

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

Monday, 11 December 2017

Present: The Civic Mayor (Councillor Ann McLachlan) in the Chair
Deputy Civic Mayor (Councillor Geoffrey Watt)

Councillors	RL Abbey	P Hackett	L Reecejones
	T Anderson	P Hayes	L Rennie
	B Berry	A Hodson	L Rowlands
	C Blakeley	K Hodson	T Smith
	A Brighthouse	AER Jones	C Spriggs
	P Brightmore	C Jones	J Stapleton
	D Burgess-Joyce	S Kelly	P Stuart
	C Carubia	B Kenny	M Sullivan
	P Cleary	A Leech	A Sykes
	A Davies	I Lewis	T Usher
	G Davies	M McLaughlin	J Walsh
	P Davies	J McManus	W Ward
	P Doughty	C Meaden	S Whittingham
	D Elderton	B Mooney	J Williamson
	G Ellis	C Muspratt	I Williams
	S Foulkes	T Norbury	KJ Williams
	P Gilchrist	C Povall	S Williams
	JE Green	D Realey	G Wood

<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors	E Boulton	T Jones
		W Clements	D Mitchell
		WJ Davies	M Patrick
		J Hale	T Pilgrim
		T Johnson	

107 PROCEDURAL MOTION

On a motion by Councillor Ron Abbey, seconded by Councillor Phil Davies, it was –

Resolved (33:21) (One abstention) – That only movers and seconders be heard prior to the Council moving to a vote on the motion and the amendment.

108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Council were invited to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary and/or any other relevant interest in connection with

any matters to be determined at this meeting and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

109 **CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Civic Mayor noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Eddie Boulton, Wendy Clements, Bill Davies, John Hale, Treena Johnson, Tony Jones, Dave Mitchell, Matthew Patrick and Tracey Pilgrim.

110 **MOTION - ACTION ON SCRAMBLER BIKES**

Proposed by Councillor Bruce Berry

Seconded by Councillor Chris Blakeley

Council welcomes the launch of the Wirral Safer Hub.

However Council notes that there is increasing public concern concerning anti-social behaviour relating to motor bikes and scrambler bikes.

Council further notes that Merseyside Police, despite the good work carried out under Operation Brookdale, do not seem to be able to contain the root cause of the problem.

Council therefore requests the Wirral Safer Hub set up a dedicated task force using all agencies, elected members and the voluntary sector to come up with a plan to tackle this menace.

Amendment

One amendment which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9), as follows:

Proposed by Councillor George Davies

Seconded by Councillor Phil Davies

Delete all after second paragraph, replace with:

“Council acknowledges and appreciates the work community safety officers, volunteer groups and the vast majority of responsible parents and residents are taking. It also applauds the police for tackling this issue in the face of continued drastic cuts to the Merseyside Police budget.

Council pledges to work with local communities and residents through the Safer Wirral Hub and other networks, to continue to do everything possible to tackle this issue.

Council calls upon the leader to write to the Home Secretary calling for the Government to set aside funds and resources to help police forces such as Merseyside to take immediate action to crack down on the dangerous rise in scrambler bike offences.”

Following speeches from the movers and seconders, the amendment was put and carried (38:17) (One abstention).

The substantive motion, as amended was then put and carried (55:0) (One abstention).

Resolved (55:0) (One abstention) –

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