

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, 12th November, 2015

Present:- **Councillors** Patrick Anketell-Jones, Rob Appleyard, Tim Ball, Colin Barrett, Cherry Beath, Jasper Becker, Sarah Bevan, Lisa Brett, John Bull, Neil Butters, Jonathan Carr, Anthony Clarke, Matt Cochrane, Paul Crossley, Chris Dando, Fiona Darey, Matthew Davies, Sally Davis, Douglas Deacon, Emma Dixon, Michael Evans, Andrew Furse, Charles Gerrish, Ian Gilchrist, Bob Goodman, Francine Haeberling, Alan Hale, Liz Hardman, Donal Hassett, Steve Hedges, Deirdre Horstmann, Eleanor Jackson, Steve Jeffries, Les Kew, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, Paul May, Alison Millar, Robin Moss, Paul Myers, Michael Norton, Lisa O'Brien, Bryan Organ, Lin Patterson, June Player, Christopher Pearce, Vic Pritchard, Joe Rayment, Liz Richardson, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry, Mark Shelford, Brian Simmons, Peter Turner, David Veale, Martin Veal, Karen Walker, Geoff Ward, Tim Warren, Karen Warrington and Chris Watt

Apologies for absence: **Councillors** Colin Blackburn and Shaun McGall

53 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure, as set out on the agenda.

54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman announced an interest on behalf of the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer in Appendix 2 (Scale of Fees) of agenda item 14 (Proposals for a Directly Elected Mayor) and explained that they would leave the meeting if this item needed to be discussed.

The Monitoring Officer declared a dispensation, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, for all Councillors who would have a disclosable pecuniary interest by living near a proposed Park & Ride site.

55 MINUTES - 10TH SEPTEMBER AND 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015

On a motion from Councillor Eleanor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Dine Romero, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 10th September be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman;

and then on a further motion from Councillor Tim Warren and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Carr, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 16th September be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OR FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chairman made the customary housekeeping announcements regarding the webcast, mobile phones and meeting procedures.

He congratulated Councillor Shaun McGall on his recent wedding.

He invited the Chief Executive to update Council about the latest situation with Syrian Refugees.

57 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

58 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Chairman made reference to the Public Questions document which had been circulated to the meeting.

Joy Burt made a statement and handed in a petition of over 400 signatures calling for a ceiling on student numbers in the world heritage city of Bath.

Mr Ellis made a brief statement and handed in a petition of over 300 signatures concerning traffic problems on the Wellsway in Keynsham.

Jane Fox, on behalf of Tom Moat, made a statement supporting the continuation of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and objecting to the changes proposed to the funding. In response to a question from Councillor Michael Evans about whether Ms Fox was aware that Academies are responsible for their own funding, she explained she was aware, but that take up was still far higher in private schools than in state schools which made it exclusive and more difficult to deliver. In response to a question from Councillor Lisa Brett about the effect on smaller charities, Ms Fox responded that the changes to funding would make it very difficult for smaller groups to deliver. Councillor Jackson expressed concern and queried whether the programme delivered through the Radstock Youth Centre would be affected, Ms Fox confirmed that it would apply to the Youth Centre who would need to provide the £1100 per annum and take on the additional workload.

Giles Denning made a statement supporting the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. In response to a question from Councillor Michael Evans about whether Mr Denning was aware that he was working with officers to alleviate the cuts and it looked likely they would be able to continue with licensing and possibly other arrangements, Mr Denning said that he was not aware.

Nigel Whitfield, a volunteer Duke of Edinburgh Leader, made a statement about the benefits of open award centres.

Jemma Rowlandson made a statement also in support of open award centres, explaining that she had recently achieved her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award at one

such centre. In response to a question from Councillor Lisa Brett about whether she felt volunteers at open award centres would have the confidence to deliver the programme without the backing of the Local Authority, Ms Rowlandson responded that she felt it was important to have Local Authority support and backing.

Nigel Sherwin made a statement about cycling on the London Road and the Gateway scheme, Bath. A full copy of his statement is linked to the minutes online. In response to a question from Councillor Lin Patterson about whether his views had support of others, Mr Sherwin responded that over 1200 people had signed a petition when it was originally proposed, and all the cycling clubs avoid the London Road when possible although there isn't really an alternative route.

Bryn Jones, Chair of Transition Larkhall, made a statement, a copy of which is linked to the online minutes, suggesting measures to reduce congestion and poor air quality on the A4/London Road into Bath. In response to a question from Councillor Lin Patterson about whether there was popular support for these measures, Mr Jones responded that there were a number of supporters who have said they would cycle more if it was safer.

Adam Reynolds, Chair of Cycle Bath, made a statement, a copy of which is linked to the online minutes, about safer cycle routes to schools. In response to a question from Councillor Lin Patterson about whether the principles of the Larkhall Safer Routes to Schools programme were compatible with safer cycle routes, Mr Reynolds responded that segregated space was needed for different road users, not shared space.

David Redgewell made a statement on behalf of the various transport groups he represents proposing support for option B and the need to integrate with the MetroWest project. A copy of David's statement is attached to the online minutes. In response to a question from Councillor Jonathan Carr about whether Mr Redgewell had seen evidence that the Administration were making progress with these issues, he responded that, through the joint Authority processes, there were making progress with MetroWest and starting to make progress on Bus Quality partnerships. In response to a question from Councillor Dine Romero about whether, if finances weren't an issue, they would support any other sites, Mr Redgewell responded that the reality was that of the sites offered, option B was the best one as it had a rail option and was the best point of integration.

The following members of the public were all speaking about the Park & Ride issue. Statements that have been provided are attached to the minutes;

David Dixon, Jan Attah, Mr Peter Martin, Arwin & Amelie from Batheaston Primary School, Tom Boden (National Trust), Caitlin Poole, Susanne Hagen, Derek Greener, Irene Greener, Sian James, Christopher Atchison, Caroline Kay (Bath Preservation Trust), Andrew Lea, David Dunlop (London Road & Snowhill partnership), George Riley (Batheaston Parish Council), Patrick Rotheram (Vineyard Residents' Association), Andrew Mercer, Bethany Hunger, Cheryl Nield de Crespo, Selma Crespo Nield, Robin Kerr (FOBRA Chairman), Mrs Bailhache, Henrietta Sherwin (Avonside CPRE), Mark Stephens, Catherine Gregory, Catherine Simpson, Maddy Donoghue, Lisa Brown, Louise Hidalgo, Carole Bond, Emma Adams, Martin Harman, Annie Kilmington, Steve Horler, Grace Deathridge, Dorian Baker, Henry

Brown, Alison Smith, Christine Boyd, Siân Hunger, John Richards, Sally Rothwell, Moira Brennan (Chairman Bathampton PC), Mark Stephens (also reading statement from Derek Redding), Lucien Stephens, Sharon Collins, Nick Cooper, Ian Perkins (TARA and City Centre Action group), Maria Naughton, Rory Geldard, Stuart Feasey, Graham Feasey, David Batho, Steven Robinson, Mark Magri-Overend, Judy Klinpikuln, Jane Natt, Bob Gore, Hannah Hyam, Peter Wardle, Jeff Owen, Caroline Cooper, Nick Cooper, Judy Bailey, Alexis Pavlou, Fiona Powell, Mark Millar.

59 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR A PARK & RIDE EAST OF BATH

Following submissions from over 80 members of the public about this issue, the Council considered the submissions to them and the report outlining the issues raised to date through the consultation process on proposals for a Park and Ride facility to the east of Bath.

On a motion from Councillor Tim Warren, seconded by Councillor Anthony Clarke, it was

RESOLVED

1. To note the officer report, including the evidence of need and the results of the consultation.
2. To reaffirm its commitment to delivering an East of Bath Park & Ride as part of an integrated transport strategy which also includes improvements to local rail services through the MetroWest project, investment in safe walking and cycling routes, support for local bus services, and progress towards an East of Bath link-road.
3. To ask that the cross-party Local Development Framework Steering Group review all the options for the location of an East of Bath Park & Ride prior to Cabinet selecting a preferred site early next year, giving due consideration to the following:
 - The responses received to the East of Bath Park & Ride consultation;
 - The feasibility and deliverability of each site option;
 - The costs associated with each site option;
 - The transport benefits of each site option;
 - The visual impact of each site option.
4. That, in addition, Cabinet and officers are also asked to give consideration to:
 - Measures to reduce the number of high-polluting vehicles entering Bath, such as a Low Emission Zone, alongside the delivery of the Park & Ride;

- Measures to ensure the protection of bus services to the villages east of Bath alongside the delivery of the Park & Ride;
 - Measures to mitigate any visual and environmental impacts of the Park & Ride, whichever site is ultimately selected, including looking at 'best practice' examples from elsewhere in the country and abroad.
 - The potential of providing a shuttle-bus service from the new Park & Ride to the RUH.
5. To ask that Cabinet and officers continue to engage with the Parish Councils and communities on the East of Bath on the proposals for a Park & Ride, and that once a site has been selected and more detailed proposals produced, further public engagement is undertaken as part of the planning process.
 6. That, alongside plans for an East of Bath Park & Ride, Cabinet is asked to develop a fully costed business case for an East of Bath link-road and continues efforts to work alongside our local MPs, neighbouring authorities, Highways England, the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership and the Department for Transport to lobby for the necessary funding to deliver this project; and
 7. To call for the Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel to undertake an open and transparent public scrutiny, examining a wide range of integrated transport solutions for the East of Bath.

[Notes;

- 1 *During debate, an unsuccessful amendment was moved by Councillor John Bull and seconded by Councillor Neil Butters, covering much of the wording above, but without a specific commitment to an east of Bath Park & Ride, nor the involvement of the LDF Steering Group. This was not carried after a named vote with 24 Councillors voting in favour, 35 against and 3 abstentions as follows:*
In favour: Councillors Rob Appleyard, Tim Ball, Cherry Beath, Lisa Brett, John Bull, Neil Butters, Jonathan Carr, Paul Crossley, Chris Dando, Douglas Deacon, Andrew Furse, Ian Gilchrist, Liz Hardman, Steve Hedges, Eleanor Jackson, Alison Millar, Robin Moss, Lin Patterson, June Player, Joe Rayment, Caroline Roberts, Nigel Roberts, Dine Romero, Will Sandry.
Against: Councillors Patrick Anketell-Jones, Colin Barrett, Jasper Becker, Anthony Clarke, Matt Cochrane, Fiona Darey, Matthew Davies, Sally Davis, Emma Dixon, Michael Evans, Bob Goodman, Francine Haeberling, Alan Hale, Donal Hassett, Deirdre Horstmann, Steve Jefferies, Les Kew, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, Paul May, Paul Myers, Michael Norton, Lisa O'Brien, Bryan Organ, Christopher Pearce, Vic Pritchard, Liz Richardson, Mark Shelford, Brian Simmons, Peter Turner, Martin Veale, David Veale, Tim Warren, Karen Warrington, Chris Watt.
Abstentions: Councillors Sarah Bevan, Karen Walker, Geoff Ward.
- 2 *The successful resolution above was passed on a named vote with 34 Councillors voting in favour, 26 against and 2 abstentions as follows:*
In favour: Councillors Patrick Anketell-Jones, Colin Barrett, Jasper Becker, Anthony Clarke, Matt Cochrane, Fiona Darey, Matthew Davies, Sally Davis, Emma Dixon, Michael Evans, Bob Goodman, Francine Haeberling, Alan Hale, Donal Hassett, Deirdre Horstmann, Steve Jefferies, Les Kew, Marie Longstaff, Barry Macrae, Paul May, Paul Myers, Michael Norton, Lisa O'Brien, Bryan Organ,

Christopher Pearce, Vic Pritchard, Liz Richardson, Mark Shelford, Brian Simmons, Peter Turner, David Veale, Tim Warren, Karen Warrington, Chris Watt.
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Abstentions: Councillors Sarah Bevan, Karen Walker

3 Resolution 7 above was originally part of the joint amendment and accepted into the successful motion by the mover and seconder of the substantive motion.

60 REFERENDUM ON PROPOSAL FOR BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL TO OPERATE A DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR AND CABINET EXECUTIVE INSTEAD OF A LEADER AND CABINET EXECUTIVE MODEL

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

61 BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2015-2019

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

62 THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (LCTS) 2016-17

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

63 PARISH COUNCILS: LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME GRANT

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

64 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

65 REQUEST BY DUNKERTON PARISH COUNCIL TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO DUNKERTON AND TUNLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

66 REQUIRED AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

67 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

68 MOTION FROM THE LABOUR GROUP - TRADE UNION BILL

Following adjournment of the meeting, this item was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

69 QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Following adjournment of the meeting, a statement from Councillor Will Sandry on Moorland Road was deferred until the next meeting to take place on December 17th 2015.

The meeting ended at 12:05midnight

Chairman

Date Confirmed and Signed

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