
COUNCIL

Thursday, 21st September, 2017

Present: Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Mayor), Councillors Judith Addison, Noordad Aziz, Jean Battle, Stephen Button, Clare Cleary, Loraine Cox, Paul Cox, Munsif Dad, Bernard Dawson, Tony Dobson, Stewart Eaves, Diane Fielding, Melissa Fisher, Glen Harrison, June Harrison, Stephanie Haworth, Eamonn Higgins, Terry Hurn, Abdul Khan, Julie Livesey, Gareth Molineux, Jenny Molineux, Ken Moss, Tim O'Kane, Bernadette Parkinson, Miles Parkinson, Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt, Malcolm Pritchard, Jeff Scales and Paddy Short

Apologies: Councillors Lisa Allen, Mohammad Ayub and Paul Thompson

157 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Lisa Allen, Mohammad Ayub and Paul Thompson. The Mayor reported that Councillor Paul Thompson had been ill for a few weeks and Members wished him a speedy recovery.

158 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillors Abdul Khan and Tony Dobson both declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to "National Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Scheme" and both left the meeting prior to the determination of the item and took no part in the discussion or vote on that item. Their interest arose due to them each having a business in Hyndburn.

Councillor Tony Dobson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to "Petition - To Preserve Highams Playing Fields" and left the meeting prior to the determination of the item and took no part in the discussion or vote on that item. His interest arose due to him being a Director of Accrington Stanley Community Trust.

159 Announcements

1) The Late Bessie Margaret Sandiford

The Mayor paid tribute to Bessie Margaret Sandiford who died on 8th July 2017 aged 83 years. Bessie was a former Hyndburn Conservative Councillor who had represented the St. Oswald's Ward in Oswaldtwistle from 1974 to 1988. Bessie had also served on the Oswaldtwistle Urban District Council prior to 1974 as a Councillor for the Foxhill Bank and St. Oswald's Ward.

2) The Late John Armstrong Broadley

The Mayor paid tribute to John Armstrong Broadley who died on 14th July 2017 aged 80 years. John was a former Hyndburn Labour Council who had represented the Church Ward from 2002 to 2015 and had served as Mayor in 2012/13. John had been awarded the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough in May 2015 for his eminent service as a past member of the Council.

3) Hurricanes Irma and Maria

The Mayor requested Councillors to remember those killed or injured by Hurricane Irma, an extremely powerful hurricane which had recently caused widespread and catastrophic damage in the Caribbean and Florida. The Mayor also asked that those affected by Hurricane Maria which was following a similar path as Irma across the Caribbean be remembered.

4) Mexico Earthquakes

The Mayor asked Councillors to remember those who had been killed or injured in the earthquakes that had struck Mexico on 7th and 19th September 2017.

5) Terrorist Attack at Parsons Green Tube Station

The Mayor requested Councillors to remember those injured in the terrorist bomb attack at Parsons Green Tube Station in West London on 15th September 2017.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for those who had died or been injured.

6) Change in Order of Business

The Mayor reported that he intended to change the order of business to be considered and Items 6, 13 and 14 would now be taken before Item 5 of the Agenda.

160 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th July 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

161 Conferment of the Title of Honorary Alderman

The Mayor announced that at the meeting of the Council held on 6th July 2017, the Council had decided to confer the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough to Marlene Heather Haworth and Janet Storey to acknowledge their eminent service as past Members of the Council and past Mayors of the Borough. Marlene had served as a Hyndburn Borough Councillor for the St. Oswald's Ward from 2004 to 2016 and had held the position of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/16. Janet had been a Councillor for the Clayton-le-Moors Ward from 1998 to 2002 and 2003 to 2011 and had held the position of Mayor for the Municipal Year 2005/06.

The Leader of the Conservative Group (Councillor Tony Dobson) and the Leader of the Council (Councillor Miles Parkinson) both spoke in support of Marlene Haworth and Janet Storey, acknowledging their eminent service.

The new Honorary Aldermen then signed the Roll of Honorary Aldermen and were each presented with a Commemorative Badge and framed Certificate by the Mayor.

The new Honorary Aldermen responded and thanked the Council for the Honour.

162 Petitions to Reopen Peel Street Toilet Facilities

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the Mayor requested Council to receive and debate two petitions both seeking the reopening of the Peel Street Toilet Facilities seven days per week. One was the "Business Owners" petition referred to in the agenda for the meeting and the other was one which had been signed by the General Public. Both petitions had been published on the Council's website.

The Mayor invited the organiser of the petitions (Cheryl Duffy) to speak for up to 5 minutes to present them to the Council. Mrs. Duffy presented a further petition from the General Public containing approximately 800 signatures. The petitions stated that Hyndburn Borough Council had closed the facility to the General Public during the week and on Saturday's, causing distress and inconvenience to the Public. It had diminished the footfall in the Peel Street area, thus also affecting local businesses. Mrs. Duffy indicated that by raising the petitions, Business Owners and the General Public were formally requesting that the facility be reinstated with immediate effect in order to remove the inconvenience and distress caused and improve the footfall in the area. The Council was urged to act now to reopen the facilities.

The Mayor allowed Councillors up to 20 minutes to debate the petitions and the Leader of the Council was given up to 5 minutes to sum up following the debate. The Leader indicated that the issue of diminished footfall would be considered by Cabinet.

The Leader of the Council reported that in a number of locations throughout the Country, local authorities were working in partnership with businesses in order to provide more readily available toilet facilities for visitors and shoppers.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Miles Parkinson and seconded by Councillor Paul Cox:-

"That the Petitions be referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regeneration (Councillor Clare Cleary), requesting that the possibility of the introduction of a Community Toilet Scheme be investigated".

An **amendment** was proposed by Councillor Tony Dobson and seconded by Councillor Terry Hurn:-

"That the Council take the action the petitions requested".

The **amendment** was put to the meeting and declared lost.

Resolved - That the Petitions be referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regeneration (Councillor Clare Cleary), requesting that the possibility of the introduction of a Community Toilet Scheme be investigated.

163 Petition "To Preserve Highams Playing Fields"

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the Mayor requested Council to receive a petition asking the Council "To Preserve Highams Playing Fields". The petition contained over 1,000 signatures and a copy of comments made by a number of the signatories had been published on the Council's website.

The Mayor invited the organiser of the petition (Councillor Malcolm Pritchard) to speak for up to 5 minutes to present it to the Council. Councillor Pritchard reported that todate the

online petition contained 1,250 signatures and a hard copy petition contained 1,000 signatures. Councillor Pritchard referred to a covenant which had been part of the agreement for the sale of the land to Accrington Corporation and requested the Council to maintain the land for the public.

The Mayor allowed Councillors up to 20 minutes to debate the petition and the Leader of the Council was given up to 5 minutes to sum up following the debate. The Leader indicated that firm proposals for a sports hub at Highams Playing Fields had not yet been submitted to the Council so the petition was premature. Any proposals put forward would have to be supported by Sport England and Fields in Trust.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Terry Hurn and seconded by Councillor Kath Pratt:-

“That the action requested by the Petition be taken”.

An **amendment** was proposed by Councillor Miles Parkinson and seconded by Councillor Paul Cox:-

“That Council recommend to Cabinet that should the Accrington Stanley Community Trust’s proposals for a Sports Hub at Highams Playing Fields be supported by Sport England and Fields in Trust, those proposals also be supported by Cabinet.

The **amendment** was put to the meeting and declared carried.

Resolved - **That it be recommended to Cabinet that should the Accrington Stanley Community Trust’s proposals for a Sports Hub at Highams Playing Fields be supported by Sport England and Fields in Trust, those proposals also be supported by Cabinet.**

164 Question Time

The Mayor reported that the following questions had been received from Councillor Malcolm Pritchard in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(vi). The questions were put to the Leader of the Council.

“(1) Has the Council considered entering into a partnership agreement along with Accrington Stanley Community Trust and Hollins High School regarding any potential investment in sporting facilities to bring much needed investment to that area of the Borough?; and,

(2) Do Hyndburn Borough Council consider they have a conflict of interest regarding the delivery of Accrington Stanley Community Trust leaflets and will any Councillor disqualify themselves from sitting on the Committee that will consider any planning application?”

In relation to Question (1), the Leader of the Council responded that the Council would welcome and support investment in the Borough but Hollins High School was an asset under the ownership of Lancashire County Council, not Hyndburn Borough Council. As such, any partnership agreement would be between Lancashire County Council, Accrington Stanley Community Trust and Hollins High School.

In relation to the reply given, Councillor Pritchard stated that the area around Hollins High School and King George’s Playing Fields needed more investment and that the High School was in favour of the provision of additional sporting facilities.

The Leader of the Council indicated that Hyndburn Borough Council would support investment in all the Borough's schools.

In relation to Question (2), the Leader of the Council responded that as Leader he had to have a view as to what was best for the residents of Hyndburn and as the Accrington Stanley Community Trust Leaflets had been delivered to provide information to residents, there was no conflict of interest. Nor would the delivery of those leaflets by Councillors disqualify them from sitting on the Planning Committee to consider a planning application.

Arising from the reply given, Councillor Pritchard asked a supplementary question, namely that if all Councillors had supported the action requested in the Highams Playing Fields Petition submitted earlier in the meeting, would Planning Committee members have barred themselves from sitting on the Committee to consider any related planning application.

The Leader of the Council responded that the Petition was a totally separate issue and as long as members on the Planning Committee remained open minded and judged any related planning application fairly after hearing the officer's presentation and evidence and arguments on both sides, they would not be prevented from sitting on the Committee.

165 Revised Licensing Act 2003 Policy

The Portfolio Holder for Resources (Councillor Gareth Molineux) submitted a report advising Council of the responses received to the consultation exercise undertaken in regard to a revised Licensing Act 2003 Policy. Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 required the Licensing Authority (the Council) to prepare and publish a Policy every five years. The existing Policy had been kept under review since coming into force in January 2011 and was now due to be revised. Approval of the final draft of the revised Licensing Act 2003 Policy, as appended to the report, was sought.

Resolved - **That the final draft of the revised Licensing Act 2003 Policy, as appended to the report, be agreed.**

166 National Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Scheme

The Leader of the Council submitted a report providing Council with details of the National Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Scheme. The Council's proposed Support Scheme was attached as Appendix 2 to the report. National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR), or Business Rates, were a tax on organisations or companies using a building or office space for business purposes and the calculation of an NNDR Bill was based on a 'rateable value' which was determined by the Valuation Office Agency. In April 2017, a new valuation list had been implemented nationally with the intention of bringing rateable values in line with property market changes and in the Spring 2017 Budget, the Government had announced a series of temporary financial support schemes for businesses affected by the 2017 revaluation. The Government had announced £300 million for local councils to finance a Discretionary Revaluation Relief Scheme to support affected businesses and had made it a condition of the grant that local authorities would provide support only to those businesses that were facing an increase in their bills following revaluation. Local authorities also had to design their own relief schemes to fit their own circumstances. A consultation exercise had taken place on options for Hyndburn's Scheme and overall the option to allocate funding to small and medium business and independents had been given the most support by respondents. The consultation results were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

- Resolved**
- (1) That the Council's proposed National Non Domestic Rates Revaluation Support Scheme, as attached at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved; and,**
 - (2) That the Deputy Chief Executive be given delegated powers to extend the scope of the Scheme in order to allocate unclaimed funds.**

167 Amendment to the Constitution - Management Review Committee

The Leader of the Council submitted a report seeking approval for a change to the Council's written Constitution in that the quorum for the Management Review Committee be reduced from 4 to 3 members of the Council. The Committee currently comprised 4 councillors, which meant that all of them had to be present for the meeting to be quorate. Subsequently, there was a real risk that meetings would not be able to proceed if one member was unexpectedly unable to attend.

- Resolved**
- That the quorum for Management Review Committee be reduced from 4 to 3 members of the Council and that the Council's Procedure Rules be amended accordingly.**

168 Appointment of Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee

The Leader of the Council submitted a report relating to the establishment of a Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee and the consequent amendments required to the Council's Constitution. Proposed revisions to recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 of the report were circulated at the meeting. As the trees and hedgerows located around the Borough of Hyndburn provided a valuable community benefit, the Leader of the Council was of the opinion that members of the Planning Committee should be able to engage more fully in the direction of the Council's statutory duties and powers relating to trees, particularly those trees and woodlands that were protected by Tree Preservations Orders and hedgerows.

- Resolved**
- (1) That a Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee be established with the terms of reference set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report;**
 - (2) That the membership of the Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee comprise 4 members of the Labour Group and 1 member of the Conservative Group. The nominated members must be members of Planning Committee, with the nominations being made by the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group;**
 - (3) That the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee be nominated by the Leader of the Council;**
 - (4) That Paragraphs 1.2.17 to 1.2.23 and 1.2.35 to 1.2.37 of the Scheme of Delegation be deleted and replaced with the following:-**

1.2.17 To do any of the following unless a local councillor has requested in writing that the decision be referred to the Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee within

seven days of the relevant ward councillors being given notice of the matter in question:

(a) Make and confirm Tree Preservations Orders where satisfied that trees are in danger of felling or lopping or to preserve the amenity of an area (following consultation with the relevant portfolio holder and ward councillors, save where the possibility of felling or lopping is so imminent that time does not permit consultation to take place in which case paragraph 2.5(c) shall apply);

(b) Serve notices and take appropriate action for replacement tree planting under the Town and Country Planning Acts;

(c) Operate the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 in all cases involving works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders and situated on land owned or controlled by the Council except where the trees in question are managed by the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer;

(d) Determine applications to carry out work on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders except in the case of proposed felling;

(e) Determine applications to fell trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders and situated on land which is not owned or controlled by the Council if:

i. The trees are causing structural damage to property, retaining walls, services or similar; or

ii. The trees contain decay which is not advanced enough to make them immediately dangerous, but which will make them potentially dangerous within the next 5 years; or

iii. The trees are not immediately dangerous, but are growing in a particular way (such as with a pronounced lean) that makes them potentially dangerous within the next 5 years

iv. The trees are growing close to other trees and are stunted in their growth by the competition with neighbouring trees and the trees need to be felled as a thinning operation to allow adjacent trees to develop properly

(f) Following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee, determine applications to fell trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders and situated on land which is not owned or

controlled by the Council in circumstances not covered by (e) above;

(g) Determine repeat applications to fell trees protected by Tree Preservation Order and situated on land which is not owned or controlled by the Council if made within 2 years of an original application which was refused and if the officer recommendation remains unchanged from the original application;

(h) Operate the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 on land in ownership other than Hyndburn Borough Council including the issue of hedgerow retention notices;

(i) Obtain an ecological or archaeological survey on a hedgerow once a hedgerow removal notice has been received;

(j) Determine, in consultation with the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services), whether to prosecute after contravention of Tree Preservation Order or hedgerow regulations and to undertake appropriate action.

(5) That the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer be given delegated authority to:-

(a) Apply for an injunction pursuant to section 214A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) in cases which he determines to be urgent, and instruct solicitors and counsel accordingly; and

(b) Authorise an officer or any other suitably qualified and / or experienced person to exercise a right of entry pursuant to section 214B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); and

(c) Make and confirm Tree Preservation Orders where satisfied that trees are in danger of felling or lopping or to preserve the amenity of an area where the possibility of felling or lopping is so imminent that time does not permit consultation with the relevant ward councillors or consideration of the matter by the Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee to take place (and the portfolio holder and relevant ward councillors shall be notified of the making of the Tree Preservation Order within 1 working day);

(6) That to ensure procedural regularity the functions of the Planning Committee be amended by deleting the words "To handle all matters relating to the protection and replacement of trees and hedgerows which have not been delegated to the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer" and substituting the words "To handle all matters relating to trees and hedgerows

including the matters referred to in the terms of reference governing the Planning (Trees) Sub-Committee, which have not been delegated to the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer”; and,

- (7) That the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) be authorised to make any amendments to the Council’s Constitution which may be considered necessary in order to implement this resolution.

169 Report of Key Decision Taken by the Executive - Disposal of Lyndon Playing Fields

The Leader of the Council submitted a report notifying the Council of a key decision taken by the Executive (Cabinet) on 19th July 2017 in regard to the Disposal of Lyndon Playing Fields. In order to comply with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations, the Council was obliged to give 28 days’ notice of a key decision which Cabinet was to make and if such could not be given before the decision was taken, the Leader of the Council had to submit a report to Council containing details of the key decision.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

170 Overview and Scrutiny - Appointment of Co-optees

The Chair of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee submitted a report recommending the re-appointment of Co-optees to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule C2 of the Council’s Constitution allowed each overview and scrutiny committee to appoint up to three members of the public as non-voting co-optees. There were six positions for co-opted members between the two Committees and Honorary Aldermen Paul Barton and Ian Ormerod had indicated a wish to be reappointed to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. No other nominations had been received.

Resolved - That the re-appointment of Paul Barton and Ian Ormerod as Co-optees to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

171 Minutes of Cabinet

The Minutes of meetings of the Cabinet held on 19th July and 30th August 2017 were submitted.

Resolved - That the Minutes be received and noted.

172 Minutes of Committees

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Audit Committee	26 th June 2017
Judicial Committee (Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing)	28 th June 2017

Management Review Committee	6 th July 2017
Planning Committee	19 th July 2017
Planning Committee	16 th August 2017
Management Review Committee	6 th September 2017
Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	6 th September 2017
Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7 th September 2017

Resolved - That the Minutes be received and noted.

173 Motion Submitted on Notice - End the Public Pay Sector Pinch

The following **motion** was moved by Councillor Glen Harrison and seconded by Councillor Stewart Eaves under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

“That this Council notes that pay caps affect the users of valuable public sector services right across Hyndburn.

- Pay squeezes in the public sector have now been in force for almost a decade, with the real terms impact on workers running into thousands of pounds of cuts.
- There is no democratic mandate for this scale of cuts: the policy has gone further than either coalition party promised in their manifestos for the 2010 general election and was not presented as part of the Conservative 2015 manifesto.
- The squeeze on pay has had a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up two thirds of the public sector workforce.
- The likelihood of rising inflation following Brexit will worsen the problem, raising the total real-terms cost of the average full-time public sector worker to £4,073 by 2020.
- The public supports an end to the pay squeeze. Independent polling carried out by Survation found that 75% of all voters support above-inflation increases in public sector pay, including 69% of Conservative voters.
- The squeeze on pay has put pressure on staff recruitment and retention. This is likely to be a contributing factor to the massive £2billion (28%) increase in spending on temporary and contract staff between 2011/12 and 2014/15.
- The government can afford to end the pay cap early. By reversing its cuts to Corporation Tax rates, the Government could meet the £8.5 billion needed in this parliament to end the pay squeeze across the whole public sector.

The Council believes that:

- Public services and the people who deliver them are important.
- Pay for public sector workers should not be set by arbitrary government caps, but by collective bargaining and Pay Review Bodies that can better address the complexity of pay decisions.
- The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on public sector employers such as local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone.

This Council supports an end to the public sector pay pinch and calls on the government to commit to:

- An end to public sector pay cuts.
- Proper funding for public services.
- Restoration of Independence for the Pay Review Bodies.
- A real Living Wage of at least £10 per hours for all public sector workers.”

After a debate, the **motion** was put to the vote and declared carried.

Resolved

(1) That this Council notes that pay caps affect the users of valuable public sector services right across Hyndburn:

- Pay squeezes in the public sector have not been in force for almost a decade, with the real terms impact on workers running into thousands of pounds of cuts.
- There is no democratic mandate for this scale of cuts: the policy has gone further than either coalition party promised in their manifestos for the 2010 general election and was not presented as part of the Conservative 2015 manifesto.
- The squeeze on pay has had a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up two thirds of the public sector workforce.
- The likelihood of rising inflation following Brexit will worsen with the problem raising the total real-terms cost of the average full-time public sector worker to £4,073 by 2020.
- The public supports an end to the pay squeeze. Independent polling carried out by Survation found that 75% of all voters support above-inflation increases in public sector pay, including 69% of Conservative voters.
- The squeeze on pay has put pressure on staff recruitment and retention. This is likely to be a contributing factor to the massive £2billion (28%) increase in spending on temporary and contract staff between 2011/12 and 2014/15.
- The government can afford to end the pay cap early. By reversing its cuts to Corporate Tax rates, the Government could meet the £8.5 billion needed in this parliament to end the pay squeeze across the whole public sector.

(2) That the Council believes that:

- Public services and the people who deliver them are important.
- Pay for public sector workers should not be set by arbitrary government gaps, but by collective bargaining and Pay Review Bodies that can better address the complexity of pay decisions.
- The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on public sector employers such as local

authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone.

(3) That this Council supports an end to the public sector pay pinch and calls on the government to commit to:

- **An end to public sector pay cuts.**
- **Proper funding for public services.**
- **Restoration of Independence for the Pay Review Bodies.**
- **A real Living Wage of a least £10 per hour for all public sector workers.**

174 Notice Submitted on Motion - NJC Pay to Councils

The following **motion** was moved by Councillor Glen Harrison and seconded by Councillor Stewart Eaves under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

“That Hyndburn Borough Council notes that:

- NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms.
- NJC workers in Hyndburn had a two year pay freeze from 2010-2012.
- Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut, impacting on their overall earnings.
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector.
- Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage.
- There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation.

The Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018 submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers in Hyndburn and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector.

This Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

This Council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding in Hyndburn and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard.
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.”

After a debate, the **motion** was put to the vote and declared carried.

Resolved

(1) That Hyndburn Borough Council notes that:

- NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% since 2010 in real terms.
 - NJC workers in Hyndburn had a two-year pay freeze from 2010-2012.
 - Local terms and conditions of many NJC employees have also been cut, impacting on their overall earnings.
 - NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector.
 - Job evaluated pay structures are being squeezed and distorted by bottom loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased National Living Wage and the Foundation Living Wage.
 - There are growing equal and fair pay risks resulting from this situation.
- (2) That this Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers in Hyndburn and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector;
- (3) That the Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements;
- (4) That this Council also notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding in Hyndburn and calls on the Government to provide additional funding to fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review; and,
- (5) That this Council therefore resolves to:
- Call immediately on the LGA to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review and notify us of their action in this regard.
 - Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking additional funding to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review.
 - Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

175 Motion Submitted on Notice - Investment in Rail and Road Infrastructure for East and West Connectivity in the North of England

The following **motion** was moved by Councillor Noordad Aziz and seconded by Councillor Jeff Scales under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

“That this Council resolves to write to new Northern Powerhouse Minister, Jake Berry, to highlight the motion that this council has passed in calling for investment in rail and road infrastructure for East and West connectivity in the North of England. We wish to highlight the following motions on which we request his explicit support:

1. Direct Link for trains from East Lancashire to Manchester Airport on the completion of the Ordsall Curve.
2. The Re-Establishment of the Skipton to Colne Rail Link.
3. The M65 extension into Yorkshire potential linking to the M1 and M62.

The benefits of the above infrastructure investment schemes to the whole of the region would be considerable. East Lancashire communities are amongst the most deprived in the UK and improved transport links would provide improved infrastructure for business. The economic and social impact of the extension would extend across the North, connecting millions of people in the North East with millions of people in the North West providing relief and serious alternatives to the congested M62. It would help the North redress the imbalance of infrastructure investment in comparison to the South, demonstrating that the Government is serious in its vision of the ‘Northern Powerhouse’.

In addition, we would draw his attention to the comments made by David Brown CEO of Transport for the North (TFN) at the last full council meeting who stated the merit of the above scheme to our region would be substantial and to continue to work cross party in highlighting the need. This is further supported by the report published by TFN which also backs calls for the better connectivity in our region and gives further credence to the motions we have recently passed in the chambers.

We also ask Mr. Berry to start the calls for investment in the following schemes, given his constituency’s proximity to our Borough in addition to close links of transport infrastructure of both Hyndburn and Rossendale:

4. Investment in the expansion of the M66/A56 to reduce congestion for many of the commuters who travel to Manchester from our region.
5. Look at the potential extension of the Metrolink into the Rossendale Valley and then subsequently looking at it to come to Hyndburn.

Both have been reviewed in a report by Lancashire County Council and would have a positive impact on residents.”

After a debate, the **motion** was put to the vote and declared carried.

Resolved

(1) That this Council resolves to write to new Northern Powerhouse Minister, Jake Berry, to highlight the motion that this council has passed in calling for investment in rail and road infrastructure for East and West connectivity in the North of England. We wish to highlight the following motions on which we request his explicit support:

- i. Direct Link for trains from East Lancashire to Manchester Airport on the completion of the Ordsall Curve.**

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(2) That, in addition, we would draw his attention to the comments made by David Brown, CEO of Transport for the North (TFN) at the last full council meeting who stated the merit of the above scheme to our region would be substantial and to continue to work cross party in highlighting the need. This is further supported by the report published by TFN which also backs calls for the better connectivity in our region and gives further credence to the motions we have recently passed in the chambers; and,

(3) That we also ask Mr. Berry to start the calls for investment in the following schemes, given his constituency's proximity to our Borough in addition to close links of transport infrastructure of both Hyndburn and Rossendale:

iv. Investment in the expansion of the M66/A56 to reduce congestion for many of the commuters who travel to Manchester from our region.

v. Look at the potential extension of the Metrolink into the Rossendale Valley and then subsequently looking at it to come to Hyndburn.

Both have been reviewed in a report by Lancashire County Council and would have a positive impact on residents.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed