

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 13.1:

1. Motion from Councillor Darren Fower

That this Council notes:

1. The recent news relating to the 5 year old local boy, who as a result of a traffic accident on Gunthorpe Ridings, was described as having "life changing injuries.";
2. That Gunthorpe Ridings is a well used road, both by those living in the 11 cul-de-sacs that lead off from it and by people using it for its purpose of connecting the well populated areas of Paston & Gunthorpe, and their relevant amenities.

We therefore call on Peterborough City Council to:

1. Acknowledge publicly and provide assurances to local residents that action will be taken to improve road safety measures along Gunthorpe Ridings;
2. Agree that the safety of young pupils is still of the utmost importance to this local authority;
3. Create a working group, involving local councillors, council officers and other community representatives, to look at the options and develop an action plan to be agreed and implemented by the end of this calendar year; and
4. Start looking into the possibility and costings of introducing a pedestrian crossing, similar to the one on Gunthorpe Road, along Gunthorpe Ridings, as soon as possible.

2. Motion from Councillor Richard Ferris

This Council notes that:

1. In the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commission Group (CCG) area it is estimated that 6,260 people over the age of 65 are living with dementia. 62.1% of those living with dementia have received a formal diagnosis; diagnosis can often be the key to accessing appropriate support services.
2. Two thirds of those living with dementia are living in the community, and nearly 70% of people with dementia feel lonely and trapped in their own homes, with limited or no social networks.
3. A healthy diet, regular physical exercise, and avoiding smoking and drinking can reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's Disease and vascular dementia, but 64% of people are not aware of this.

4. The societal cost of dementia in the UK is estimated at an average cost per person of £32,250. Of the total estimated cost of dementia in the UK, it is estimated that £11.6billion is contributed through the work of unpaid carers.

This Council resolves to:

1. Through the local Dementia Action Alliance (DAA), earn status as officially working towards making Peterborough 'Dementia Friendly', a status endorsed by Alzheimer's Society;
2. Appoint an elected member to the position of 'Dementia Champion' for the authority;
3. Work towards making Council practices more dementia friendly, encouraging staff and members to become a 'Dementia Friend' through the Dementia Friends Programme and committing to making Council buildings dementia friendly;
4. Run local risk reduction campaigns, including clear messaging in ongoing campaigns regarding exercise, alcohol, smoking or diet that 'what's good for your heart is good for your head'; and
5. Make information about local dementia services as accessible as possible.

3. Motion from Councillor Ansar Ali

Peterborough City Council is extremely concerned at the escalating tension between India and Pakistan as a result of more recent clashes and violence in Jammu Kashmir, which has resulted in loss of hundreds of innocent lives and causing serious injuries to vast numbers of innocent Kashmiri people.

Peterborough City Council recognises that the issue of Kashmir is a matter of concern to a significant number of our residents. The city has around fifteen thousand residents who would describe their heritage as Kashmiri. We also have people of Pakistani and Indian heritage in Peterborough, all of whom play a pivotal role in the wonderful diversity we have in our city.

Peterborough City Council wishes to see lasting peace in the region so that people of India, Kashmir and Pakistan can live in harmony, mutual respect and prosperity.

The issue of Kashmir remains an outstanding issue on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council since 13 August 1948, which declared the right of the people of Jammu Kashmir to self-determination. Despite this the state remains divided between India and Pakistan, with thousands of Indian Armed Forces present in the Kashmir Valley.

This unresolved dispute is costing both countries enormous amounts of money, thus hindering development which would improve the quality of lives of people of both nations. Permanent resolution of the Kashmir dispute will bring considerable benefits to both countries.

Peterborough City Council calls upon the British Government to put pressure on the Indian and Pakistani Governments to exercise restraint and to put an immediate stop to these killings, oppression and human rights violations.

We urge the British Government to engage with international partners in seeking a permanent resolution on Kashmir through the United Nations, and call upon both the Indian and Pakistani Governments to stop the rhetoric of war mongering.

The Council believes the views of the people of Kashmir are paramount in determining how they are governed and who shall govern them; and calls upon the governments of India and Pakistan to recognise that the Kingdom of Kashmir belongs to the people of Kashmir and only they can determine their future.

We call on the British Government to play a leading role in bringing about a lasting resolution to this dispute which threatens peace in the region.

Recognising that two million people of Kashmiri, Indian and Pakistani heritage live in the UK, this Council therefore resolves to support the right of people of Jammu Kashmir to self-determination and to this end calls upon the British Government to:

1. use its diplomatic channels and intervene to de-escalate the current crisis; and
2. revert to its previous position on Kashmir, supporting a plebiscite as a high priority issue.

This Council agrees to:

3. Raise the issue with the Foreign Office to seek a free and fair plebiscite in Kashmir, for a permanent resolution of this long standing conflict that carries the potential of disrupting global peace.

4. Motion from Councillor Nick Sandford

This Council notes:

1. The results of the consultation on a devolution deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;
2. That during the consultation the public were consulted on the basis that a devolution deal was only possible with an elected mayor, and that, despite being told about the insistence on an elected mayor, the majority of respondents to the online survey opposed an elected mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; and
3. That the new prime minister, appointed since the devolution deal was agreed by the leaders of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils, has indicated that under her government elected mayors are not as central to devolution deals as was the policy of the previous government.

This Council therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to pause the current devolution negotiations to allow time to explore the option of a devolution deal on the basis of the current offer but without the requirement for an elected mayor.

5. Motion from Councillor Nick Sandford

This Council notes:

1. The announcement by the Prime Minister of her intention to allow secondary schools to introduce academic selection and existing grammar schools to expand;
2. The strong evidence that the presence of grammar schools in an area has a detrimental impact on the educational outcomes of the majority of pupils;

Council calls upon the Cabinet member for Education, Skills, University and Communications to write to governing bodies of all secondary schools in Peterborough pointing out the compelling academic evidence against grammar schools as a way of raising academic

standards, and inviting them to work together and with the City Council to build for further improvement within the strong tradition of comprehensive education in Peterborough.

This Council also calls upon the Cabinet member to write to the Secretary of State for Education pointing out the clear benefits of the comprehensive education system for the majority of pupils.

6. Motion from Councillor John Peach

In recognition of the historic importance of the building to Peterborough, particularly the Art Deco front and inside features of The Broadway Theatre we ask the council to consider placing a preservation order on this magnificent building.

We also ask that the council does whatever it can to facilitate its continued use as a quality entertainment venue by whatever means possible.