

WCBC Full Council Meeting - Wednesday 24th February 2016

Cllr Malcolm King OBE (MK) TO DEPUTY MAYOR Cllr John Pritchard (JP)

JP: Go on then Malcolm what's the point of order?

MK: Thank you, well I wish to raise the matter of why the Mayor, it wasn't yourself, under the advice from the Chief legal officer has denied the Labour and Plaid Cymru groups from being able to properly, put a properly constituted Notice of Motion about the former Grove Park School building from being heard.

JP: Sorry Malcolm I'm moving onto the next agenda item now, obviously I'm following the agenda.

MK: But the constitution says I'm allowed to raise a notice of motion and be heard, sorry, allowed to raise a point of order and be heard properly on that.

JP: Right, can I answer your question?

MK: Yes the point is that the legal officer has now received advice from the WLGA that shows that his views are completely out of step with the rest of Wales and not in line with the intentions of the Wales act.

JP: Right, Malcolm I've got to stop you there, I'll reply as far as what I have advice on from the legal officer, and I wasn't aware until recently what has happened but I will give you the reply. I'm aware that the request for the Council to consider a Notice of Motion relating to the former, I won't mention the name, school for girls building, was received by the proper officer on 9th February 2016, having taken advice from the proper officer, the Mayor ruled the motion out of order and the reason for her decision were sent to contact person for the motion, Councillor Dana Davies on 12th February 2016.

The motion is therefore not on the agenda for tonight's debate thank you Malcolm. I'm moving onto the next item on the agenda now.

MK: The thing about that, is that it simply doesn't support this constitution

JP: Malcolm I am moving onto the next agenda item with the advice I have sought, thank you Malcolm.

MK: This sort of destruction of freedom of speech is quite wrong.

JP: Thank you Malcolm it's not on the agenda,

MK: Well it should be Mayor

JP: It's not on the agenda, right ...

Cllr Arfon Jones (AJ) TO DEPUTY MAYOR Cllr John Pritchard (JP)

AJ: I just want to make this point Mr Mayor, Mr Deputy Mayor, I won't be voting either way on anything on this agenda tonight in protest of the undemocratic nature and you know, the fact you had advice from the monitoring officer doesn't mean that advice is correct and it doesn't mean that you need to take it, you know, the monitoring officer, there have been several findings against this authority by the Information Commissioner over the years which shows quite clearly that the monitoring officer was not right at that time. Thank you.

JP: Well I'm sorry but we're not likely to take these kind of comments Arfon so, I mean you have your right but obviously we're not intended to take those, thank you. Agenda item number 6.

??: Point of order Mr Mayor, could you put that matter to the vote for the minutes.

JP: Yes sorry, could we put the members to the vote please? Any against? Any abstentions?, OK that was carried.

Cllr Andrew Bailey (AB) TO DEPUTY MAYOR Cllr John Pritchard (JP)

AB: The minutes of the Executive Board, I can't disagree that they aren't a true record on this 12th January as they have been accepted by the subsequent Executive Board but how can I as an individually elected councillor of this council register my disgust and flawed decisions that they made on the Grove Park Girls school, how can I register my abhorrence of that decision?

JP: I'm sorry Andrew as I stated earlier that's not going to be discussed tonight as its not on the agenda but, I'm sorry do you mind? I'm sorry, its not going to be discussed tonight and it went before scrutiny and all decisions were made, so as far as I'm concerned the opportunity was there before tonights meeting, its not on the agenda and I'm going to follow procedure, sorry Andrew.

(MK) TO DEPUTY MAYOR (JP)

JP: Malcolm...

MK: <speaking but microphone turned off, unable to hear him>

JP: Sorry Malcolm we're not discussing Grove Park at the moment thank you.

MK: Well that's the item on the agenda so why not now?

JP: Not on agenda as far as I'm aware.

MK: <inaudible - microphone off>

JP: Mark would you like to come in on that but as far as I'm concerned we are not discussing Grove Park on the agenda tonight.

MK: <inaudible - microphone off>

JP: Well its not on the agenda Malcolm, well that's for another meeting probably but tonight its not on the agenda, thank you.