

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING11 September 2008
6.10pm – 11.40pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Dixon), Councillors Al Bander, Armstrong, Baker, Benstead, Bick, Blackhurst, Blair, Blencowe, Boyce, Bradnack, Cantrill, Dixon, Dryden, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Hipkin, Holness, Howell, Kightley, Levy, Liddle, Lynn, McGovern, McPherson, Newbold, Nimmo-Smith, Pitt, Reid, Sanders, Shah, Smart, Smith, Stuart, Todd-Jones, Walker, Ward, Wright

For the Information of the Council**08/53 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting and of the meeting of the Council held on 22 May 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

08/54 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rosenstiel and Zmura.

2. HONORARY COUNCILLOR PROFESSOR VIOLET CANE

The Mayor reported to Council that Honorary Councillor Professor Violet Cane had passed away. He attended her funeral service which took place at the Cambridge Crematorium on 24th July 2008. Professor Cane served as a University Councillor from 1965 to 1971 and was then elected to represent Newnham Ward as a Labour Councillor from 1982 to 1990. Members stood in silence in memory of Honorary Councillor Professor Cane.

3. HARVEST FESTIVAL CIVIC SERVICE

The Mayor announced that the annual Harvest Festival civic service would take place at Great St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 12th October at 9.30 a.m. and that details would be sent to Members shortly. He asked for members' support at the occasion.

4. CHARITY EVENT

The Mayor announced that there would be an event in the Guildhall on Wednesday, 29th October jointly in aid of his two charities – the Teenage

Cancer Trust and the Arthur Rank Hospice at Home Appeal. Members' presence at this event would be much appreciated.

5. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 9th November. The Mayor will be leading the civic procession to Great St. Mary's Church and the Deputy Mayor will be representing the Council at the service at the War Memorial and will be laying a wreath on behalf of the City. Please note the date and make every effort to support these remembrance services.

6. SZEGED WEEK IN CAMBRIDGE

Following on from the success of last year's Szeged Week, the Cambridge-Szeged Society is planning a week of cultural events starting on Saturday, 15th November. The Mayor asked Members to support this initiative.

7. SHADOW MAYORS

In support of the Council's initiative to promote local democracy and the work of the Youth Participation Team, the Mayor said that he would be shadowed by two youth mayors on Friday, 7th November.

8. THE MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor said that Members would recall that he introduced his Mayor's Cadet – Erin Munnelly – to the Council during the Annual Meeting in May. He reported that Erin had recently returned from a two week stay in Iceland where she was one of only 15 guides and scouts from the Anglia region to be selected to attend the world-wide scouting jamboree. She took part in many outdoor and craft activities and was planning to give a presentation about her visit shortly. She hoped that Members of the Council might be able to attend her presentation, which would take place in this Chamber on a date yet to be agreed. The Mayor hoped that Members would make every effort to come along to support Erin and to learn about her work with the local guiding movement. Erin celebrated her 18th birthday on 1st September and the Mayor had sent congratulations and best wishes to her.

9. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO FORMER MAYOR JENNY BAILEY & FORMER MAYORESS COUNCILLOR LIDDLE

The Mayor presented to former councillor Jenny Bailey and Councillor Jennifer Liddle a framed copy of the Council's resolution of thanks for their year of Mayoralty.

08/55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Blair	Motion 7d	Chair of Governors at Orchard Park Primary School which is located in the development.

08/56 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Boorman, from Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise asked a question about the current value of the taxicard vouchers and suggested that people entitled to use them were not doing so because they did not cover the cost of journeys. He asked if two vouchers per trip could be used. The Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth stated that the use of two vouchers per trip would increase the costs to the Council, but she undertook to look at the matter again bearing in mind the revised taxicard scheme had been in place for over a year.

08/57 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**A The Medium Term Strategy**

Resolved (by 25 votes to 0)

Revenue – General Fund

- 2.1 That revenue budget carry forward requests totalling £604,470 (as detailed in Annexe A to the Director of Finance's report) together with the re-phasing of resources in respect of implementation of the Customer Access Strategy (as detailed in table 15 of the MTS) are approved.
- 2.2 That the budget strategy and process for the 2009/10 budget cycle as outlined in section 15 [paragraphs 15.1 to 15.55 refer] and Appendix B of the MTS document are approved and in particular:
 - a) that the net General Fund budget (after use of reserves) be limited to £21,619,250 at this stage [paragraph 15.28 refers];
 - b) that the adjusted gross expenditure, for the purpose of calculating committee cash limits, should exclude major in-term contractual

/agreement obligations (Pools Service, Housing Repairs and ICT contracts); as identified in paragraphs 15.21 to 15.23.

2.3 That the revised General Fund revenue, funding and reserves projections as shown in Appendix L, and the associated decisions in section 8, of the MTS document are approved and, that funding of £200,000 per annum is agreed for the Priority Policy Fund [paragraphs 8.89 and 15.18 refer].

2.4 That the Director of Finance is authorized to calculate final cash limits for committees based on the decisions taken in this report, based on the method shown in Appendix T.

Revenue – HRA

2.5 That the Council expresses support for the HRA budget process and strategy as outlined in Section 15 [paragraphs 15.38 and 15.42] and Appendix M.

Capital

2.6 That the revised Capital Plan as shown in Appendix P [paragraphs 14.10 also refers], the Hold list as shown in Appendix S [paragraph 14.11 refers] and the funding as shown in Appendix O [paragraphs 14.5 to 14.9 and 13.26 to 13.31 also refer] of the MTS document are agreed.

2.7 That capital approvals [paragraph 13.4 to 13.21 refer] are approved, including a scheme in the Capital Plan for electrical re-wiring at the Mill Road Depot, the costs of £36,000 to be met from City Services' repairs and renewals funds.

Treasury Management

2.8 That the changes to the Counterparty List being recommended to Council [Appendix H refers] are approved.

B The Cambridge Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan

Resolved (by 25 votes to 0) to adopt the Cambridge Climate Strategy & Action Plan.

08/58 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION

08/CIV/22 Code of Corporate Governance

Resolved (unanimously) to approve the Code of Corporate Governance.

08/CIV/23 Members Allowances

The Council noted that the adoption minute from Civic Affairs Committee had been tabled at the Council meeting, as the Committee had met the previous day.

Resolved (by 24 votes to 0)

To make the following revisions to the 2008/09 Members Allowances Scheme as follows (and illustrated in the table attached to the adoption minute)

- 1) Opposition Group Leaders' allowance to be split between Labour and Green & Independent (£1947 and £835 respectively).
- 2) Spokespersons allowance: Scrutiny to be set at £1391 for Minority Party 1 (Labour) and £556 for Minority Party 2 (Green & Independent)
- 3) Spokespersons allowance: Regulatory Committees (Planning, Licensing, Civic Affairs and Standards) to be set at rates as set out in the table.
- 4) Any allowance for the Chair and Vice Chair of Standards Committee to be applied as for co-optees of Scrutiny Committees (set at the minimum wage hourly rate)
- 5) A special responsibility allowance for a responsibility which is "jobshared", can be divided between the relevant councillors

08/59 ORAL QUESTIONS

1. From Councillor Walker to the Leader

The Accordia development on Brooklands Avenue was the award winner for the best housing project of the year in 2004 and yet the main, well-equipped playground is still not open for the children on the estate. Will you tell us what you are doing about this and when it will be open?

2. From Councillor Howell to the Executive Councillor for Housing

At the end of the current 5 year decent homes program, how many kitchens and bathrooms will have been replaced, and how many of the Council's tenants will still have:

A kitchen over 20 years old?

A bathroom over 30 years old?

3. From Councillor Lynn to the Exec Cllr for Climate Change and Growth

When will the long promised statue to Snowy Farr be put up, and where?

4. From Councillor Herbert to the Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services

What has he done to improve street cleaning since stating to residents across the city in April that it needed improving?

5. From Councillor Pitt to the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation

What is the current situation with regard to the "free swimming" initiative?

6. From Councillor Newbold to the Deputy Leader

Why was Cllr Smart not able to be at the Post Office campaign meeting, given she kept telling people in the media it was essential that everyone attended?

7. From Councillor Hipkin to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth

Cambridgeshire Horizons has estimated that the 'growth agenda' costs of infrastructure and of sustainable development will be £4 billion and £2.4 billion pounds respectively. How much of that funding has so far been guaranteed and from what principal sources?

Oral Questions last a maximum of 30 minutes

At the conclusion of the 30 minutes set aside for questions and answers, the following questions remained. The Mayor asked the Executive Councillor or Leader as appropriate to make a written response to the Councillor asking the question.

8. From Councillor Dryden to the Deputy Leader

Did you enjoy watching the Olympics on television?

9. From Councillor Howell to the Leader

Why was the post office closures public meeting moved from 22nd July at such short notice?

10. From Councillor Herbert to the Leader

What scrutiny, public consultation and East Member Reference Group review is planned on the Marshall draft Master Plan for Cambridge East?

11. From Councillor Walker to the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health

What has the Leader done to ensure that a quality city centre drop-in facility is available for older people, following the closure two years ago of the Parson's Court centre, run by Cambridgeshire Age Concern?

08/60 CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER

Under paragraph 4.2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Mayor used his discretion to alter the order of business to take the motion on Concessionary Fares (minute number 08/61) next.

08/61 MOTION: Concessionary Fares

Councillor Nimmo-Smith proposed and Councillor Reid seconded the following motion:

The Council

- recognises the importance of subsidies for public transport, and in particular the local bus system, both for the social and community benefits that they produce, as well as the incentive they give to use modes of transport that are less environmentally damaging than the car;
- is very concerned at the gross underfunding of the scheme by government, with Cambridge council tax payers having to meet £1.3m shortfall in grant towards the projected £2.5m bill for 2008/09, equivalent to about 20% of the council tax, and that measures to fund this statutory service may force the Council to cut hundreds of thousands of pounds from services to meet this unfair bill;
- notes Cambridge's role as a popular destination, for which a high proportion of concessionary journeys that have to be funded by the Council are return trips to outlying districts, and that Cambridge's 'hotspot' status has not been recognised in the way the government has distributed grant;
- asks the government urgently to take these matters into account in reviewing the funding basis for the scheme, in compensating the Council for the current year underfunding, and in making appropriate adjustments in funding distribution for 2009/10 onwards;
- requests executive councillors and officers to work with other relevant local authorities, members of parliament and local government associations to make the strongest possible case for these changes.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Newbold seconded the following amendment:

Extra text shown in CAPITALS. (DELETIONS in brackets.)

The Council

- recognises the importance of subsidies for public transport, and in particular the local bus system, both for the social and community benefits that they produce, as well as the incentive they give to use modes of transport that are less environmentally damaging than the car, AND REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS;
 - SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND THE NATIONAL CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME, OF INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND DISABLED PEOPLE,
 - is very concerned (DELETE at the gross underfunding) AT THE CURRENT 2008/09 CITY ESTIMATES FOR FUNDING OF the scheme by government with Cambridge council tax payers having to meet £1.3m shortfall in grant towards the projected £2.5m bill for 2008/09, equivalent to about 20% of the council tax , and that measures to fund this statutory service may force the Council to cut services, (DELETE hundreds of thousands of pounds from AND to meet this unfair bill)
 - notes Cambridge's role as a popular destination, for which a high proportion of concessionary journeys that have to be funded by the Council are return trips to outlying districts, and that Cambridge's 'hotspot' status has not been FULLY recognised in the way the government has distributed grant;
 - asks the government urgently to take these matters into account in reviewing the funding basis for the scheme, in compensating the Council for the current year underfunding, and in making appropriate adjustments in funding distribution for 2009/10 onwards;
 - requests executive councillors and officers to work with ALL PARTIES ON THE COUNCIL AND other relevant local authorities, PARTICULARLY OTHER SUBREGIONAL CENTRES, members of parliament and local government associations to make the strongest possible case for these changes,
- AND INCLUDE IN THIS INITIATIVE JOINT WORK WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND OTHER FOUR CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICTS TO
- A) OBTAIN A FAR BETTER 2009/10 DEAL FROM LOCAL BUS OPERATORS VIA THE COUNTY, GIVEN THAT INCREASED USAGE WILL CREATE WINDFALL PROFITS TO OPERATORS SUCH AS STAGECOACH WHO HAVE A DOMINANT MARKET POSITION, AND

B) CREATE FULL TRANSPARENCY ON BOTH DEDICATED AND FORMULA GRANT FOR THIS SERVICE, WITH ALL CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICTS ADVISING THEIR 2008/09 AND FUTURE NET COSTS OR POOLING ANY NET INCOME FROM THIS SCHEME.

FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDING FORMULAE ALSO ASSIST CAMBRIDGE, AS WITH THE % INCREASE IN 2008/09 PLANNING AND HOUSING DELIVERY GRANT, NOW £1,003,721, UP FROM £101,316 FIVE YEARS AGO (2003/4), AND ONE OF THE HIGHEST % RISES ACROSS ENGLAND.

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 23 votes to 12.

Resolved (by 22 votes to 0) that

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- requests executive councillors and officers to work with other relevant local authorities, members of parliament and local government associations to make the strongest possible case for these changes.

08/62 MOTION: Review of Scrutiny and Public Involvement

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Newbold seconded the following motion:

The Council agrees that a major overhaul of council scrutiny, financial scrutiny and public involvement processes is overdue, given missed opportunities for service improvement, cost saving and increased public participation in citywide and local decisions.

The Council welcomes

- opportunities provided by the July 2008 Community Empowerment White Paper and the 'Representing the Future' report by the independent Councillors Commission, and

- statements by the national leader of Liberal Democrat and county Liberal Democrat Councillors supporting opposition councillors leading scrutiny committees and processes.

The Council agrees to set up a cross-party working party with full delegated power to complete a review, and report to the February 2009 council meeting, with terms of reference and membership to be decided between party leaders, to implement minor cost-neutral improvements from early 2009 and any major changes from May 2009 onwards.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

On a show of hands the motion was lost by 18 votes to 14.

08/63 MOTION: Area Committees

Councillor Nimmo-Smith proposed and Councillor Boyce seconded the following motion:

The Council

- welcomes the contribution that area committees have made since 2003 to improved public involvement in significant amounts of decision-making including local planning applications;
- notes that since that inauguration membership of the relevant area committee has been a constitutional requirement for all elected members and that all current councillors have been elected while these arrangements have been in place;

- notes training is provided on planning law and practice as part of the induction programme for newly elected councillors, and that there is budgetary provision so that further occasional training sessions can be arranged to meet needs that arise;
- notes that the training provides clear advice on when a councillor cannot take part in an individual decision because of a prejudicial interest or because their discretion in assessing the application has become fettered, and that officers will advise any councillor who is unsure in any instance.
- The Council therefore calls on all its members to take part in and vote on all other planning items on their area committee agenda as is rightly expected by those who elected them to be their representatives in the council's decisions.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Bradnack proposed and Councillor Blencowe seconded the following amendment:

Extra text shown in CAPITALS

The Council

- welcomes the contribution that area committees have made since 2003 to improved public involvement in significant amounts of decision-making (DELETE: including local planning applications);
- (DELETE notes) WELCOMES THE FACT that since that inauguration membership of the relevant area committee has been a constitutional requirement for all elected members and that all current councillors have been elected while these arrangements have been in place;
- (DELETE notes) WELCOMES THE FACT training is provided on planning law and practice as part of the induction programme for newly elected councillors, and that there is budgetary provision so that further occasional training sessions can be arranged to meet needs that arise; AND AGREES THAT COUNCILLORS SHOULD NOT MAKE PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT HAVING FIRST THE BENEFIT OF THIS TRAINING
- (DELETE notes) WELCOMES THE FACT that the training provides clear advice on when a councillor cannot take part in an individual decision because of a prejudicial interest or because their discretion in assessing the

application has become fettered, and that officers will advise any councillor who is unsure in any instance.

(DELETE The Council therefore calls on all its members to take part in and vote on all other planning items on their area committee agenda as is rightly expected by those who elected them to be their representatives in the council's decisions).

ACCEPTS RECENT GUIDANCE TO

- AVOID HAVING ALL WARD MEMBERS SITTING ON THE AREA COMMITTEE, IN ORDER TO ALLOW SOME MEMBERS TO PERFORM THE REPRESENTATIVE ROLE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY INTERESTS;
- REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEES TO REFLECT THE CAPACITY OF THE OFFICERS TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE MEETINGS; AND
- KEEP THE BUSINESS OF DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS SEPARATE FROM OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS IN THE AREA COMMITTEES, PREFERABLY AT A SEPARATE MEETING.

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 20 votes to 12.

Resolved (by 19 votes to 10) that

The Council

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- notes that since that inauguration membership of the relevant area committee has been a constitutional requirement for all elected members and that all current councillors have been elected while these arrangements have been in place;
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expected by those who elected them to be their representatives in the council's decisions.

08/64 DURATION OF THE MEETING

Resolved at 10.30pm under Council Procedure Rule 10.1 that the meeting not be adjourned.

08/65 MOTION: Arbury Park Development

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Todd-Jones seconded the following motion:

The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to establish a member process including South Cambridgeshire and the County Council to scrutinise and review the Arbury Park development, to

- a) identify improvements that can be made for new residents and adjacent local communities ahead of the proposed transfer to the City Council, particularly aspects that can be sorted out before its completion, and
- b) detail the lessons to be learnt ahead of other Cambridge fringe developments.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Reid proposed and Councillor Blair seconded the following amendment:

The Council notes that South Cambridgeshire District Council are conducting a scrutiny review of the South Cambridgeshire Arbury Park development, and that they will publish a final report at the end of September.

Arbury Park's adjacency to Cambridge particularly Kings Hedges and Arbury, its proposed transfer to Cambridge City Council, and the opportunities it holds for learning lessons for other fringe developments, make it a very important development for Cambridge.

The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to bring a report to Environment Scrutiny in January 2009 or earlier which

- outlines and reviews South Cambridgeshire's findings

- identifies proposals to address weaknesses identified in the development as soon as possible and prior to any transfer to the City Council
- evaluates the development against the Quality Charter
- identifies lessons learnt for future developments

The developer, the joint development control and urban design teams, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Histon and Impington Parish Council and other Arbury Park organisations including the Action Group will be invited to attend and contribute to the discussion at Environment Scrutiny Committee.

On a show of hands the amendment was approved unanimously.

Resolved (unanimously) that

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08/66 MOTION: Holy Trinity Church War Memorial

Councillor Dryden proposed and Councillor Newbold seconded the following motion:

The Holy Trinity Church War Memorial on Sidney Street is an important, yet neglected monument which has recently been damaged and vandalised. Responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of this historical memorial resides with Cambridge City Council. English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation, in association with the War Memorials Trust, are providing grants of 50% of eligible costs, up to £10,000, for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England. The grants are to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials and are designed to support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage.

The Council calls on the Leader to fully discharge the Council's responsibilities in repairing and providing upkeep for the Holy Trinity Church War Memorial. The Council further calls on the administration to make use of the funding provided by English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation, and to investigate additional funding that may be available for this and other important heritage sites where responsibility for the preservation and upkeep resides with Cambridge City Council.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Baker proposed and Councillor Bick seconded the following amendment:

The Council notes that the Holy Trinity Church War Memorial is in need of repair.

The Council's officers are asked to investigate (i) the ownership of and responsibility for the memorial and (ii) ways to protect the memorial against vandalism and to safeguard its proper use as a place of rest and reflection for visitors to it.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Council does not itself have a clear duty to maintain the memorial, the Council will endeavour through its officers to obtain grants from English Heritage, from Friends of War Memorials, from the Wolfson Foundation and from other appropriate charitable sources in order to have this important city-centre memorial repaired and properly maintained.

On a show of hands, the amendment was approved unanimously.

Resolved (unanimously) that

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08/67 MOTION: Alignment of services with ward boundaries

Councillor Newbold proposed and Councillor Benstead seconded the following motion:

Since the 2004 ward boundary changes, a number of Cambridge City Council services such as Housing and Rangers have remained wedded to the previous ward boundaries, the effect of which has been to create unnecessary duplication for ward councillors who have to deal with two or more sets of officers when problems arise, and confusion for residents living adjacent to current boundary lines. The Council asks the Leader to review each service, ensuring each service team is properly aligned with existing boundaries by the end of 2008.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

On a show of hands the motion was lost by 17 votes to 11.

08/68 TO RECEIVE RECORDS OF DECISION MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Council received the records of decisions made by Executive Councillors as set out in the agenda.

08/69 WRITTEN QUESTIONS/INFORMATION MINUTES

Members noted the written questions and answers circulated around the Chamber and received the minutes of committees which were for information.

The Council concluded its business at 11.40pm

MAYOR