

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

MEETING DATE Wednesday, 15 May 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors John Rainsbury (Mayor), Carol Chisholm (Deputy Mayor), Will Adams, Jacky Alty, Jane Bell, Renee Blow, Damian Bretherton, Aniela Bylinski Gelder, Matt Campbell, Colin Clark, Malcolm Donoghue, Bill Evans, James Flannery, Derek Forrest, Paul Foster, Mary Green, Michael Green, Harry Hancock, Jon Hesketh, Mick Higgins, David Howarth, Cliff Hughes, Ken Jones, Susan Jones, Chris Lomax, Jim Marsh, Keith Martin, Christine Melia, Caroline Moon, Jacqui Mort, Alan Ogilvie, Colin Sharples, D C Shaw, Margaret Smith, Phil Smith, Michael Titherington, Caleb Tomlinson, Matthew Tomlinson, Matthew Trafford, Angela Turner, Karen Walton, Ian Watkinson, P Wharton-Hardman, Sarah Whitaker, Carol Wooldridge and Barrie Yates

OFFICERS: Heather McManus (Chief Executive), Tim Povall (Deputy Chief Executive of Resources and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)), Gregg Stott (Deputy Chief Executive of Regeneration and Growth), Dave Whelan (Legal Services Manager/Interim Monitoring Officer), Paul Hussey (Director of Customer and Digital), Darren Cranshaw (Assistant Director of Scrutiny & Democratic Services) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Team Leader)

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1 Minutes Silence

Council observed a minutes silence for Councillor Graham Walton who had recently passed away. Councillor Walton had served as a Councillor for South Ribble for 12 years and was appointed Mayor in 2014/15. Group Leaders, Councillors Margaret Smith, Paul Foster and David Howarth spoke compassionately about their friend and colleague, commenting that Councillor Walton's passing was a great loss to his constituents, his wife Karen, and to South Ribble Council.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Colin Coulton, Councillor Peter Mullineaux and David Suthers

3 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 February 2019 of Council

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

That subject to the following amendment to minutes no: 115

Councillor Caroline Moon gave the following response regarding the life expectancy of the bins.

While some bins have lasted up to twenty years, the warranty given by the suppliers is 11 years. In respect of the unit cost of a bin to the council, it was slightly over the £30 being charged.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 February 2019 be approved.

4 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

5 Returning Officer Report

The Mayor congratulated all those Councillors who had been elected or re-elected on 2 May 2019 and in particular welcomed the 14 new councillors.

The Returning Officer's report indicated the election results as follows:

Ward	Councillor
Bamber Bridge East	Mick Higgins Christine Melia
Bamber Bridge West	Paul Foster Caleb Tomlinson
Broadfield	Mick Titherington Matthew Tomlinson
Broad Oak	Harry Hancock Ange Turner
Buckshaw and Worden	Caroline Moon Alan Ogilvie
Charnock	Ian Watkinson Carol Wooldridge
Coupe Green and Gregson Lane	Jim Marsh Sarah Whitaker
Earnshaw Bridge	Bill Evans Colin Sharples
Farington East	Jacky Alty Paul Wharton-Hardman
Hoole	John Rainsbury David Suthers
Howick and Priory	Renee Blow David Howarth David Shaw
Leyland Central	Aniela Bylinski Gelder Derek Forrest
Longton and Hutton West	Colin Clark Colin Coulton Jon Hesketh
Lostock Hall	Cliff Hughes Jacqui Mort

	Matthew Trafford
Middleforth	Will Adams James Flannery Keith Martin
Moss Side	Mary Green Michael Green
New Longton and Hutton West	Margaret Smith Phil Smith
Salmesbury and Walton	Peter Mulineaux Barrie Yates
Seven Stars	Jane Bell Mal Donoghue
St Ambrose	Ken Jones Susan Jones
Walton-le-Dale East	Carl Chisholm Chris Lomax
Walton-le-Dale West	Damian Bretherton Matthew Campbell

The Farington West poll had been countermanded following the passing of Councillor Graham Walton, with an Election to be held on 20 June 2019. Councillor Karen Walton still continues to be a councillor for the Farington West ward of the Borough.

RESOLVED (Unanimously): That the report be noted.

6 Proposals for the Election of the Mayor for 2019/20

It was moved by Councillor David Howarth, seconded by Ange Turner and

RESOLVED (Yes 25, Abstain 17):

That Councillor Harold Hancock be elected as Mayor of South Ribble for the 2019/20 municipal year. Councillor Hancock introduced his Mayoress, Mrs Marion Hancock.

7 Proposals for the Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2019/20

It was moved by Councillor Paul Foster, seconded by Councillor Derek Forrest and

RESOLVED (Yes 26, Abstain 15, No 1):

That Councillor Jane Bell be elected as Deputy Mayor of South Ribble for the 2019/20 municipal year.

There was a brief adjournment to allow the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress and Retiring Deputy Mayor; the newly elected Mayor and Mayoress; and the newly elected Deputy Mayor to exchange robes and badges of office.

Councillor Harold Hancock in the Chair.

On resuming the meeting, Councillor Harold Hancock signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Mayor and thanked Councillors for his appointment.

Councillor Jane Bell signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Deputy Mayor, and thanked Councillors for her appointment.

8 Tributes to the retiring Mayor and Presentation of Commemorative Badges

The Mayor referred to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor John Rainsburys year of office, along with his Mayoress, Mrs Shirley Rainsbury, and how they had served as first class ambassadors for South Ribble.

Political group Leaders and other councillors also paid tribute to the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress for a very successful year and the positive work undertaken in the support of his charities.

Councillor John Rainsbury responded, thanking Councillors for their kind words and support over the year. Along with his Mayoress, they had attended many historic and memorable events and had been amazed and overwhelmed by the many volunteers that give their time to various events and organisations across the borough.

He thanked his Mayoress, the Civic Attendant and the Mayor's Secretary for all their support and assistance. Councillor Rainsbury also thanked his Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carol Chisholm who along with her son, had supported him and the Mayoress over the year.

9 Election of the Leader of the Council (for a four year term)

It was moved by Councillor Mick Titherington, seconded by Councillor Matthew Trafford and

RESOLVED (Yes 27, Abstain 1, No 16):

That Councillor Paul Foster be appointed as Leader of the Council for a four year term until May 2023.

Councillor Paul Foster thanked the Council for appointing him as Leader of the Council, gave thanks to the Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Councillor David Howarth for his group's support and said that he was looking forward to working together over the coming years to make good on all their promises.

10 Appointment of the Deputy Leader and Members of Cabinet

The Council considered a report that was circulated at the meeting on behalf of the new Leader that set out the following details of the membership of the Cabinet along with their portfolio responsibilities for 2019/20.

Cabinet Portfolio:	Cabinet Member:
Leader of the Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Crime Panel • Community Safety Partnership 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications and Public Relations • Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance • Corporate Governance, Mayoralty and Democratic Arrangements 	Councillor Paul Foster
Deputy Leader, Health Wellbeing and Leisure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness • Housing Development Delivery • Leisure and Cultural Services • Revenue and Benefits • Public Health • Health and Wellbeing Partnership • Lancashire Teaching Hospital Trust 	Councillor Mick Titherington
Finance, Property and Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Services • Risk Management, Control and Assurances • ICT • Asset Management and Property Services • Strategic Financial Planning and Development • Strategic Procurement • Revenue and Budget Monitoring and Review • Management and Development of Parks and Open Spaces 	Councillor Matthew Tomlinson
Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Collection/Recycling Promotion and Development • Environmental Health • Air Quality • Car Parking • Licensing • Planning Enforcement 	Councillor Susan Jones
Planning, Regeneration and City Deal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National, Regional and Sub Regional Borough Promotion • City Deal • Planning Policies and Strategies • Development Framework Proposals and Plans • Transportation • Strategic Housing and Planning • Economic Regeneration, Planning and Implementation 	Councillor Bill Evans
Community Engagement, Social Justice and Wealth Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Partnerships • Strategic Personnel and Organisational Development 	Councillor Aniela Bylinski Gelder

(including Member Induction and Development) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion, Monitoring and Performance • Gateway and Customer Services • Community Engagement • Children and Young People's Partnership 	
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The report also provided details of the appointment of the following Member Champions:

Member Champion:	Member:
Armed Forces	Derek Forrest
Older People	Jane Bell
Youth	Matthew Trafford
Air Quality	Ken Jones
Social Justice and Equality	Jacky Alty
Safeguarding	Jane Bell

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Foster thanked Councillor Alan Ogilvie for all his work as Member Champion for the Armed Forces over the past four years.

RESOLVED (Unanimously): That the report be noted.

11 Appointment of Committee's for 2019/20

The Council considered a schedule of nominations for the appointment of committees, working groups and panels in accordance with the political balance of the Council, together with nominations to Chair and Vice Chair positions.

The Leader was proposing a reduction in the number of seats allocated to some Committees. It was his view that some of the Committees were too big in size and as a council, going forwards there is a need to support a greater quality of decision making.

It was also the Leader's intention to review the current role of My Neighbourhoods and the reduction in committee places would afford Members more time to get involved with the new neighbourhood arrangements.

The two current Licensing Committees will also be merged into one, to be rename the Licensing and Public Safety Committee, with the memberships for all Sub-Committee Panels still continuing to be drawn from the main Committee.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Margaret Smith commented that she felt quite strongly that the numbers should not have been reduced, stating that it was important for new councillors to be given the opportunity to experience all aspects of committee decision making.

It was moved by Councillor Paul Foster, seconded by Councillor Mick Titherington and

RESOLVED (Yes 27, Abstain 1, No 17)

That:

1. The allocation of committee places in accordance with the Political Balance Rules as set out in the report be approved.
2. The Members, Chairs and Vice Chairs for the committees set out in the appendix to the report be appointed for the period of twelve months until the First Business Meeting of the Council in May 2020.

Committee	Conservative Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrats Group
Planning Committee (13 Members) (6:6:1)	Mary Green Jon Hesketh Cliff Hughes Caroline Moon Phil Smith Barrie Yates	Caleb Tomlinson (Chair) Mal Donoghue (Vice Chair) Jane Bell Mick Higgins Keith Martin Christine Melia	David Shaw
Scrutiny Committee (11 Members) (5:5:1)	Michael Green (Vice Chair) Matthew Campbell Colin Coulton Jim Marsh Karen Walton	Will Adams Mal Donoghue Chris Lomax Colin Sharples Matthew Trafford	David Howarth (Chair)
Licensing and Public Safety Committee (11 Members) (5:5:1)	Jacqui Mort Peter Mullineaux Alan Ogilvie John Rainsbury Sarah Whitaker	Ken Jones (Chair) Jacky Alty Jane Bell Derek Forrest Mick Higgins	Renee Blow (Vice Chair)
Standards Committee (7 Members) (3:3:1)	Karen Walton (Vice Chair) Carol Chisholm David Suthers	Carol Wooldridge (Chair) Derek Forrest Ken Jones	Renee Blow
Governance Committee (7 Members) (3:3:1)	Damian Bretherton Colin Clark Margaret Smith	Ian Watkinson (Chair) James Flannery (Vice Chair) Christine Melia	Angela Turner
Appeal Committee (3 Members) (1:1:1)	Paul Wharton-Hardman	James Flannery	Angela Turner
Appointment and Employment Panel (5 Members) (2:2:1)	Margaret Smith Caroline Moon Phil Smith (Substitute)	Paul Foster (Chair) Mick Titherington Susan Jones (Substitute)	David Howarth David Shaw (Substitute)
Shared Services Joint Committee (5 Members)	Colin Clark Margaret Smith	Paul Foster (Vice Chair) Matthew Tomlinson	David Shaw

(2:2:1)	Caroline Moon (Substitute)	Mick Titherinton (Substitute)	David Howarth (Substitute)
Shared Services Joint Committee – Appointments Panel (3 Members) (1:1:1)	Colin Clark Phil Smith (Substitute)	Paul Foster Mick Titherington (Substitute)	David Shaw David Howarth (Substitute)
Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee (3 SRBC Members) (0:3:0)		Bill Evans Caleb Tomlinson Mal Donoghue Paul Foster Mick Titherington (Substitute)	
Local Plan Working Group (7 Members) (3:3:1)	Cliff Hughes Peter Mullineaux Phil Smith	Bill Evans (Chair) Caleb Tomlinson (Vice Chair) Ian Watkinson	David Shaw

- The Interim Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution to take into account the consequential changes as a result of this report being approved.

12 Appointment of My Neighbourhood Areas Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2019/20

Council considered a report of the Interim Monitoring Officer that allocated the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the council's My Neighbourhood Areas and proposed changes to the boundaries of the respective Neighbourhood areas.

The proposed new arrangements are as follows:

Western Parishes

Hoole, Longton and Hutton West and Hutton East

Penwortham

Broad Oak, Charnock, Howick and Priory and Middleforth

Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale

Bamber Bridge East, Bamber Bridge West, Lostock Hall, Walton-le-Dale East and Walton-le-Dale West

Leyland

Broadfield, Bucksahw and Worden, Earnshaw Bridge, Leyland Central, Moss Side, Seven Stars, St Ambrose, Farington East and Farington West

Eastern Parishes

Coupe Green and Gregson Lane, Salmesbury and Walton

As a consequence of these new arrangements, minor changes would be required to the council's Constitution. It was also proposed that a more fundamental review of the way the My Neighbourhoods forums operate would need to be carried out and that a further detailed report would be brought back to Council for consideration.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Margaret Smith thought that any reorganisation of My Neighbourhoods should first go through the Governance Committee for consideration. She stated that this had been done in previous years for any changes to the Constitution. She also stated that the recent Peer Review of the Council had recommended this way of working as good practice.

Members commented that a review of My Neighbourhoods was welcomed as they are not working in their current format, but some Members considered that these changes were being rushed and asked if the current arrangements could stay as they were pending a more formal review.

Councillors representing the Farington East and West wards of the borough also made a plea not to be included in the Leyland area for fear of their residents not actively engaging in the future as they do not recognise themselves as being part of Leyland.

Some members also commented that they felt that the membership of the Neighbourhood Areas were now unbalanced with the lowest being only four members, as opposed to the highest having 18 members.

The Leader responded by saying that the size of the membership was representative of the areas they served and that it was always the intention to hold a wider review of the neighbourhood arrangements that will be reported to a future meeting of Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Paul Foster, seconded by Councillor Mick Titherington and

RESOLVED (Yes 27, No 18):

That

1. The boundaries and names of the following My Neighbourhood areas:
 - Western Parishes
 - Penwortham
 - Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale
 - Leyland; and
 - Eastern Parishes be approved.
2. The following appointments for the 12 month period until the First Business Meeting of the Council in May 2020 be approved:

Neighbourhood Area:	Chair:	Vice Chair:
Leyland	Councillor Jane Bell	Councillor Colin Sharples
Penwortham	Councillor Keith Martin	Councillor David Shaw
Western Parishes	Councillor Colin Coulton	Councillor John Rainsbury
Eastern Parishes	Councillor Peter Mullineaux	Councillor Sarah Whitaker
Bamber Bridge,	Councillor Chris Lomax	Councillor Matthew Trafford

Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale		
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- The Interim Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of Governance Committee, be granted delegated authority to make any changes to the Constitution that are necessary as a consequence of the report.

13 Appointment to outside bodies for 2019/20

The Council considered a report of the Assistant Director of Scrutiny and Democratic Services relating to the appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Councillor Caroline Moon requested that the representation for Balshaw's Church of England High School Educational Foundation be allocated to the ward councillors for Buckshaw and Worden. The Leader of the Council responded to say that the Councillor that had been appointed for this year was an ex school teacher and felt that this was a more appropriate appointment.

It was moved by Councillor Paul Foster, seconded by Councillor Mick Titherington and

RESOLVED (Yes 27, Abstain 18):

That the representation on Outside Bodies as set out below be approved:

Outside Body:	No of Reps:	Representative:	Lead Officer:
Armed Forces Member Champion	1	Councillor Derek Forrest	AD Scrutiny and Dem Services
Balshaw's Church of England High School Educational Foundation	1	Councillor Colin Sharples	AD Scrutiny and Dem Services
Central Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership	1	Cabinet Member (Health, Wellbeing and Leisure) (Councillor Mick Titherington)	AD Projects and Development
Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Children's Partnership Board	1	Cabinet Member (Community Engagement, Social Justice and Wealth Building) (Councillor Aniela Bylinski Gelder)	Partnerships Manager
Council for the protection of Rural England – Lancashire Branch	1	Councillor Keith Martin	Director of Planning and Property
Higher Walton Community Centre Management Committee	1	Councillor Chris Lomax	Ad Property and Housing
Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny	1	Chair of Scrutiny Committee	Director of Neighbourhoods

Committee		(Councillor David Howarth)	and Development
Lancashire Police and Crime Panel	1	Chair of Licensing and Public Safety (Councillor Ken Jones)	Director of Neighbourhoods and Development
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Council of Governors	1	Cabinet Member (Environment) (Councillor Susan Jones)	Director of Neighbourhoods and Development
Lancashire Waste Partnership	1	Cabinet Member (Environment) (Councillor Susan Jones) (Substitute: Councillor David Howarth)	AD Neighbourhoods
Lancashire West Citizen's Advice Bureaux – Board of Trustees	1	Councillor James Flannery (Substitute: Councillor Will Adams)	Partnerships Manager
Local Authority Elected Member Older People's Champions – North West of England Network	1	Member Champion (Older People) (Councillor Jane Bell)	Deputy Chief Executive (Resources and Transformation)
Local Government Association – District Councils Network	2	Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Foster) and Chief Executive	Chief Executive
Local Government Association – General Assembly	1	Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Foster)	Chief Executive
North West Local Authorities' Employers' Organisation	1	Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Foster) (Substitute: Deputy Leader of the Council) (Councillor Mick Titherington)	Chief Executive
Preston and South Ribble Fairtrade Steering Group	1	Councillor Keith Martin	Deputy Chief Executive (Resources and Transformation)
Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board	1	Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Foster) and Chief Executive	Chief Executive
Safer Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership – Responsible Authorities Group	1	Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Foster)	Director of Neighbourhoods and Development
South Ribble Community Leisure Trust Board	1	Cabinet Member (Health, Wellbeing and Leisure) (Councillor Mick	AD Projects and Development

		Titherington)	
South Ribble Partnerships	1	Leader of the Council (Councillor Paul Foster)	Chief Eexecutive
Spingfields Fuels Limited Site Stakeholder Group	2	Councillor Keith Martin Councillor David Shaw	Ad Neighbourhoods
Trustees of Alice Rowlinsons Charity	4	Councillor Jane Bell Councillor Jacky Alty Councillor Mal Donoghue And Mrs Carole Titherington	AD Scrutiny and Democratic Services
Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service – South Ribble District Advisory Board	1	Cabinet Member (Health, Wellbeing and Leisure) (Councillor Mick Titherington)	AD Projects and Development

14 Council Meetings 2019/20

The Leader of the Council announced that it was necessary to bring the next meeting of full Council forward by one week as there would be a decision required of Members by 24 July 2019.

In response to Member's questions it was clarified that the Planning Committee scheduled to take place on 24 July would now take place on 17 July to necessitate this change.

It was moved by Councillor Paul Foster, seconded by Councillor Bill Evans and

RESOLVED (Yes 27, No 18)

That it be noted that the Council Meetings scheduled to be held during 2019/20 are as follows:

- Wednesday 24 July 2019
- Wednesday 25 September 2019
- Wednesday 27 November 2019
- Wednesday 29 January 2020
- Wednesday 26 February 2020
- Wednesday 15 April 2020
- Wednesday 13 May 2020

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and invited his guests and all Councillors to join himself and the Mayoress for a small Civic Reception in the Paddock Room.

Chair

Date

