



Proceedings of the Meeting of the Leeds City Council held at the
Civic Hall, Leeds on Wednesday, 21st April, 2010

PRESENT: The Lord Mayor Councillor Judith Elliott in the Chair

WARD

ADEL & WHARFEDALE

Barry John Anderson
John Leslie Carter
Clive Fox

ALWOODLEY

Ronald David Feldman
Ruth Feldman
Peter Mervyn Harrand

ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD

Karen Renshaw
Jack Dunn
Lisa Mulherin

ARMLEY

Alison Natalie Kay Lowe
James McKenna

BEESTON & HOLBECK

Angela Gabriel
Adam Ogilvie

BRAMLEY & STANNINGLEY

Angela Denise Atkinson
Ted Hanley
Neil Taggart

BURMANTOFTS & RICHMOND HILL

Ralph Pryke
Richard Brett
David Hollingsworth

WARD

CALVERLEY & FARSLEY

Andrew Carter
Joseph William Marjoram
Frank Robinson

CHAPEL ALLERTON

Eileen Taylor
Jane Dowson

CITY & HUNSLET

Elizabeth Nash
Patrick Davey
Mohammed Iqbal

CROSS GATES & WHINMOOR

Suzi Armitage
Pauleen Grahame
Peter John Gruen

FARNLEY & WORTLEY

David Blackburn
Ann Blackburn
Andy Parnham

GARFORTH & SWILLINGTON

Andrea McKenna
Mark Dobson
Thomas Murray

GIPTON & HAREHILLS

Alan Leonard Taylor
Arif Hussain
Roger Harington

GUISELEY & RAWDON

Graham Latty
Stuart Andrew
John Bale

HAREWOOD

Ann Castle
Rachael Procter
Alec Shelbrooke

HEADINGLEY

Jamie Matthews
James John Monaghan
Martin Hamilton

HORSFORTH

Christopher Townsley
Andrew Barker
Brian Cleasby

HYDE PARK & WOODHOUSE

Penny Ewens
Kabeer Hussain

KILLINGBECK & SEACROFT

Graham Hyde
Veronica Morgan
Brian Michael Selby

KIPPAX & METHLEY

John Keith Parker
James Lewis
Keith Ivor Wakefield

KIRKSTALL

Lucinda Joy Yeadon
John Anthony Illingworth
Bernard Peter Atha

MIDDLETON PARK

Geoffrey Driver
Judith Blake

MOORTOWN

Brenda Lancaster
Richard Harker

MORLEY NORTH

Robert Finnigan
Robert William Gettings
Thomas Leadley

MORLEY SOUTH

Judith Elliott
Terrence Grayshon
Christopher James Beverley

OTLEY & YEADON

Graham Peter Kirkland
Colin Campbell
Ryk Downes

PUDSEY

Josephine Patricia Jarosz
Richard Alwyn Lewis
Mick Coulson

ROTHWELL

Donald Michael Wilson
Steve Smith
Barry Stewart Golton

ROUNDHAY

Matthew Lobley
Valerie Kendall
Paul Wadsworth

TEMPLE NEWSAM

David Schofield
Michael Lyons

WEETWOOD

Ben Chastney
Susan Bentley
Judith Mara Chapman

WETHERBY

Gerald Wilkinson
Alan James Lamb
John Michael Procter

97 Announcements

- a)
 - i) The Lord Mayor reported the recent death of Mike Palmer-Jones a former long serving Director of Leisure Services of the City;
 - ii) The Lord Mayor referred to the recent Polish air crash which resulted in the death of President Lech Kaczynski, his wife and several others;
 - iii) The Lord Mayor referred to the significant loss of life caused by an earthquake in Qinghai province of China;
 - iv) The Lord Mayor reported the recent tragic death of a Leeds Council refuse worker whilst at work and Council stood in silence.
- b) The Lord Mayor congratulated Councillor Patrick Davey on his nomination as Deputy Lord Mayor.
- c) The Lord Mayor reported that Councillors Coupar, Rhodes-Clayton, Harington, Bale, Shelbrooke and Robinson would not be seeking re-election in May and thanked them for their services to the City.

98 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Bentley seconded by Councillor Gruen and

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2010 be approved.

99 Declarations of Interest

The Lord Mayor announced that a list of written declarations submitted by members was on deposit in the public galleries and had been circulated to each member's place in the Chamber.

Following an invitation to declare further individual interests, declarations in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct were made as follows:-

- a) Councillor D Blackburn declared a personal interest in minute 103 of this meeting (Council agenda page 201, minute 29) as a Board Member of West Leeds Gateway
- b) Members declared personal interests in minute 107 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr Anderson	Observer at Older People's Action in the Community
Cllr Bale	Member, Strategy Board for the Independent Living Project
Cllr W Hyde	Member, Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe Project for Elders; Chair Crossgates Good Neighbours
Cllr Kendall	Member, Strategy Board for the Independent Living Project; Member, Community Action for Roundhay Elderly
Cllr Lobley	Member, Community Action for Roundhay Elderly Management Committee
Cllr Armitage	Vice- Chair of Swarcliffe Good Neighbours
Cllr Selby	Member of Management Committee- South Seacroft Good Neighbours
Cllr Hollingsworth	Member of management committee for Richmond Hill Elderly Action

Cllr Brett	Member of management committee for Burmantofts Senior Action
Cllr Lancaster	Member of management committee for Meanwood Elders, Neighbourhood Action

Councillor Leadley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the same item as a Committee Member and Trustee of Morley Elderly Action.

- c) Members declared personal interests in minute 109 of this meeting as follows:-

Cllr Harrand	Member, Area Health & Wellbeing Partnership
Cllr Kendall	Chair of the Healthy Leeds Partnership
Cllr Latty	Member, Area Health & Wellbeing Partnership

- d) Further declarations (Councillors J McKenna and Nash) made during the course of the meeting are referred to in minutes 103 and 104 respectively.

100 Deputations

Four deputations were admitted to the meeting and addressed Council as follows:-

- 1) Wetherby Business Association seeking re-instatement of the Wetherby Historic Market Town Signage on the A1
- 2) Wetherby Town Council seeking provision of a mini-roundabout at the junction of the A661 and Linton Road, Wetherby.
- 3) The National federation of Market Traders on behalf of Kirkgate Market Traders regarding the Strategy for Leeds Market.
- 4) The Access Committee for Leeds regarding "Adult Social Care – The Real Deal"

RESOLVED – That the subject matter of the deputations be referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

101 Report - Appointment of the Chief Executive

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Wakefield and

RESOLVED – That the recommendation of the Employment Committee on the appointment of Mr Tom Riordan to the post of Chief Executive, as contained in the report of the Chief Officer (Human Resources), be approved in accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution.

102 Questions

- 1) Councillor Lowe to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Can the Executive Board Member for Central and Corporate confirm that he is committed to transparency and equality in the procurement process?

The Executive Member (Central and Corporate) replied.

- 2) Councillor Cleasby to the Executive Member (Learning)

Would the Executive Board member responsible for Learning join with me in congratulating Horsforth Newlaithes School on their excellent OFSTED Report last month?

The Executive Member (Learning) replied.

- 3) Councillor Lobley to the Leader of Council

Would the Leader of Council care to comment on the recent proposals for a high speed rail link to Leeds?

The Leader of Council replied.

- 4) Councillor Hussain to the Executive Member (Leisure)

Can the Executive Board Member for Leisure please confirm that he is committed to upholding the Member-Officer protocol in respect of the provision of information on the management of cemeteries, parks and countryside matters?

The Executive Member (Leisure) replied.

- 5) Councillor Gettings to the Executive Member (Learning)

Does Cllr Harker agree with me that, as Gildersome Junior School is about to double in size, it would be appropriate to consider providing Nursery provision at the school, especially as the other small junior school in the village has such provision and is full and children are already having to travel to Morley.

The Executive Member (Learning) replied.

- 6) Councillor Wakefield to the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care)

Can the Executive Board Member for adult social care confirm this Council's commitment to promoting health and well being amongst our elderly people?

The Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) replied.

- 7) Councillor Downes to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Would the Executive Board member responsible for Central and Corporate care to comment on the recent additional powers granted to local authorities for such as lap dancing clubs?

The Executive Member (Central and Corporate) replied.

- 8) Councillor Anderson to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration)

Would the Executive Board Member for City Development & Regeneration care to welcome the progress that is being made towards completing the Leeds Arena in time for its scheduled opening in November 2012, following selection of a preferred contractor?

The Executive Member (Development and Regeneration) replied.

- 9) Councillor Atha to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate)

Can the Executive Board member for Central & Corporate please provide an update on the future of the Royal Park buildings?

The Executive Member (Central and Corporate) replied.

- 10) Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member (Environmental Services)

Can the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services please confirm how many tonnes of waste per year will be transported to the Council's planned incinerator in East Leeds?

The Executive Member (Environmental Services) replied.

At the conclusion of question time, the following questions remained unanswered and it was noted that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.6, written responses would be sent to each Member of Council:-

- 11) Councillor Chapman to the Executive Member (Environmental Services).
- 12) Councillor Lamb to the Leader of Council.
- 13) Councillor Ogilvie to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate).
- 14) Councillor Illingworth to the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration).
- 15) Councillor Hollingsworth to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate).
- 16) Councillor Hamilton to the Executive Member (Central and Corporate).

103 Minutes

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Bentley and

RESOLVED – That the minutes submitted to Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(o) be received.

In summing up prior to the vote on this matter Councillor A Carter noted that Mike Wilkinson's term as Chair of Standards Committee was due to end at the Annual Meeting in May 2010 and offered thanks to him on behalf of the Council.

(During the debate on this item, Councillor J McKenna declared a personal interest as a member of Armley Helping Hands)

Council Procedure Rule 4 providing for the winding up of business was applied prior to all notified comments on the minutes having been debated.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 pm and resumed at 5.25 pm.

104 White Paper Motion - Kirkgate Market

It was moved by Councillor Dobson seconded by Councillor Wakefield

That this Council believes that the historic Kirkgate Market is a local, regional and national attraction for Leeds, a destination in its own right, and a valuable business incubator for small business; and that both the asset and its traders should receive better support and promotion in recognition of these valuable roles.

To achieve the above, Council believes it is imperative that the currently vacant role of Market Manager is accorded recruitment priority as a frontline role in an essential service.

Council calls on the Executive Board:-

1. To require Marketing Leeds to undertake a bespoke campaign to promote Kirkgate Market to local, regional, national and international target audiences;
2. To lift the ban on recruitment in respect of the role of Market Manager with immediate effect.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Anderson seconded by Councillor Campbell

Delete all after: 'This Council believes that the historic Kirkgate Market is a local, regional and national attraction for Leeds, a destination in its own right, and a valuable business incubator for small business.'

and replace with:-

'Council notes the investment made by the current administration in Kirkgate Market and the wider City Centre over recent months, but recognises that there is still much work to do to mitigate the effects of the worst recession in 60 years.

This Council recognises that a key aspect of economic recovery will be support to small businesses such as those located in Kirkgate Market. This Council therefore resolves to do all in its power to encourage growth in Kirkgate Market and the wider economy in an effort to ensure that Leeds emerges from this recession with renewed economic vigour.'

The amendment was carried and upon being put as the substantive motion it was

RESOLVED – That Council notes the investment made by the current administration in Kirkgate Market and the wider City Centre over recent months, but recognises that there is still much work to do to mitigate the effects of the worst recession in 60 years.

This Council recognises that a key aspect of economic recovery will be support to small businesses such as those located in Kirkgate Market. This Council therefore resolves to do all in its power to encourage growth in Kirkgate Market and the wider economy in an effort to ensure that Leeds emerges from this recession with renewed economic vigour.'

(During the debate on this matter Councillor Nash declared a personal interest as a member of the Co-operative Group)

On the requisition of Councillors Gruen and Nash the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:-

YES

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Cleasby, Downes, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, R Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Hollingsworth, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, Monaghan, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Robinson, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, A Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson.

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NO

Armitage, Atha, Beverley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Blake, Coulson, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gabriel, Grahame, Gruen, Hanley, Harington, G Harper, Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Iqbal, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, L Mulherin, Murray, Nash, Ogilvie, Parnham, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Yeadon.

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105 White Paper Motion - Dog Licensing

It was moved by Councillor Finnigan seconded by Councillor Grayshon

That this Council agrees to lobby Central Government for the return of an annually renewable dog licence at a sustainable level to be allocated to cover the enforcement, street cleansing and education costs to reduce the impact of dog fouling.

An amendment was moved by Councillor R Lewis seconded by Councillor Mulherin

Delete all after 'This Council...' and replace with:-

'is concerned about the impact of dog fouling on our streets, playgrounds and public spaces in the City, and wishes to see appropriate resources directed to tackle this district-wide problem.

Council therefore calls upon Executive Board to:-

- a) properly direct resources which should be used to enforce against irresponsible offending dog owners, including monies specifically intended for this purpose;
- b) use its powers to create no-go zones for dogs, and to designate public areas where dogs may not be let off their leads;
- c) carry out thorough consultation with the public about the introduction of the above;
- d) undertake a programme of public education to raise awareness of the health hazards and anti-social aspects of dog fouling.

This Council believes that together these measures will reduce the impact of dog fouling.

The amendment was lost and upon the motion being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - That this Council agrees to lobby Central Government for the return of an annually renewable dog licence at a sustainable level to be allocated to cover the enforcement, street cleansing and education costs to reduce the impact of dog fouling.

(The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4.2(c) were applied during the debate on this matter)

On the requisition of Councillors Finnigan and Grayshon the voting on the amendment was recorded as follows:-

YES

Armitage, Atha, Beverley, A Blackburn, D Blackburn, Coulson, Davey, Dobson, Dowson, Driver, Dunn, Gruen, Harington, Hussain, G Hyde, Illingworth, Jarosz, J Lewis, R Lewis, Lowe, Lyons, A McKenna, J McKenna, Morgan, L Mulherin, Nash, Parnham, Renshaw, Selby, Taggart, E Taylor, Wakefield, Yeadon.

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NO

Anderson, Andrew, Bale, Barker, Bentley, Brett, Campbell, A Carter, J L Carter, Castle, Chapman, Chastney, Downes, Ewens, Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, R Finnigan, Fox, Gettings, Golton, Grayshon, Hamilton, Harker, Harrand, Hollingsworth, Kendall, Kirkland, Lamb, Lancaster, Latty, Leadley, Lobley, Marjoram, Matthews, Monaghan, J Procter, R Procter, Pryke, Robinson, Schofield, Shelbrooke, Smith, A Taylor, Townsley, Wadsworth, Wilkinson, Wilson.

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106 White Paper Motion - Government Funding for Leeds

It was moved by Councillor A Carter seconded by Councillor Brett and

RESOLVED - That this Council notes the “raw” deal received by Leeds from the Labour Government since its election in 2005 and condemns the failure to deliver on promises made to Leeds residents since that time.

This Council recognises the positive progress made by the current administration given the financial setbacks handed down by this Government, and further notes the impact of the recession on income streams and likely further impact on local authority budgets over the next Comprehensive Spending Review period.

This Council therefore underlines its determination to do all in its power to ensure that the people of Leeds receive a better financial deal from government during the course of the next parliament.

107 White Paper Motion - Neighbourhood Network Schemes

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14.11, with the consent of the seconder, leave of Council was given to withdraw the motion in the name of Councillor Yeadon.

108 White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Former Royal Park School Costs Order

It was moved by Councillor Atha seconded by Councillor Gruen

That this Council agrees with the recommendation of the Inner North West Area Committee regarding the matter of the legal costs relating to the legal action in relation to Royal Park School and requests that Executive Board instruct officers not to pursue or enforce the Costs Order obtained by the Council following its action to evict members of the community occupying Royal Park School

An amendment was moved by Councillor Brett seconded by Councillor Campbell

Delete all after 'This Council' and replace with:-

'notes the recommendation of the Inner North West Area Committee regarding the matter of legal costs relating to legal action in relation to Royal Park and agrees with that committee as to the community value of Royal Park School. Council supports the principle of community asset transfer and also welcomes the hard work of local councillors in protecting this landmark building from demolition following its closure under the previous administration.

Council welcomes the positive discussions the Leaders have had with the local community and looks forward to a report being submitted to a future meeting of the Executive Board regarding this matter.'

The amendment was carried and upon the motion being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED – That this Council notes the recommendation of the Inner North West Area Committee regarding the matter of legal costs relating to legal action in relation to Royal Park and agrees with that committee as to the community value of Royal Park School. Council supports the principle of community asset transfer and also welcomes the hard work of local councillors in protecting this landmark building from demolition following its closure under the previous administration.

Council welcomes the positive discussions the Leaders have had with the local community and looks forward to a report being submitted to a future meeting of the Executive Board regarding this matter.'

109 White Paper Motion Submitted Under the Provisions of Council Procedure Rule 3.1(d) - Call for a City Centre Kidney Dialysis Unit

It was moved by Councillor Lamb seconded by Councillor Lancaster

That this Council condemns the failure of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust to fulfil its repeated promises to fund a City Centre Kidney Dialysis Unit at the Leeds General Infirmary.

Council notes that since 2006 the City Centre has been without this vital health facility and has every sympathy with those patients who have to make time consuming journeys to receive this essential treatment at Seacroft and St James' Hospitals.

Council praises the good work done by Scrutiny Board Health on this issue and instructs the Chief Executive of Leeds City Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health to ask him to reconsider his decision not to intervene in this matter.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Lowe seconded by Councillor Jarosz

Delete all after 'Council praises the good work done by Scrutiny Board Health on this issue.'

The amendment was lost and upon the motion being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED - That this Council condemns the failure of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust to fulfil its repeated promises to fund a City Centre Kidney Dialysis Unit at the Leeds General Infirmary.

Council notes that since 2006 the City Centre has been without this vital health facility and has every sympathy with those patients who have to make time consuming journeys to receive this essential treatment at Seacroft and St James' Hospitals.

Council praises the good work done by Scrutiny Board Health on this issue and instructs the Chief Executive of Leeds City Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health to ask him to reconsider his decision not to intervene in this matter.

Council rose at 7.15 pm