

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Council**

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 October 2020

**Time:** 19:00

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting

### **Attendees:**

Councillor Munir Ahmed, Councillor Shahbaz Ahmed, Councillor Jasbir Anand, Councillor Praveen Anand, Councillor Sitarah Anjum, Councillor Mohammad Aslam, Councillor Jon Ball, Councillor Julian Bell, Councillor Josh Blacker, Councillor Fay Block, Councillor Linda Burke, Councillor Gary Busuttil, Councillor Theresa Byrne, Councillor Joanna Camadoo-Rothwell, Councillor Paul Conlan, Councillor Deirdre Costigan, Councillor Lewis Cox, Councillor Daniel Crawford, Councillor Kate Crawford, Councillor Joanna Dabrowska, Councillor Karanvir Dhadwal, Councillor Tejinder Dhami, Councillor Ranjit Dheer, Councillor Kamaljit Dhindsa, Councillor Stephen Donnelly, Councillor Paul Driscoll, Councillor Yoel Gordon, Councillor Abdullah Gulaid, Councillor Amarjit Jammu, Councillor Yvonne Johnson, Councillor Harbhajan Kaur-Dheer, Councillor Anthony Kelly, Councillor Mrs Seema Kumar, Councillor Carlo Lusuardi, Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, Councillor Tariq Mahmood, Councillor Gary Malcolm, Councillor Gurmit Mann, Councillor Rajinder Mann, Councillor Shital Manro, Councillor Dee Martin, Councillor Mohinder Midha, Councillor David Millican, Councillor Karam Mohan, Councillor Timothy Murtagh, Councillor Kamaljit Nagpal, Councillor Swaran Padda, Councillor Binda Rai, Councillor Aysha Raza, Councillor Miriam Rice, Councillor Sarah Rooney, Councillor Mik Sabiers, Councillor Kamaldeep Sahota, Councillor Charan Sharma, Councillor Gareth Shaw, Councillor Gregory Stafford, Councillor Andrew Steed, Councillor Chris Summers, Councillor Nigel Sumner, Councillor Hitesh Tailor, Councillor Lauren Wall, Councillor Ray Wall, Councillor Simon Woodroofe, Councillor Anthony Young

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chohan and Mason.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

The Monitoring Officer advised Council that there were a number of Councillors who lived in the vicinity of a Low Traffic Neighbourhood. A number of members had contacted the Monitoring Officer to say that they did not feel this constituted a disclosable pecuniary interest. However in an abundance of caution, to ensure these Councillors were able to take part in the debate and vote on the motion Council could grant a dispensation.

Councillors Dabrowska and Millican disclosed they lived in the vicinity of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods but they didn't consider this a disclosable pecuniary interest and didn't want to seek a dispensation from Council.

Councillor Bell disclosed he was on the Transport for London board but he had recused himself from any decision making when any Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes were discussed.

**Resolved:** That a dispensation be granted to allow Councillors Taylor, Shaw, Mahfouz, Rai, Woodroffe, D Crawford, Gulaid, Block, Driscoll, P Anand, Rooney, K Crawford, Gordon and Burke to take part in the debate and vote on the motion relating to Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.

### 3 **Matters to be Considered in Private**

**Resolved:** That all matters be considered in public, as proposed.

### 4 **Motion for Debate: Ealing Council's failure to consider residents' concerns over Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) and to comply with its legal requirements.**

The Monitoring Officer clarified to Council that the Council's decisions on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods were subject to legal proceedings which were ongoing. Therefore Councillors who had been involved in decision making on this issue had been advised to be cautious in what they said in public in order to protect the Council's position, should the legal proceedings progress to a court hearing.

Lorna O'Driscoll presented a petition with 9,776 signatures which related to the motion.

The Mayor confirmed that the debate and vote on this motion would form the response to the petition that had been submitted.

It was moved by Councillor Stafford, and seconded by Councillor Millican, that

This Council reaffirms its commitment to reducing pollution in the Borough and to improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians.

This Council notes that while Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) appear to be a good idea in principle, poor planning, lack of consultation and refusal to alter plans in the face of evidence by Ealing Council has led to them not achieving their stated aim, and indeed exacerbating the problems in some areas. The closure of local distributor roads has diverted traffic in some cases, onto the

main thoroughfares which were already at capacity and in others, onto narrower, quieter residential roads. This has added traffic to these roads, reduced air quality and added dangers to residents and their children going about their lives.

This Council also notes that 9,000 residents have signed the petition against LTNs and that 3,000 people marched to the Town Hall in protest in September; including (but not limited to) teachers, medics, nurses, care-workers, elderly and disabled people, regular cyclists and walkers, and young residents.

The Council further notes the application for judicial review of four of the schemes.

This Council further notes that the failure by Ealing Council to comply with its legal duty to consult the London Ambulance Service before the implementation of this scheme may have put residents lives at risk.

Therefore, this Council:

Condemns the failure of the Council to consult the London Ambulance Service before the introduction of the LTNs

Expresses its disapproval of the lack of consultation with residents and the ongoing refusal of Cllr Bell and his Cabinet to listen to residents' concerns.

Will suspend all the LTNs and remove all bollards and barriers, and instigate a proper consultation with residents.

Councillors Bell, Sabiers, Sumner, Dabrowska, Rice, Kumar, Driscoll, Young, Conlan and Block responded to the motion.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Malcolm and seconded by Councillor Ball. A vote was taken on the amendment and the amendment FELL.

At the conclusion of the debate, a recorded vote was taken on the motion and the motion FELL.

Voting:

For: Councillors Dabrowska, Sumner, Kumar, Millican, Stafford, Young, Ball, Steed, Malcolm and Busuttil.

Against: Councillors Blacker, Manro, Rai, Sabiers, Camadoo-Rothwell, Block, Bell, Johnson, Mahfouz, J Anand, L Wall, R Wall, Martin, Woodroffe, Taylor, G Mann, R Mann, Dheer, D Crawford, K Crawford, Byrne, Rice, Sahota, Mohan, Midha, Cox, Donnelly, Burke, Murtagh, Dhindsa, Padda, Anjum, Summers, Aslam, S Ahmed, Sharma, Conlan, Lusuardi, Dhadwal, Dhami, Driscoll and M Ahmed.

Abstentions: Councillor Gulaid.

## 5 **Motion for Debate: No confidence in the Leader of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Young that this Council has no confidence in the Leader of the Council, Councillor Julian Bell.

Councillors Johnson, Malcolm, P Anand, Kumar, Camadoo-Rothwell, Rice, Sabiers, Rai, R Mann and Padda responded to the motion.

At the conclusion of the debate, a recorded vote was taken on the motion and the motion FELL.

### Voting:

For: Councillors Dabrowska, Sumner, Kumar, Millican, Stafford, Young, Ball, Malcolm and Busuttil.

Against: Councillors Gordon, Shaw, Rooney, Raza, Costigan, Jammu, Mahmood, Kaur Dheer, Nagpal, Blacker, Manro, Rai, Sabiers, Camadoo-Rothwell, Kelly, Block, Bell, Johnson, Mahfouz, J Anand, R Wall, L Wall, Martin, Woodroffe, Taylor, R Mann, G Mann, P Anand, Dheer, D Crawford, K Crawford, Byrne, Rice, Sahota, Mohan, Midha, Cox, Donnelly, Burke, Murtagh, Dhindsa, Padda, Anjum, Summers, S Ahmed, Sharma, Conlan, Lusuardi, Dhadwal, Dhami, Driscoll and M Ahmed.

Abstentions: Councillor Gulaid.

## 6 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was due to be held on 27 October 2020.

## 7 **Duration of Meeting**

7.00pm to 9.31pm.