed by Councillor Dolling, seconded by Councillor Taylor that:

'Council:

Congratulates the management, staff and supporters of Luton Town Football Club on the club's return to the English Football league.

Recognises the cultural, social and financial benefits a successful football club brings to the town.

Requests the Chief Executive to write to Club Manager, John Still, to invite him to accept, on behalf of all those involved, the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Luton"

(b) Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried and it was:

Resolved: That:

Council:

Congratulates the management, staff and supporters of Luton Town Football Club on the club's return to the English Football league.

Recognises the cultural, social and financial benefits a successful football club brings to the town.

Requests the Chief Executive to write to Club Manager, John Still, to invite him to accept, on behalf of all those involved, the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Luton.

(Note: The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.)

