

## PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 June 2019, when the following Members were present:-

David Whitaker (Mayor)	Alan Biddulph (Deputy Mayor)
Tony Anderson	Paul Anderton
Richard Austen-Baker	Mandy Bannon
Stephie Barber	Phillip Black
Victoria Boyd-Power	Dave Brookes
Abbott Bryning	Keith Budden
Lucie Carrington	Roger Cleet
Tim Dant	Gina Dowding
Adrian Duggan	Merv Evans
Jason Firth	Kevin Frea
Jake Goodwin	June Greenwell
Mel Guilding	Tim Hamilton-Cox
Janice Hanson	Colin Hartley
Tricia Heath	Joan Jackson
Caroline Jackson	Debbie Jenkins
Mandy King	Geoff Knight
Sarah Knight	Erica Lewis
Cary Matthews	Michael Mumford
Jack O'Dwyer-Henry	Jean Parr
Faye Penny	Robert Redfern
John Reynolds	Oliver Robinson
Stewart Scothern	Alistair Sinclair
Paul Stubbins	Malcolm Thomas
Sandra Thornberry	Katie Whearty
Anne Whitehead	David Whitworth
John Wild	Jason Wood
Peter Yates	Joanna Young

**26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roger Dennison, Mike Greenall, Abi Mills, Joyce Pritchard and Michael Smith.

**27 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 and 20 May 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

**28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Budden declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the motion on notice regarding catering concessions for a number of reasons which he did not specify. Councillor Young also declared a potential personal, non-prejudicial, interest in the same item regarding the Storey catering concessions as a tenant of the Storey. (Minute No.34 refers.)

Councillor Greenwell said she would declare a personal interest if there were discussions on the Lancaster and South Cumbria Economic Region in view of the location of her home near the border with Cumbria. (Minute No.33 refers.)

**29 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS – EXTENSION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE INTERIM APPOINTMENT**

***The Chief Executive left the meeting at this point, having an interest in the item of urgent business regarding his interim appointment.***

The Mayor had accepted one item of urgent business, a report from the Chief Executive Recruitment Committee. The report required a decision as soon as possible and could not wait until the next available meeting.

The Mayor informed Council that there was an error in paragraph 4.1 of the report where the date had been typed as 31 October 2019 instead of 31 October 2020.

Councillor Reynolds, as Chair of the Chief Executive Recruitment Committee, presented the report, which sought Council's approval for an extension to the interim arrangements for the Chief Executive post.

There were no questions. Councillor Reynolds proposed the recommendation in the report:-

“That the fixed term appointment of Kieran Keane as the Council's Chief Executive is extended by one year, to 31 October 2020.”

Councillor Barber seconded the proposal.

There was no debate and the proposition was clearly carried when put the vote.

***Resolved:***

That the fixed term appointment of Kieran Keane as the Council's Chief Executive is extended by one year, to 31 October 2020.

***The Chief Executive returned to the Council Chamber.***

**30 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked everyone who had attended the wine tasting evening, which had raised £430 for his charity, Defying Dementia. He expressed his thanks to Councillors who had supported the event.

**31 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11**

The Mayor advised that no questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.

**32 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES**

The Mayor informed Members that no petitions or requests to address Council had been received from members of the public.

**33 LEADER'S REPORT**

Councillor Lewis presented her first report to Council since being appointed Leader of the Council on 20 May 2019. She responded to a number of questions from Councillors.

***Resolved:***

That the report be noted.

**34 MOTION ON NOTICE - CATERING CONCESSIONS*****Councillor Budden left the Council Chamber, having previously declared a prejudicial interest in the following motion.***

The following motion of which notice had been given to the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15 was moved by Councillor Heath and seconded by Councillor Geoff Knight:-

*"It has not escaped the general public's attention that there were no ice cream vans in their usual spots on Morecambe promenade during the very hot spell of weather at Easter.*

*Lancaster City Council has for many years received guaranteed revenue from leasing these sites to local business. This ended this year as Lancaster City Council has apparently decided it would make much more money from selling ice creams themselves.*

*We all know this will never be the case. It has been proved by the council's failed attempts to run business in the past.*

*Lancaster City Council has already lost 1/2 years rental income from concessionaires and we see no evidence that the council has put any money aside to provide their own ice cream vans. Does this mean that this council no longer has any plans to provide ice cream vans on Morecambe promenade? If so, we are leaving the door wide open for unregulated traders to turn up which raises Health and Safety concerns.*

*Apparently it has also been the policy to cancel leases on cafes at the end of their term. This means that a local resident who has worked hard and put their heart and soul into building up a business will have this taken away from them by the council on the grounds that the council will now keep the profit. This does not inspire entrepreneurship in the town nor does it inspire being in partnership with Lancaster City Council. Is there any member*

*here that thinks this is a sensible or desirable way forward?*

*Other cafe owners have now been told that they will not be able to renew their lease - what incentive is there to invest in or improve their business.*

*We propose that the Council:-*

- 1) Does not take the livelihoods of local residents away from them by not renewing their leases;*
- 2) Does not begin the business of selling ice creams on Morecambe Promenade;*  
*And that:*
- 3) The Council's priorities should be on fulfilling its statutory duties."*

An officer briefing note had been prepared and circulated with the agenda to assist Councillors with the debate.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Hamilton-Cox, seconded by Councillor Lewis:

"Cabinet Members wish to take further soundings on the matters raised by the motion and propose that the agenda item returns to full council on 17 July 2019 for a final decision."

After some discussion and clarification, Councillor Heath and her seconder accepted this proposal as a friendly amendment to the motion.

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken and the motion, as amended, was clearly carried.

***Resolved:-***

That Cabinet Members take further soundings on the matters raised by the motion and that the agenda item returns to full council on 17 July 2019 for a final decision.

***Councillor Budden returned to the Council Chamber.***

### **35 APPOINTMENT TO AN OUTSIDE BODY - COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP**

Council considered a report submitted by the Chief Executive. The report noted that Councillor Dowding had been appointed to the Community Rail Partnership at the last Council meeting. However, her circumstances had since changed and she would be unable to attend Partnership meetings. For this reason she had not taken up the position and Council was being asked to make a new appointment.

Councillor O'Dwyer-Henry nominated Councillor Bryning to fill the vacancy. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Wood.

Councillor Barber nominated Councillor Yates, seconded by Councillor Duggan.

The Mayor called for a vote. There was a tie, with 24 votes for Councillor Bryning and 24 votes for Councillor Yates. The Mayor then used his second vote to break the tie, and declared Councillor Bryning appointed to the Community Rail Partnership.

***Resolved:***

That Councillor Bryning be appointed to the Community Rail Partnership.

**36 APPOINTMENT TO POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

The Mayor informed Councillors that appointments to the Police and Crime Panel would be postponed to the next Council meeting because figures had not yet been agreed for political balance across Lancashire following the local elections held in May.

**37 APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Mayor noted that the Green Group had requested that Councillor Stubbins be replaced on the Budget and Performance Panel by Councillor Young. Councillor Dant confirmed that this was the case.

The Labour group then proposed that:

- Councillor Parr be replaced on the Audit Committee with Councillor Biddulph and the Councillor Wood be listed as a named substitute on that committee.
- Councillor Whitehead be replaced on the Personnel Committee by Councillor Hanson.

Councillor Robinson agreed to second all the changes. A vote was taken and the changes were approved.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That Councillor Stubbins be replaced on the Budget and Performance Panel by Councillor Young.
- (2) That Councillor Parr be replaced on the Audit Committee by Councillor Biddulph.
- (3) That Councillor Wood be listed as a named substitute for the Audit Committee.

**38 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

The Mayor advised that two questions had been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rules. These were questions from Councillor Dennison to the Cabinet Members for Planning and Economic Regeneration about the passageway between B&M Bargains and Johnny's Entertainment on Marine Road Central, Morecambe.

Unfortunately, Councillor Dennison was not able to be present at the meeting to ask his questions. However, he had made it clear, when he submitted his questions, that written answers would be acceptable. The Democratic Services Manager agreed to provide the answers to Councillor Dennison and all other Councillors by email following the meeting.

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Mayor

(The meeting finished at 6.45 p.m.)

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