

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

**Present:**

- \* Councillor Margaret Davine (The Worshipful the Mayor)
- \* Councillor Kairul Kareema Marikar (The Deputy Mayor)

**Councillors:**

* Ghazanfar Ali	* Jerry Miles
* Richard Almond	* Mrs Vina Mithani
* Mrs Chika Amadi	* Amir Moshenson
* Jeff Anderson	* Chris Mote
* Sue Anderson	* Janet Mote
* Marilyn Ashton	* Christopher Noyce
* Mrs Camilla Bath	* Phillip O'Dell
* June Baxter	* Paul Osborn
* Christine Bednell	* Nitin Parekh
* James Bond	* Ms Mina Parmar
* Michael Borio	* Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown	* Primesh Patel
* Kam Chana	* Pritesh Patel
* Ramji Chauhan	* David Perry
* Niraj Dattani	* Kanti Rabadia
* Jo Dooley	* Kiran Ramchandani
* Keith Ferry	* Mrs Christine Robson
* Ms Pamela Fitzpatrick	* Lynda Seymour
* Stephen Greek	* Aneka Shah-Levy
* Susan Hall	* Mrs Rekha Shah
* Glen Hearnden	* Sachin Shah
* Graham Henson	* Norman Stevenson
* Maxine Henson	* Krishna Suresh
* John Hinkley	* Sasi Suresh
* Nitesh Hirani	* Adam Swersky
* Ameet Jogia	* Bharat Thakker
* Manjibhai Kara	* Antonio Weiss
* Barry Kendler	* Georgia Weston
* Jean Lammiman	* Anne Whitehead
* Barry Macleod-Cullinane	* Stephen Wright
* Ajay Maru	

\* Denotes Member present

## PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by Reverend David Tuck, the Parish Church of St Alban's, North Harrow.

### 249. WELCOME

Council noted the election of Councillor Paul Osborn as Leader of the Opposition Group.

Council noted that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kairul Kareema Marikar, had made a pilgrimage to Mecca and completed the Hajj.

### 250. COUNCIL MINUTES

The Mayor announced that Motion 2 had been withdrawn.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 18 May 2017 and of the Extraordinary meeting held on 13 June 2017 be taken as read and signed as correct records.**

### 251. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### Item 4 – Petitions

Councillor Ameet Jogia declared an interest in that he would be presenting a petition relating to event day parking for Stanmore/ Canons Park residents and that he owned a property near to Stanmore Underground Station.

#### Item 10 – Use of Retained Right to Buy Receipts

Councillor Ameet Jogia declared an interest in that he had purchased a flat in Harrow under the Right to Buy Scheme.

#### Item 14 – Appointment of Chair – Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Councillor Chika Amadi declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she had previously been appointed to this position.

#### Item 15 – Outside Bodies

Councillor Chika Amadi declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she had previously been appointed to these positions.

#### Item 17 – Questions with Notice

During the course of the meeting, Councillor Niraj Dattani declared a pecuniary interest in Question 1 in that he had been employed by the company working on the platform and he left the Chamber.

### Item 18 – Motions – Accessible London Underground Stations

Councillor James Bond declared a pecuniary interest in that he was an employee of Transport for London.

Councillor Graham Henson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he undertook work for a railway trades' union.

### Item 18 – Motions – Making the next census count for our Armed Forces Community

Councillor Jeff Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that his niece's husband was a serving member of the Armed Forces.

Councillor Sue Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that her niece's husband was a serving member of the Armed Forces.

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest in that his father was a veteran and his sister was a serving member of the Armed Forces.

Councillor Chris Mote declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a veteran of the Armed Forces, as was one of his sons, another son who was currently a serving member of the Armed Forces, he was Chair of the Army Benevolent Fund for Harrow and Brent and a member of the Royal British Legion.

Councillor Janet Mote declared a non-pecuniary interest in that her husband was a veteran of the Armed Forces, as was one of her sons, and that she had another son who was currently a serving member of the Armed Forces.

Councillor David Perry declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a member of the Royal British Legion.

### All Items

Councillor Susan Hall declared a non pecuniary interest in that she was a member of the London Assembly which may come up in discussion during the course of the meeting.

## **252. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

- (i) The Mayor drew Council's attention to a tabled motion in relation to Harrow's Police Stations and Safer Neighbourhood team bases. Upon being put to the vote, it was agreed that the motion was urgent.
- (ii) The Mayor also drew Members' attention to fourteen tabled amendments to Item 8 – Community Safety and Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy, an amendment to Motion 1 and an amendment to the urgent Motion.

## 253. PETITIONS

In accordance with Rule 10, the following petitions were presented

- (i) Petition submitted by Kuha Kumaran, a representative of a group of business owners and residents of Northolt Road, South Harrow in relation to crime containing approximately 256 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holders for Public Health, Equality and Community Safety].

- (ii) Petition submitted by Tasha Proctor in relation to lighting on the railway footbridge between Carmelite Road and Pinner Park Gardens containing 62 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holders for Public Health, Equality and Community Safety and for Environment].

- (iii) Petition submitted by Councillor Ameet Jogia in relation to parking in Stanmore and Canons Park for premier league football matches at Wembley Stadium containing 117 signatures.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment].

## 254. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

## 255. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Leader of the Council, Councillor Sachin Shah, introduced the item highlighting the achievements, challenges and proposals since the last ordinary meeting.
- (ii) Other Members of the Council spoke and/or asked questions of the Leader of the Council which were duly responded to.

## 256. SCRUTINY OF THE ACTION PLAN FOLLOWING OFSTED REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF PROTECTION, LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS JANUARY 2017

**RESOLVED: That**

- (1) the Ofsted inspection report and associated action plan be noted; and**
- (2) it be noted that progress on the implementation of the action plan would be kept under review by elected Members and officers through service planning, the Improvement Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel**

processes as well as the Local Safeguarding Children Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

**257. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VIOLENCE VULNERABILITY AND EXPLOITATION STRATEGY**

Councillor Sachin Shah moved a Procedural Motion that the thirteen Conservative Group amendments be considered en bloc. This was agreed.

Amendments in the names of Councillor Georgia Weston and Councillor Osborn were moved and duly seconded.

**RESOLVED: That the Community Safety and Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy be deferred to the next ordinary Council meeting.**

**258. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY**

**RESOLVED: That the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2017-2019 be approved.**

**259. USE OF RETAINED RIGHT TO BUY RECEIPTS**

**RESOLVED (Unanimously): That the addition of the £5m capital budget to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme in 2017-18 be approved.**

**260. PENSION FUND COMMITTEE - ROLE OF CO-OPTEE**

**RESOLVED: That the role of, and the working arrangements applying to, the non-voting co-optee(s) to the Committee, as described in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the officer report, be agreed and that Howard Bluston be appointed as a non-voting co-optee on the Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18.**

**261. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARKETS IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DIRECTIVE (MiFID II).**

**RESOLVED: That**

- (1) the immediate commencement of applications for elected professional client status with all relevant institutions be agreed in order to ensure it could continue to implement an effective investment strategy;**
- (2) the Director of Finance be delegated responsibility for completing the applications and determining the basis of the application as either full or single service.**

**262. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**RESOLVED:** That the changes to the terms of reference to the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed.

**263. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL**

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor Kairul Kareema Marikar as Chair of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2017/18.

**264. OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:** That the appointments to the Outside Bodies, as set out on the Council Summons, be approved.

**265. INFORMATION REPORT - DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE**

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**266. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Councillor questions as were received were responded to and any recording placed on the Council's website. Those questions not reached would be responded to in writing and placed on the Council's website.

**267. MOTIONS**

1. Motion in the names of Councillor Krishna Suresh and Councillor Sue Anderson. The tabled amendment was voted upon and was carried:

**"Accessible London Underground Stations Motion**

This Council notes:

- We would like to support the initiative of the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to improve accessibility at Harrow on the Hill station as part of his £200m investment in improving step-free access on the London Underground over the next five years;
- Over 10.6 million journeys per year are made to and from Harrow on the Hill station on the Metropolitan line;
- Over 4 million journeys per year are made to and from Rayners Lane station on the Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines.

This Council believes:

- Improving accessibility at all train stations within the London Borough of Harrow and the three train stations immediately on the Borough's border (Kenton, Northwick Park and Queensbury) would enable even more Harrow residents and visitors to Harrow to travel independently, making travelling easier for a large number of people, especially those who are older, disabled or travelling with children in pushchairs.

This Council resolves:

- To write to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and to the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, the Secretary of State for Transport, to pledge our support towards making Canons Park station, Hatch End station, Headstone Lane station, Kenton station, Northolt Park station, North Harrow station, Northwick Park station, Queensbury station, Rayners Lane station South Harrow station, Sudbury Hill station, Sudbury Hill railway station and West Harrow station accessible."

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

**RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (i) above be adopted.**

2. Motion in the names of Councillor Sachin Shah and Councillor Sue Anderson:

**"Making the next census count for our Armed Forces community Motion**

This council notes:

1. The obligations it owes to the Armed Forces community within Harrow as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.
2. The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Harrow. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
3. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within Harrow.

In light of the above, this council moves to support and promote The Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 census

that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community. We further call upon the UK Parliament, which will approve the final census questionnaire through legislation in 2019, to ensure that the 2021 census includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community.”

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

**RESOLVED: That the Motion set out at (ii) above be adopted.**

3. Urgent Motion in the names of Councillor Paul Osborn and Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane. The Tabled amendment was voted upon and was carried:

**“Urgent Motion:**

**Call for further consultation on the closure of Harrow’s Police Stations and Safer Neighbourhood team bases**

This Council notes that:

- The Government made cuts to the Metropolitan Police of up to £1 billion. In Harrow, we currently have 316 police officers and 24 PCSOs, a reduction of 93 from the peak of 409 officers in September 2010 and 98 fewer PCSOs from the peak of 122 in July 2009.
- Closure of stations and team bases will mean that officers will spend more time travelling to and from their beat, reducing police presence just as violent crime is on the rise in Harrow.
- Policing is an extremely important issue for the residents of Harrow and increasingly so, with a significant rise in knife crime and other violent crime, reinforcing our residents’ justified fear of crime.

This Council believes that:

- Any decision on how to provide policing for Harrow should be taken seriously, with full public consultation, to ensure our Borough’s policing needs are properly met.
- Harrow should be a place where everyone feels safe and that we should all endeavour to make it a safer place. The Mayor of London, in his role as our elected Police and Crime Commissioner, is acting to improve policing, tackle crime and make Harrow safer.



This Council resolves to:

- Work more closely with the police and safer neighbourhood teams to ensure that residents feel safe and seek to keep Harrow's police stations and Safer Neighbourhood team bases open.
- Call on the Government to take policing seriously and fund the Metropolitan Police appropriately."

Upon a vote, the Motion was agreed.

**RESOLVED (Unanimously): That the Motion set out at (iii) above be adopted.**

## **268. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: That in accordance with Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) for the reasons set out below:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
20.	Information Report – Remuneration Packages and Severance Payments of £100,000 or Greater	Information under paragraph 1 (contains information relating to any individual).

[Note: Members of the Conservative Group wished to be recorded as having voted against the above Resolution].

## **269. INFORMATION REPORT - REMUNERATION PACKAGES AND SEVERANCE PAYMENTS OF £100,000 OR GREATER**

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted.**

**(CLOSE OF MEETING:** All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.52 pm).