

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Council Chamber - Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, SL1 2EL on Thursday, 20th February, 2020 at 9.15 pm.

Present:- The Deputy Mayor (Brooker), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Akram, Ali, Anderson, Begum, Carter, Chaudhry, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hulme, Kelly, Mann (until 9.17pm), Matloob, Mohammad, Nazir, Pantelic (until 9.17pm), Plenty, Qaseem, Rasib, Sabah, Sadiq, A Sandhu, Sharif, Smith, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Wright.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bedi, A Cheema, H Cheema, Dhaliwal, Gahir, N Holledge, Minhas, R Sandhu and Sarfraz.

58. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

59. To Consider a Motion Submitted regarding Kashmir

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.8 (a) - with the consent of the other signatories to the original motion,

Councillor Ajaib moved,
Seconded by Councillor Sadiq,

“The Council agrees to support the local campaigns in raising awareness of the crisis in Kashmir, especially as Slough is host to a large Kashmiri community who are concerned about their families who are struggling in Kashmir and desire the support of the council in their effort to campaign for short and long term resolution.

The Council resolves to write to:

1. India High Commissioner urging India to immediately lift the oppressive controls of the civilian population.
2. The Secretary General of United Nations, asking that they use their influence to secure their urgent amelioration of the situation.
3. To write to Tan Dhesi MP requesting that he uses his influence in parliament and liaise with the Foreign Secretary to bring about a peaceful resolution.”

The motion was put to the vote and carried with 21 votes For, 1 Against and 4 abstentions.

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Resolved – The Council agrees to support the local campaigns in raising awareness of the crisis in Kashmir, especially as Slough is host to a large Kashmiri community who are concerned about their families who are struggling in Kashmir and desire the support of the council in their effort to campaign for short and long term resolution.

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Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 9.15 pm and closed at 9.47 pm)