

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr D A Flagg – Chairman

Cllr G Farquhar – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr H Allen, Cllr L Allison, Cllr M Anderson, Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr J Bagwell, Cllr S Baron, Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M F Brooke, Cllr N Brooks, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Bull, Cllr C R Bungey, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr D Butt, Cllr J J Butt, Cllr E Coope, Cllr M Davies, Cllr N Decent, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr B Dion, Cllr B Dove, Cllr B Dunlop, Cllr M Earl, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr L-J Evans, Cllr D Farr, Cllr L Fear, Cllr A Filer, Cllr N C Geary, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr M Haines, Cllr P R A Hall, Cllr N Hedges, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr M Howell, Cllr M Iyengar, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr D Kelsey, Cllr R Lawton, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr R Maidment, Cllr C Matthews, Cllr S McCormack, Cllr D Mellor, Cllr P Miles, Cllr S Moore, Cllr L Northover, Cllr T O'Neill, Cllr P Parrish, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr R Rocca, Cllr M Robson, Cllr V Slade, Cllr A M Stribley, Cllr T Trent, Cllr M White, Cllr L Williams and Cllr K Wilson

8. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors M Cox, M Greene and N Greene.

9. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

10. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 May were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

11. Public Issues

The Chairman advised that public questions had been submitted by six Members of the Public, and that eight public statements had been submitted.

Public Question from Mark Elkins

Can the BCP Council consider removing Littledown petty parking restrictions to alleviate congestion caused by poor past planning policy? This has the advantage of giving RBH and Deansleigh Road business visitors and staff somewhere easier to park without having to enter the

congested RBH/Deansleigh Road transport system wasting considerable time stationary with polluting engines running. Littledown residents and their visitors could then park in their own streets and it would offer football fans visiting our successful Premier League Club somewhere else to park taking the pressure off more generous minded local citizens who allow parking in other nearby areas.

Response by Councillor Andy Hadley (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure)

Thank you for your generous proposal.

Through the Local Transport Plan, the Council has an overarching strategy which aims to reduce carbon emissions and improve quality of life for residents. One of the key approaches of the strategy is car parking measures which, balance supporting our local economy whilst encouraging the use of alternatives to the car, particularly for single occupancy commuter trips.

The parking restrictions in Littledown were introduced a number of years ago to protect residents from all day commuter parking, in recognition of the proximity to a number of large employer sites, such as JP Morgan and the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. The restrictions apply Mon-Fri 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm only, within the residential streets, and double yellow lines apply to the distributor road through the estate and on corners to these roads. If these restrictions were to be revoked it would cause additional congestion through the junction of Castle Lane and Chaseside, as more motorists would be entering this side of the junction, as well as causing additional congestion on these residential roads, as motorists search for available parking. These residential estate roads are narrow and were not designed for on road parking, especially at the scale that would be seen if no restrictions were in place. Additional traffic in this area would also increase the risk to road safety for families that live there and children playing in the street.

These restrictions do not prevent visitors to the Premier League Club, as match days are generally at the weekend or in the evenings when the yellow lines do not apply.

Public Question from Anna Moreton

In view of the successful lawsuits recently against Monsanto, and the World Health Organisation's classification of glyphosate as a probably carcinogenic to humans and the fact that studies show the great harm glyphosate and all such chemicals do to earthworms, bees, butterflies and amphibians, what are the council's plans for phasing out the use of chemical pesticides and the introduction of non-chemical alternatives in our public places, playgrounds and parks so that they are a safe environment for our children and can help reduce the alarming decline of bees and insects, and improve biodiversity in our local environment?

Response by Councillor Dr Felicity Rice (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change)

The Council takes its duty to protect the natural environment extremely seriously and is actively working to reduce the amount of chemicals used to manage common weeds or invasive plant species on highways, pavements, parks and other public spaces.

The Council complies with all applicable legislation around the use of glyphosate, using the chemical sparingly, and only via suitably trained and qualified staff. It is applied directly (either by nozzle or syringe) to plant leaves or stems. The chemical breaks down quickly in the environment.

The Council keeps abreast of any DEFRA (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) notifications, industry advice and any changes in legislation regarding the use of herbicides. The Council frequently reviews its working procedures in line with industry best practice.

The European Chemicals Agency's (ECHA) Committee for Risk Assessment concluded that the available scientific evidence did not meet the criteria to classify glyphosate as a carcinogen, as a mutagen or as toxic for reproduction. It can cause eye damage and be damaging to aquatic life, the risk of which can be minimised through proper use.

We are aware that advice may change in the future and that plants evolve to become resistant to herbicides, and to this end we are actively investigating alternative methods of weed control. The Council will be considering all uses of glyphosate and potential alternatives over the coming 12 months.

There are many additional things we can do to protect and improve our natural environment, both as a Council and as local residents, and again we'll be working to improve our environmental performance year on year. Having previously worked as a GP, health is at the heart of all decision making for me and it is also useful to note that Paris has been pesticide free for 15 years.

Public Question from Sarah Ward (on behalf of Neil Duncan-Jordan)

Does the Unity Alliance have any immediate plans to tackle the housing and homelessness crisis which led Conservative run Poole Council to introduce such punitive measures as the Poole Town Centre and Holes Bay PSPO?

Response by Councillor Kieron Wilson (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

The housing and homelessness issues in the BCP area are both key areas which I and the Unity Alliance will be focusing on over the coming few months and years. We will be taking a considered view of what we currently have and what we might need for the future.

You will know that there is a national housing crisis with not enough homes having been built over recent years, which in reality, equates to nearly four decades of underdevelopment across the country. The BCP area is in a similar position and now with the government, finally realising the state we are in, have set some very challenging new build figures for the area which

we need to deliver over the coming years. The Council will need to be more proactive to help bring sites forward for new housing. The recent report presented to Cabinet last week relating to the Holes Bay site is a prime example of how the Council can be more proactive in meeting the housing needs of the conurbation.

We will be presenting proposals to Cabinet in a few months' time to review our overall approach to Housing issues in order to draw up a new Housing Strategy for the whole BCP area.

In terms of homelessness, again, this is a key priority for myself as Portfolio Holder for Housing. Homelessness has unfortunately been increasing both nationally and locally over the last few years. There is already lots of good work underway locally by the Council and its many partners, providing much needed to support and accommodation for households who find themselves at risk of homelessness.

Over the next period, we will be taking stock of the current services, aligning our approach over the whole BCP area and setting out a new Homelessness Strategy for the area. This is going to have to have a holistic approach to the situation we find ourselves in. Our focus will inevitably be on ensuring a preventative approach to avoid people ending up in the crisis of homelessness. Just two weeks ago when the LGA conference came down to Bournemouth, I got speaking to the Mayor of Bristol, he told me how one of the first things they did was get all the housing service providers across the city in a room. They then pulled a long the floor a roll of paper, and divided it into sections, going from the stages a person can find themselves in a housing scenario. Starting with being secure in home ownership, to renting, to be behind on the rent, to being on the brink of homelessness, to being homeless, and ultimately sleeping on the streets. They then asked all those providers to place themselves in a category. And what they found was there was a lot service for those sleeping on the streets, but very few at the prevention stage. So that is what we need to do, get everyone in a room and see where our current strengths and weaknesses are and look to be improving on them. We have some really good services to build on and some great partner agencies who we will continue to work with. In fact I was just out last week with the St. Mungo's rough sleeper team, and they are fantastic. This type of work requires a special type of people, and we have those across the conurbation in several different charities and agencies, all with the same motivation of reducing and eventually ending rough sleeping and homelessness. I look forward to working closely over the next four years with all of them.

The question references the PSPO in the Poole area. I would suggest that the PSPO was introduced to tackle street based anti-social behaviour rather than homelessness. Although I can see how that can sometimes be difficult to differentiate. I am aware that a fuller answer will be provided by the Portfolio Holder for Communities in relation to specific questions posed around the PSPO issue.

Public Question from Sarah Ward

Given that Home office advice explicitly states that PSPO's should not be used as a way of managing homelessness or rough sleeping – does the

Unity Alliance intend to remove clauses within the Poole Town Centre/ Holes Bay PSPO which clearly and demonstrably target rough sleepers, namely:

Having a receptacle which is being used to contain monies for the purpose of begging

Belongings, baggage and bags being left unattended on the street

Causing an obstruction in car parks, doorways, public and communal areas

Response by Councillor Lewis Allison (Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities)

The Poole town centre and Holes Bay PSPO was introduced on 16th April 2018 in order to deal with significant levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB). It is important to be clear that this is not a means of dealing with homelessness and rough sleeping.

The measures in the PSPO aim to prevent and tackle any identified and reported issues. They do not target any specific group but the behaviours that impacts negatively upon others.

Any enforcement of the PSPO is aligned to support, particularly regarding the street community and vulnerable people. It has provided a means of drawing agencies together to support vulnerable individuals whilst ensuring that the community impact of negative behaviours is reduced. Since April 2018, only three Fixed Penalty Notices have been served and one prosecution has been brought. This is regarded as very positive - the experience is that officers with powers to enforce the PSPO achieve high compliance rates in street engagement.

In engaging with those breaching the order, a balance has been found around educating and advising individuals about the consequences of breaching the PSPO and understanding their vulnerabilities and issues in providing support. This balance of engagement and support has also been beneficial in Bournemouth Town Centre and Boscombe Precinct, where the approach to ASB relies on the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS). CSAS provides patrolling officers employed by the Council with allocated Police powers which assist them in preventing and addressing low level criminality and ASB. A CSAS proposal for the Poole area has been made to the Chief Constable of Dorset Police and it is anticipated that the new service could be implemented in September, in order to further address the persistent issues of ASB in the area.

I am pleased to report that it is clear that the approaches being applied in our town centres are modelled around the need to ensure and prioritise support of the most vulnerable people in our communities. However, we must ensure that we develop a balanced approach which is fit for purpose for the whole of BCP. As a result, we will be reviewing the approach to street based ASB across BCP 3 months after the implementation of CSAS in Poole. This gives us an opportunity to understand how this new service is functioning against the backdrop of the PSPO and will inform our assessment of the options going forward which will include consideration of the future of the PSPO in Poole. I will report back to Cabinet in early 2020 with recommendations about a single approach.

I want to re-assure the Council and the community that it is clear to me that much detailed consideration and effort has gone in to devising effective solutions to a complex issue, which seeks a reduction of harmful behaviours that impact negatively on the wider community, whilst placing the needs of vulnerable people at the heart of the approach.

Public Question from Sue Aitken (on behalf of Andy Proctor)

How many fines have been issued as a result of the Poole Town Centre and Holes Bay PSPO, and specifically where they have been issued due to breaches of the following clauses:

Having a receptacle which is being used to contain monies for the purpose of begging

Belongings, baggage and bags being left unattended on the street

Causing an obstruction in car parks, doorways, public and communal areas

Of any fines issued, how many have been collected?

Response by Councillor Lewis Allison (Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities)

A total of 3 Fixed Penalty Notices have been served under the Poole Town Centre and Holes Bay PSPO. All three have been as a result of breaches relating to 'Having a receptacle which is being used to contain monies for the purpose of begging'. Each penalty is £100. £95 has been collected.

Public Question from Sue Aitken (on behalf of Peter Cooper)

How many bed spaces or units of accommodation does the Unity Alliance intend to make available to assist individuals off the streets over the next four years?

Response by Councillor Kieron Wilson (Portfolio Holder for Housing)

The issue of rough sleeping, to which this question refers, is sadly an issue for the BCP area, as it is nationally.

We as a Council already have many services delivered or commissioned by ourselves and our partner agencies to help prevent rough sleeping. We have a range of different accommodation options available both in terms of Council owned stock and private sector options. The provision of bed spaces is however only one part of the picture. Most importantly, we also ensure the provision of a wide range of support services alongside, to help people address issues they may have, such as mental health issues or substance misuse.

I am unable to quantify the number of bed spaces or homes that we as an Alliance intend to make available over the next four years. That would be impossible to quantify as homelessness trends change over time. What I can say though is that we will remain committed to making the best use of all the resources we have as an area to prevent people rough sleeping in the first instance, but where they do, we will focus efforts to help people off the streets as quickly as possible.

This includes accessing additional central government rough sleeper initiative money, which we have been successful in receiving over the last year. It also involves working closer with our voluntary sector partners and statutory partners to help make sure we target our collective resources as best we can with the key vision of preventing rough sleeping.

Public Statement from Angela Pooley (Friends of the Earth)

In order to meet the essential need to address the increasing negative effects of climate change it is crucial that assessing the environmental impact of major Policy & Planning Decisions becomes fundamental prior to final decisions being made or permissions granted.

Failure to do this would result in any declaration made by the Council of a Climate Emergency being a mere token gesture without meaning. I know that there are already Officers working within the BCP that have the necessary skills and commitment to be able to carry this out but it must have the full support of elected members.

Public Statement from Joan Richards

Residents such as myself, from Townsend, have lost confidence in our Council following the complete disregard shown to us during the A338 – Wessex Fields Link planning process. Contrary to government guidelines, local residents and their elected representatives were not consulted on options and the so-called public consultation was merely a tick-box affair. Hospital workers were clearly misled as to the schemes primary purpose. Should it go ahead, this appallingly bad scheme will not only damage the well-being of local people, but will also bring the Council problems for years to come.

Public Statement from Melissa Carrington (Extinction Rebellion Bournemouth and Dorset)

Councillors, be clear that declaring a climate and ecological emergency means you must give these issues your highest priority and allocate budgets and resources accordingly. Don't be tempted to dilute the motion. Be guided by what is scientifically necessary to avoid harm to life. It's too late for transitional, low carbon measures. We need zero carbon and zero harm, carbon sequestration and biodiversity restoration, urgently and at scale and a plan to protect citizens from the existential threat that the global heating poses. Anything less than full emergency mobilisation risks immense harm. Tell the truth, act now, and establish a citizen's assembly.

Public Statement from John Kear (Statement read out by the Chief Executive on Mr Kears behalf)

BCP take Council tax from me. Each one of you needs to know and implement the law. Without my consent, ongoing money gain using my land title makes my land negative equity. It cannot be sold honestly. Your Local Land Charges Register is breached.

Each of you, by recorded vote today, can *RESOLVE* to act justly. Simply ask the Barrister-at-law, independent Member of your Standards

Committee, to meet me to see himself the physical objects which speak in silence for themselves beyond all possible doubt whatsoever to pure minds.

Public Statement from Soo Chapman

The Climate and Ecological Emergencies and the safe passage of children are increasingly related as world resources shrink. Before triggering apocalyptic carbon bombing from melting permafrost the public must be incentivised and motivated to treasure Mother Nature. They must be protected from ignorance, fake news, fear and breakdown.

The working folk who stand to lose most from the end of the fossil-fuel age should be the first to gain from the new clean economy. Young people should be helped to plan ahead for the costs of Transition. And YouthStrike4Action deserve an Exceptional Circumstances mark rather than unauthorised absence.

Public Statement from Conor O’Luby

Despite the more proportionate results of this year’s BCP election, the archaic First Past the Post system still excessively skews the outcome. Thus, the Conservatives gained 47% of the councillors with only 32% of the vote, whilst Labour, for example took only 4% of the seats with 14% of the ballots cast. Make Votes Matter calls on the Council to investigate with Parliament changing the local electoral system to Proportional Representation, ensuring all residents have a voice, as they do in Scotland and other parts of the UK.

Public Statement from Judith Williams

Thank you for everything you are already doing for vulnerable children but we are living through the worst refugee crisis in our lifetime – 25 million refugees, of which half are children under 18. The British people saved 10,000 Kindertransport children 80 years ago. In their memory, will you as a council please pledge to accept a minimum of 3 unaccompanied or vulnerable children for the next 10 years under the ‘Safe Passage’ “Our Turn” fully government funded plan, brought here by safe and legal routes, rather than taking enormous risks. The British People did it then. We can do it again.

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12. Record of Decisions of Cabinet and minutes of other Committees

The Record of Decisions of Cabinet and the Committee Minutes for the last cycle of meetings were received.

Voting: Unanimous

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 July 2019 were then considered and approved:-

Minute No. 15 **Princess Road Housing Scheme**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing presented the report and proposed approval of the scheme as set out.

Concerns were expressed with regards to the lack of social housing, in relation to this Portfolio Holder stressed that it wasn't viable for social housing on the site, however Cabinet Members had supported the principle of social housing as a priority going forward.

Councillor Ann Stribley proposed that the report be deferred, the proposition was seconded by Councillor Ann Filer but fell on being put to the vote.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and carried.

Voting: For – 70; Against – 0; Abstentions – 3

Minute No. 18 **Review of Planning Call-in arrangement within BCP Constitution**

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning presented the report and proposed adoption of the changes to the Constitution as set out.

Following comprehensive debate an amendment was proposed by Councillor Broadhead to remove the last line in recommendation 2, this being to remove the line; *'which would affect the wider public interest'*. This proposition was seconded by Councillor Haines but fell on being put to the vote with voting For – 33; Against – 37; Abstentions - 1

Prior to the substantive motion being put to the vote a proposal was made by Councillor Haines to take the vote on recommendation 2 separately, this was seconded by Councillor Anderson but fell on being put to the vote.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and carried.

Minute No. 19 **Approval of Youth Justice Plan 2019/20**

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services presented the report and proposed that the plan be endorsed.

Voting: For – Unanimous

proposed amendments as appropriate to reflect its key strategic objectives.

Voting: Unanimous

15. Notice of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 13

(A) Climate Emergency

The Council was advised that the following motion had been proposed by Councillor S Bull, seconded by Councillor C Rigby and supported by Councillors L Allison, R Burton, L-J Evans, G Farquhar, A Hadley, M Howell, L Lewis, M Le Poidevin, S Moore, P Parris, V Slade and K Wilson in accordance with Procedure Rule 13.

That this Council notes that:-

- 1. Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity;**
- 2. In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO2eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible;1**
- 3. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;**
- 4. Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;**
- 5. Unfortunately, the current BCP Council plans and actions are not enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050;2,3**
- 6. The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, published last October, describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities;**
- 7. Councils around the world are responding by declaring a Climate Emergency and committing resources to address this emergency.**

Full Council believes that:

- 1. National, regional and local have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate Breakdown, local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to**

change their policies. It is important for the residents of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and for the UK that towns and cities commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible;

2. Large conurbations are uniquely placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions, as they are in many ways easier to decarbonise than rural areas – for example because of their capacity for heat networks and mass transit;
3. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's number one priority; and,
4. Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities (as well as improved well-being for people worldwide).

Full Council calls on BCP council to:

1. Declare a 'Climate and Ecological Emergency';
2. Pledge to make BCP Council and its operations carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3);
3. Work with partners, businesses and the wider community to investigate, make recommendations and set a target date for how early the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole region can be made carbon neutral, ahead of the UK target of 2050;
4. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 and other interim targets possible;
5. Work with other governments (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;
6. Continue to work with partners across the city region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;
7. Set-up a Citizens' assembly to enable views of the general public to be taken into account.
8. Report to Full Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency. As discussed with officers an action plan with clear quantifiable milestones should be submitted to Full Council in December 2019.

Following debate an amendment was proposed by Councillor K Rampton to include an additional two points:

9. That BCP Council commends the work of the preceding authorities to reduce carbon emissions across our conurbation; and
10. That BCP Council does not condone acts of eco-terrorism and civil disorder in the name of climate and ecological emergency which disrupts lives and impacts on our Policing resources.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor J Kelly.

A proposition was moved and seconded for a recorded vote on the amendment.

Upon being put to the recorded vote the amendment fell with voting:

For

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Beverly Dunlop	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr Phillip Broadhead	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr Judy Butt	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Roberto Rocco
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Andy Jones	
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Jane Kelly	

Against

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Pete Miles
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Sandra Moore
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr Nick Geary	Cllr Pete Parrish
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Nigel Brooks	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Dr Felicity Rice
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Colin Bungey	Cllr Marion Le Poidevin	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Lisa Lewis	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Rachel Maidment	Cllr Kieron Wilson
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Chris Matthews	

Abstentions

Cllr Diana Butler

Voting: For – 34; Against – 38; Abstentions – 1

Following further debate the original motion as set out above was put to the recorded vote and carried with voting:

For

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Marion Le Poidevin
Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Beverly Dunlop	Cllr Lisa Lewis
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Rachel Maidment
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Chris Matthews
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Pete Miles
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Cllr Phillip Broadhead	Cllr Nick Geary	Cllr Pete Parrish
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Cllr David Brown	Cllr Peter Hall	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Dr Felicity Rice
Cllr Colin Bungey	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Roberto Rocco
Cllr Judy Butt	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Jane Kelly	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr David Kelsey	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Bob Lawton	Cllr Kieron Wilson

There were no votes against the motion.

Abstentions

Cllr Diana Butler

Voting: For – 72; Against – 0; Abstentions – 1

(B) Safe Passage

The Council was advised that the following motion had been proposed by Councillor M Brooke, seconded by Councillor S Moore and supported by Councillors L Allison, S Bull, R Burton, M Cox, M Earl, L-J Evans, G Farquhar, A Hadley, M Howell, L Lewis, M Le Poidevin, R Maidment, P Parrish, V Slade, T Trent and K Wilson in accordance with Procedure Rule 13. In addition Council were advised that the Conservative Group Leader had indicated that the Conservative Group is in support of the motion.

That this Council notes:-

The threat to children fleeing war and oppression is now at the highest level it has been in the last 70 years. We are witnessing the biggest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War, with over 70 million people displaced worldwide by war, persecution and conflict. 25 million of these are refugees and more than 50% are children under 18yrs of age.

- **Every year thousands of unaccompanied child refugees arrive in Europe, mostly in Greece, Italy and increasingly Spain. Many do not stay in those countries but, unaware of their rights, take dangerous journeys north.**
- **The charity “Safe Passage” is committed to Safe and Legal routes for child refugees, so not only would these children be properly authenticated by agencies such as UNHCR working with the UK Home Office, but they would arrive by a SAFE and LEGAL ROUTE, not as spontaneous arrivals having taken immense risks in flimsy dinghies, or under or inside lorries. Furthermore, their care would be ensured through a fully government funded scheme, and therefore neither deplete**

already stretched council funds, nor be an ongoing burden on local taxation.

- Already over 1,800 refugee children have arrived safely and legally in the UK through routes Safe Passage has helped open.
- Lord Dubs and Safe Passage are calling upon every local authority across the country to undertake something very simple – to commit to accepting “a minimum of 3 unaccompanied or vulnerable children per year every year for the next 10 years”. Across the country, this would equate to the 10,000 child refugees brought here 80 years ago.
- Safe Passage has already obtained 1170 + pledges from local authorities across the country. These depend on them being supported by a 100% government-funded plan which Safe Passage is seeking.
- Safe Passage has undertaken to run a campaign to gather more foster carers (for all children, not just refugee children).

We believe:

that since Poole Borough Council agreed last November to give the Safe Passage Initiative the strongest possible support, and to carry the Initiative forward to the new Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council at the earliest possible opportunity, BCP Council should now commit to play its part in helping save the lives of 10,000 children.

We therefore call upon:

BCP Council to make a pledge to accept a “minimum of just 3 unaccompanied or vulnerable children each year for the next 10 years” in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport and to show that we in Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole are committed to play our part in this great undertaking to save the lives of 10,000 children.

Following comprehensive discussion the motion as set out above was put to the vote and was carried.

Voting: For - Unanimous

16. General Questions from Councillors

Question from Councillor Andy Jones

A key policy of the Boscombe & Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan is to protect key heritage assets from demolition. This has been made significantly more difficult by the dreadful piece of legislation called permitted development which allows this to happen without the submission of a planning application. Could the Cabinet Member advise whether this Council, as with others, would consider introducing an Article 4 Direction to prevent this happening and if not, why? Could the Cabinet Member further advise when the referendum will take place to ratify the Neighbourhood Plan following its postponement in May?

Response by Councillor Margaret Phipps (Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning)

Article 4 Direction Question

It is recognised by the Council that non designated heritage assets are under pressure for development and that this matter has been raised previously by the local community in Boscombe and Pokesdown. Article 4 directions may be used to require planning permission for the demolition of a non-designated heritage asset such as a building outside of a conservation area, by removing the demolition rights.

The local community's extensive commitment and effort in preparing the Boscombe & Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan has highlighted that the loss of local heritage assets is very important to them. The identified local heritage assets however, even once the neighbourhood plan is formally adopted by the Council, would still not be protected from demolition under current national permitted development legislation. The only route open to prevent the loss of these buildings would be through an Article 4 Direction. It should be noted that compensation may have to be paid should permitted development rights be taken away unless the Local Planning Authority publicises their intention to make an Article 4 Direction at least one year ahead of it taking effect.

Consequently, although there would be considerable time and staff resource needed by the local planning authority to bring an Article 4 Direction into effect, it does seem reasonable to explore this matter further and I have therefore asked officers to explore the implications of introducing such a mechanism.

Neighbourhood Plan Question

I am pleased to report that the final version of the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report is expected this week. The Planning Department have recently received a draft of the Examiner's Report for fact checking and that has been shared with the Neighbourhood Forum.

Once the final examiners report is received the Council then has to decide on the action to take in response to each recommendation and a report will be taken to Cabinet on 11th September. The Council is then required to organise the Referendum. The Local Planning Authority have been in contact with Electoral Services and it is anticipated that a Referendum could be held in late October, but at this time the Council is unable to confirm a precise date.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Andy Jones

With regards to the cost of the referendum, will it be picked up by the Council rather than the Neighbourhood Forum?

Response by Councillor Margaret Phipps (Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning)

Councillor Phipps thanked Councillor Jones for his supplementary question and advised that a response would be provided to him following the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm

CHAIRMAN