



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 10th July 2017 at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor M. Longhi (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor P. Bott (Deputy Mayor)

" A.J.A. Andrew
" D.J. Barker
" O.D. Bennett
" M.A. Bird
" C. Bott
" R. Burley
" K. Chambers
" A.G. Clarke
" C.E. Clews
" S.J. Cooper
" D. Coughlan
" S.P. Coughlan
" S.R. Craddock
" C.U. Creaney
" A. Ditta
" S.K. Ditta
" B.A. Douglas-Maul
" K. Ferguson
" M. Follows
" J. Fitzpatrick
" S.F. Fitzpatrick
" A.D. Harris
" L.A. Harrison
" D.T. Hazell
" E.A. Hazell
" A.J. Hicken

Councillor K. Hussain

" L.D. Jeavons
" C. Jones
" T.J. Jukes
" A. Kudhail
" Mrs. R.A. Martin
" J. Murray
" A.A. Nawaz
" M. Nazir
" A.S. Nazir
" G. Perry
" K. Phillips
" L.J. Rattigan
" I.C. Robertson
" J. Rochelle
" H.S. Sarohi
" K. Sears
" I. Shires
" G.S. Sohal
" C.D.D. Towe
" A. Underhill
" S. Wade
" M. Ward
" P. Washbrook
" R.V. Worrall
" A. Young

19. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allen, Gultasib, Hughes, James, Russell and Wilson.

20. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2017 copies having been sent to each member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

21. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

22. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

23. **Mayor's announcements**

Death of Mrs. B.L. Brady

The Mayor referred to the death of former Councillor Brenda Brady.

The Mayor and Councillors Bird, S. Coughlan and Shires paid tribute to Mrs. Brady's services to Walsall over a period of many years, following which it was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That this Council expresses its regret at the death of Mrs. B.L. Brady a member of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council from 1979 to 1984 and places on record their appreciation of her services to the borough over a period of many years and expresses its condolences to her family at this sad time.

Members and officers stood in silence as a mark of respect.

24. **Petitions**

The following petitions were submitted:

- (a) Councillor Andrew – Clean up the alley between Croft Street and Mary Street
- (b) Councillor Sohal:
 - Broadway North Centre – additional names
 - Cut the grass on Treyamon and Helston Road
 - Secure park at the end of Woodend Road, Walsall
- (c) Councillor Towe - Secure park at the end of Woodend Road, Walsall

25. **Broadway North petition**

A report was submitted.

Councillor Sohal presented the petition noting that there was an ageing population in Park Hall before emphasising the need and importance of retaining both a medical and community facility on the Broadway North Site.

It was **moved** by Councillor Jeavons and seconded by S. Coughlan:

- (1) That the concerns of the petitioners be noted.
- (2) That the Council notes the concerns expressed by the petitioners regarding NHS processes, and, notwithstanding that they are out-with the Council's remit, will ensure that they are communicated to the relevant external bodies, principally the GP practices concerned, Walsall CCG and NHS England.
- (3) The Council is supportive of the new GP health facility at the Jabez Cliff site. This is described as a “flagship” facility for Walsall and will ensure that a modern and purpose built centre will offer extended services and hours to the local community.

Amendment moved by Councillor Washbrook and seconded by Councillor Bird:

In receiving the petition regarding Broadway North, we request this Council amend the recommendations as set out adding a recommendation 2.4:

- 2.4 That Council request Cabinet to reconsider the future of this site, taking note of the fact that NHS England, in conjunction with the CCG, are required to consult the general public on the proposals to merge 4 doctors practices into 1, and

further request Cabinet to reserve the Broadway North site for consideration of locating a medical facility at this location, pending the outcome of the consultation in order to allow residents the opportunity to express their preference between this site and the proposed former Jabez Cliff Factory site at Lower Forster Street.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared lost – the voting at the request of several members of the Council being recorded as follows:

For the amendment - 25 members	Against the amendment - 27 members	Abstained - 2 members
Cllr: Bird	Cllr: S. Coughlan	Cllr: P. Bott
E. Hazell	Shires	D. Hazell
Andrew	Barker	
Bennett	Burley	
C. Bott	Chambers	
Clarke	Clews	
Cooper	D. Coughlan	
Craddock	Creaney	
Douglas-Maul	A. Ditta	
Ferguson	S. Ditta	
Follows	J. Fitzpatrick	
Harris	S. Fitzpatrick	
Harrison	Hussain	
Hicken	Jeavons	
Kudhail	Jones	
Longhi	Jukes	
Martin	Nawaz	
Murray	A. Nazir	
Perry	M. Nazir	
Rattigan	Phillips	
Rochelle	Robertson	
Sears	Sarohi	
Sohal	Underhill	
Towe	Ward	
Washbrook	Wade	
	Worrall	
	Young	

The motion was put to the vote and declared carried and it was:

Resolved

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26. **Question by member of the public**

Cases of sepsis at Walsall NHS Healthcare Trust

Mr. P.E. Smith asked the following question of Councillor Robertson:

“Given that in the Annual Review by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sepsis 2015/16 Chaired by Rt. Hon Cheryl Gillam, MP, it was reported that the total cases of Sepsis in 2014/15 for Walsall NHS Healthcare Trust was *501, can you inform me, this Council and the general public, how many cases of hospital acquired sepsis, where patients have lost their lives wholly or partly as a result of such hospital acquired infection, have occurred in Walsall NHS Healthcare Trust hospitals in years subsequent to 2014/15?

**Page 25 of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sepsis 2015/16 Chaired by Rt. Hon Cheryl Gillam, MP”*

Councillor Robertson replied as follows:

“Definition of sepsis

Sepsis is a common and potentially life-threatening condition triggered by an infection. Initial symptoms may be non-specific. It can arise as a consequence of a variety of infections, though the most common sources are the lung, the urinary tract and the abdominal organs. It can affect people of any age and is most common in the elderly and the very young. When people suffer from sepsis the body’s immune system goes into overdrive setting off a series of reactions including widespread inflammation, swelling and blood clotting. If not treated quickly, sepsis can lead to septic shock and death.

Background

Sepsis is a national issue. Over 70% of sepsis cases arise in the community and approximately 30% mortality.

Key to improving patient outcomes of sepsis is early identification by all and prompt treatment (please see the information from Sepsis Trust UK).

The Walsall Healthcare Trust (WHT) contributed to the information used by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for its report in 2015/16.

Data

In 2015/16 there was a total of 564 cases of sepsis reported at WHT. In 2016/17 the total number of cases had fallen by 86 to 478 cases. These figures include those admitted with sepsis and those who have developed sepsis during their admission.

NHS England (December 2015) have designed a national action plan for improving outcomes for patients with sepsis.

In this plan they recognise that the data currently collected nationally on sepsis are limited, due to lack of consistency of definitions used to describe sepsis. They have recently introduced a new set of codes for the NHS to use to define sepsis.

At present this means that data is not available to split the total number of sepsis cases into healthcare acquired and community acquired infection. In the future this will be much easier to capture.

The number of deaths recording sepsis as the primary cause of death in Walsall Healthcare Trust was 13 cases in 2015/16 and 11 cases in 2016/17.

If at the time of death there was any suspicion that the death was related to healthcare associated infection then it would have been reported to NHS England and a full serious incident review undertaken. None of these deaths triggered the national reporting system.

Priority actions on sepsis at WHT

The Trust has identified the need for continuous awareness of sepsis and has undertaken the following actions:

- Usage of a sepsis screening tool for all patients admitted via the Emergency Department.
- Work continues in other areas of the Trust to improve early identification of sepsis and timely treatments (including) administration of antibiotics.
- WHT has invested in an I.T. system to record patient observations to support the early identification of patients with potential sepsis.
- The Trust has 2 clinical leads and a task force developing this work.
- Each Ward area has a medical and nursing champion;
- A quality facilitator is working with wards and departments to embed the use of the screening tool.
- 100% of clinical Trust staff have received Sepsis training.
- The Trust hosted a Sepsis Seminar in May 2017 delivered by the CEO of Sepsis UK. The seminar was attended by acute and community medical and nursing staff. From the seminar a programme of sepsis awareness events have been developed.

Assurance

Walsall CCG and WHT have robust systems in place to monitor quality and performance of Healthcare associated infections:

- Monthly Trust infection prevention and control committee attendance by CCG and Public Health and Public Health England
- CCG Quality and Safety Committee attendance by Public Health
- Healthcare associated infection steering group quarterly meeting
- Announced and unannounced assurance visits to the Trusts by CCG
- Serious incident investigations and reviews reported to NHS England
- Care Quality Review meetings with CCG and Trust"

Councillor Robertson concluded by saying we all have a role in picking up the early signs of sepsis and referred to the symptom checker card circulated around the Council Chamber and asked everyone to share it with family and friends.

Mr. Smith noted the response stating that it was important to understand the figures which relate to those that enter hospital with sepsis and those that asked the following supplementary question:

How far has Walsall NHS Care Trust gone to fulfil the recommendation of the All-Party Parliamentary Report to develop specific budgets for sepsis, distinct from overall healthcare budgets, similar to those considered for conditions such as stroke and cancer.

Councillor Robertson replied stating that it was important to diagnose sepsis early. A summit had been held at the hospital to discuss the matter where it became clear that a weakness was the lack of awareness.

27. Recommendation of Audit Committee – Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17

The report to Audit Committee on 26th June 2017 was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Chambers and

Resolved

That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2016/17 as attached at Appendix A to the report be approved.

28. **Annual report of Audit Committee 2016/17**

The report to Audit Committee on 26th June 2017 was submitted.

Councillor Robertson presented the Audit Committee annual report.

Resolved

That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2016/17 be noted.

29. **Portfolio holder briefing**

Councillor S. Coughlan, Leader of the Council, gave a presentation.

Members asked questions in relation to the presentation which were responded to by Councillor Coughlan.

30. **Appointment to Project WR2 Contract Management Board**

Resolved

That Councillor Jones, portfolio holder with responsibility for the environment, be confirmed as the Council's representative on the Project WR2 Contract Management Board.

31. **Notice of motion – Srebrenica**

The following motion, notice of which had been duly given was **moved** by Councillor S. Coughlan, seconded by Councillor Jeavons and:

Resolved

This Council:

- Notes that 2016 is the twenty-first anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which saw over 8,000 Muslim men and boys killed by Serbian nationalist forces.
- Notes that in 2009 the European Parliament passed a resolution that 11 July should be recognised as the day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide all over the EU; and in 2015 urged the development of educational and cultural programmes that promote an understanding of the causes of such atrocities and raise awareness about the need to nurture peace and to promote human rights and interreligious tolerance.

- Applauds the work of those involved in the pursuit of justice for the victims and their surviving relatives, including the International Commission of Missing People (ICMP) and the Mothers of Srebrenica, whose courage and humility in the face of unthinkable horror is an inspiration to us all.
- Commends the work of the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, in raising awareness of this tragic and preventable genocide and working in communities across Britain to help them learn the lessons of Srebrenica.

The Council resolves to:

- Offer support to Remembering Srebrenica delegates from Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council who visited Bosnia on the “Lessons from Srebrenica” education programme and have been working tirelessly in the community to raise awareness of the genocide and learn the lessons of Srebrenica.
- Support Srebrenica memorial events in July each year throughout Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council as part of the UK-wide Remembering Srebrenica Memorial Week.
- Support the work of Remembering Srebrenica in communities across Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council to learn the lessons from Srebrenica to tackle hatred and intolerance to help build a better, safer and more cohesive society for everyone.

The meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.