



Borough of Barrow-in-Furness

At a Meeting of the

FINANCE AND POLICY

Committee

of this Borough held at the Town Hall

on THURSDAY the 14TH day of JUNE 1990

Present

Councillor T. W. Smith (Chairman) and ten other Members.

DECLARATION ON APARTHEID

RESOLVED:- That the Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council -

1. Re-affirms its total opposition to racism, within and outside its boundaries, especially the evil system of apartheid, declared by the United Nations and the Commonwealth to be a crime against humanity.
2. Re-affirms the strength of its commitment to its statutory duty to promote good race relations and recognises that contributing locally to international efforts to seek an end to apartheid assists it in this general duty.
3. Recognises that the elimination of apartheid is a responsibility of all citizens and their representatives, wherever they may live.
4. Welcomes the independence of Namibia on 21st March, 1990 and the election of a democratic government, and pledges support for the process of reconstruction.
5. While welcoming the release of Nelson Mandela, the lifting of the bans on the ANC and other organisations and the relaxation of some restrictions, recognises that repressive legislation and the pillars of apartheid remain intact.
6. Calls on the South African authorities to take the minimum steps necessary to create a climate conducive to negotiations, such as the unconditional release of all political prisoners, as outlined in the United Nations Declaration on South Africa which was unanimously approved by all UN member states, including the United Kingdom, at a Special Session of the UN General Assembly in December 1989.