

COUNCIL MEETING 16TH MARCH 2023

STATEMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Public

1. Deborah Collins - Active travel
2. Onkar Saini - Community engagement
3. Naomi Johns - Ecological emergency
4. Fiona Gourley - Village Agents' scheme (*Fiona has tested positive for covid so David Harding will present the statement*)
5. Bob Goodman - How this Administration has no respect for residents
6. Dana Lazarevic - Discrimination
7. David Harding - Chew Valley to Bristol supported bus service 672
8. Angela Goldson - HGV traffic
9. David Redgewell - Public transport network (*David is unable to attend due to the train strike so Cllr Hardman will cover his points*)
10. Andy Stewart - Climate & Ecological emergency
11. Chad Allen - Bath CAZ and pollution

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - PUBLIC

P	01	Question from:	Anne Coghlan
<p>Can the Council explain why the proposed amendment by Councillor Wright for a School Street was rejected. We have to legislate to change behaviour. School Streets are for the benefit of everyone and would significantly reduce car usage and provide safer streets for the community. Can the Council look into this as a matter of urgency?</p>			
Answer: Cllr Stephenson-McGall, Chair of Council			
<p>Council does not speak with one voice. The debate reflected the views of individual Councillors, with their own individual reasons, who then voted as follows on the amendment; 10 in favour, 32 against, 9 abstentions. The full debate, and the reasons given by councillors for voting the way they did, can be viewed on the webcast - https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=272&MId=6154&Ver=4</p>			
P	02	Question from:	Anne Coghlan
<p>The Nolan Principles for Standards in Public Life that all Councillors sign up to when elected expect "selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership". The recent behaviour at Full Council on 21st February 2023 of Cabinet Members clearly showed that many of these principles were not in place and brought the Council as an institution into disrepute. What actions will the Council be undertaking to ensure a transparent process is undertaken to investigate this conduct?</p>			
Answer: Cllr Stephenson-McGall, Chair of Council			
<p>In accordance with the requirements of section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, the Council has established a Standards Committee (with Independent members), which has the responsibility for considering and determining any allegations of misconduct against Members of the Council in accordance with the arrangements set out here; https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/make-complaint-about-councillors</p>			