

COUNCILLOR ANN KENYON, MAYOR

MINUTES OF: THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE

Date of Meeting: 20th March 2019

PRESENT: The Mayor Councillor Kenyon (in the Chair)
Councillors Aldred, Ashworth, A. Barnes, L. Barnes (in part),
Bromley, James Eaton, Janet Eaton, Essex, Fletcher, Gill,
Haworth, Hughes, Johnson, Kempson, Kostyan, Lamb, Lythgoe,
MacNae, Marriott, Morris, Neal, Oakes, Procter, Robertson,
Serridge, Smallridge, Steen, Stevens and Walmsley (in part).

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Sugarman, Chief Executive
Clare Birtwistle, Legal Services Manager (Monitoring Officer)
Cath Burns, Director of Economic Development
Sam Plum, Director of Communities
Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager
John Illingworth, Mayor's Attendant

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public

A short silence was undertaken as a mark of respect for the victims and families of the attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The Mayor agreed to write on behalf of the Council to express solidarity at this sad time.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received for Councillors Cheetham, Farrington, Roberts, Shipley and Stansfield. It was noted that Councillor Walmsley would be late.

2. Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2019 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Communications from the Mayor, the Leader or Head of Paid Service.

The Leader of the Council informed that after 36 years of service with the Council, Judith Crook had retired. Judith worked in the Finance Exchequer Team and she thanked Judith for her service and dedication to the Council.

Janice Crawford and the whole Finance Team was thanked for the work that had been done in resolving the 4 years of outstanding financial statutory accounts.

The Leader of the Council provided an update to members from the last meeting on the real term losses in government funding and reductions. A breakdown had been circulated to members by email on 13th March.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

6. Licensing Act Statement of Principles

The Council considered the Licensing Act Statement of Principles report.

Thanks was given to the Licensing Officers and Public Protection Unit for their work in bringing the document up to date.

Resolved:

That Council approve the adoption of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.

Reason for Decision

Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires the licensing authority to prepare and publish a licensing policy at least every five years. The revised Policy would be effective for 5 years from the date of adoption.

Alternative Options Considered

None.

N.B. Councillor Walmsley entered the meeting

7. Rawtenstall Market

The Council considered the Rawtenstall Market report, which was introduced by the Leader of the Council.

Resolved:

1. Members note the outcome of the investment and management tender process.
2. To authorise the Legal Services Manager in consultation with the Director of Economic Development and the Portfolio Holder to award an initial 12-month agreement to the Clog Market for the management of Rawtenstall Market as detailed within the report.
3. For Members to receive in March 2020 a progress report detailing the success of this agreement in boosting vibrancy and footfall and a review of future options.

Reason for Decision

To outline the terms of a proposed 12-month management agreement with the Clog Market that aims to work with existing traders to bring about an enhanced market and events offer. To begin the journey of creating a vibrant and modern market experience.

Alternative Options Considered

None.

8. Urgent Decisions

The Mayor reported that the Cabinet had not taken any urgent decisions since the last meeting.

9. Exclusion of Public and Press

Resolved:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) under Part 1 Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

N.B. A short break was agreed to allow members additional time to consider the following item. Councillor L. Barnes left the meeting.

10. Sale of Property/Land

The Council considered the Sale of Property/Land report, which was introduced by the Leader of the Council.

Resolved:

Members agreed the recommendations of the report.

Reason for Decision

To support the Council’s revenue generating investment and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Alternative Options Considered

None.

The Mayor thanked members for their co-operation and participation as it was her last time chairing the full Council meeting before she retired as Mayor.

(The meeting commenced at 6.50pm and concluded at 7.35pm)

Signed.....
(Chair)

Date