



MINUTES
of the
MEETING
of the
COUNCIL
of the
LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW
held on
THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2006

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Paddy Lyne)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mary John)

Councillors:

R. Arnold
Nana Asante
David Ashton
Mrs Marilyn Ashton
Mrs Camilla Bath
Miss C A Bednell
F. Billson
Alan Blann
H. Bluston
J. Branch
K. Burchell
Mrs L. Champagnie
M. Choudhury
Mrs Janet Cowan
John Cowan
Bob Currie
Margaret Davine
M. Dharmarajah
Sanjay Dighé

A.T. Foulds
Brian Gate
Mitzi Green
Ann Groves
C. Harrison
C. Harriss
T. Idaikkadar
Mark Ingram
N. Ismail
Mrs E.M. Kinnear
A.C. Knowles
Jean Lammiman
D. Lavingia
Myra Michael
Jerry J. Miles
Vina Mithani
Chris Mote
Mrs Janet Mote
John Nickolay

Mrs Joyce Nickolay
Marie-Louise Nolan
Phillip O'Dell
A. Omar
P. Osborn
Anjana Patel
A. Pinkus
R. Ray
R.D. Romain
Anthony Seymour
Navin Shah
Mrs Rajeshri Shah
E. Silver
Bill Stephenson
Keekira Thammaiah
Keith Toms
M. Versallion
Anne Whitehead
G.G.V. Williams

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by the
Reverend Terence H. MacMath

388. COUNCIL MINUTES:**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL TAX MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2006, HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED, BE TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD.

389. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest on behalf of Members with regard to the business to be transacted at this Council Meeting.

390. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT OF THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, AS TABLED, UPON HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, TOGETHER WITH THE OCCASIONS ON WHICH SHE HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR AND PAST MAYORS, SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.

391. NORMAN KEMBER:

The Mayor referred to the release of Norman Kember, who had been held hostage in Iraq, and confirmed that he had returned home safely.

RESOLVED:

THAT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, A LETTER BE SENT TO MR KEMBER AND HIS FAMILY WELCOMING HIM HOME AND EXPRESSING RELIEF AT HIS SAFE RETURN.

392. COMMONWEALTH GAMES - MEDALS FOR HARROW RESIDENTS:

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor offered congratulations to two Harrow residents who had competed in and brought back medals from the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Australia. Laura Turner had won a silver medal for the 4x100m relay, and Dean Macey a gold medal for the men's decathlon.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE MAYOR WRITE TO LAURA TURNER AND DEAN MACEY CONGRATULATING THEM ON THEIR VICTORIES AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES.

393. JO PORTILLO:

The Mayor wished Jo Portillo, who was absent from this meeting due to illness, a speedy recovery and regretted that Members would not have the opportunity to bid him farewell before the Elections. On behalf of all Members, the Mayor thanked Jo for all his help and support over the years and requested that this be placed on record. It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

THAT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, THE MAYOR WRITE TO JO PORTILLO THANKING HIM FOR HIS HELP AND SUPPORT AND WISHING HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

394. COUNCILLOR RICHARD ROMAIN:

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed Councillor Romain to the meeting following his enforced absence from recent meetings due to illness.

395. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Navin Shah, moved a procedural motion under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4.2 (Variation of the Order of Business), to effect the consideration of Items 14 (Honorary Aldermen) and 16 (Tributes to Retiring Members) on the Summons immediately after Item 6 (Public Questions).

This procedural motion received the general assent of Council.

RESOLVED: THAT THE PROCEDURAL MOTION UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 4.2 BE AGREED, TO ALLOW THE CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS 14 AND 16 IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM 6.

396. PETITIONS:

(1) The following petitions were submitted by Members of Council:-

- (i) By Councillor John Nickolay, containing 2,300 signatures requesting that the Council allow one hour's free parking in the Pinner car parks, as in North Harrow and neighbouring boroughs, and bring charges into line with those elsewhere in the Borough, to stimulate business and benefit shoppers, parents, residents and visitors to Pinner.

[Note: The petition stood referred to the Traffic Advisory Panel].

- (ii) By Councillor Myra Michael, containing 53 signatures from the tenants, leaseholders and residents of Jubilee Close, James Bedford Close and users of Montesole Park, Pinner, requesting that the Council sort out the Grimsdyke Ditch or brook that acts as a boundary between Jubilee Close, James Bedford Close and Montesole Park, which is heavily polluted.

[Note: The petition stood referred to the Executive].

(2) The following petition was submitted by a member of the public:-

- (i) By Mr J Lawrence, containing 5,000 signatures, requesting that the names of those killed at war be placed on the War Memorial outside the Civic Centre.

[Note: The petition stood referred to the Executive].

397. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Further to Item 6 on the Summons, the following question was submitted by a member of the public, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.3:

<u>QUESTION BY</u>	<u>QUESTION OF</u>	<u>TEXT OF QUESTION</u>
Mr P Seedher	The Leader (Councillor N Shah)	"We are aware of the congestion around central Harrow, South Harrow, Northolt Road and Harrow-on-the-Hill, and are exploring different kinds of traffic management to resolve those problems." How has this Council dealt with congestion around central Harrow, South Harrow, Northolt Road and Harrow-on-the-Hill and has the congestion been eliminated?"

[Note: In the absence of the questioner, the Mayor ruled that the question not be put].

398. HONORARY ALDERMEN:

- (i) At item 14 on the Summons, the Council received a report from the Chief Executive, which invited Members to bestow the honour of Honorary Alderman on Councillor Keith Toms upon his retirement from the Council as at 8 May 2006.
- (ii) The Leader of the Council, Councillor Navin Shah, paid tribute to Councillor Toms' long service to the Authority. Expressions of appreciation were also offered by Councillors C Mote and Branch, and a number of other Members.
- (iii) Councillor N Shah moved and Councillor C Mote seconded an amendment to the Recommendation set out in the report, which was agreed.

- (iv) The substantive Recommendation as amended was adopted by Council in the following form:-

RESOLVED:

THAT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BE CONVENED AT 7.30PM ON 31 MAY 2006 TO BESTOW THE HONOUR OF HONORARY ALDERMAN ON COUNCILLOR TOMS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNCIL ON 8 MAY 2006.

[Note: Councillors Arnold, Nana Asante, D Ashton, Marilyn Ashton, Mrs Bath, Miss Bednell, Billson, Blann, Bluston, Branch, Burchell, Mrs Champagnie, Choudhury, Janet Cowan, John Cowan, Currie, Margaret Davine, Dharmarajah, Dighé, Foulds, Gate, Mitzi Green, Ann Groves, Harrison, Harriss, Idaikkadar, Mark Ingram, Ismail, Mary John, Mrs Kinnear, Knowles, Jean Lammiman, Lavingia, Paddy Lyne, Myra Michael, Miles, Vina Mithani, C Mote, Janet Mote, John Nickolay, Mrs Joyce Nickolay, Marie-Louise Nolan, O'Dell, Omar, Osborn, Anjana Patel, Pinkus, Ray, Romain, Seymour, N Shah, Mrs R Shah, Silver, Bill Stephenson, Thammaiah, Toms, Versallion, Anne Whitehead and Williams wished to be recorded as having voted in favour of the Resolution above].

399. TRIBUTES TO RETIRING MEMBERS:

On the occasion of the last Council meeting prior to the Borough Elections on 4 May 2006, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Navin Shah, referred to the fourteen Members of Council who would not be standing for re-election and paid tribute to their service. Those Members were:-

<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Service (Years)</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Political Group</u>
Raymond Arnold	4	Rayners Lane	Conservative
Alan Blann	6	Wealdstone	Labour
John Branch	12	Harrow Weald	Liberal Democrat
Cyril Harrison	35	Wealdstone	Labour
Mark Ingram	8	Roxbourne	Labour
Mike Kinsey	4	Greenhill	Labour
Adrian Knowles	8	Hatch End	Conservative
Adam Lent	4	Edgware	Independent
Paddy Lyne	16	Harrow Weald	Liberal Democrat
Marie-Louise Nolan	4	Wealdstone	Labour
Adrian Pinkus	4	Belmont	Conservative
Stephen Thornton	4	Harrow Weald	Liberal Democrat
Keith Toms	32	Kenton East	Labour
Gordon Williams	4	Pinner South	Independent

Expressions of appreciation were also offered by the Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor C Mote, the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Dighe, and a number of other Members. Additionally, in anticipation of such an occurrence, tributes were paid to current Members who might not secure re-election.

A number of retiring Members expressed their thanks to Members and officers.

400. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2006-2009:

Further to Item 7 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Cabinet meeting of 16 March 2006 in this matter.

The Recommendation was adopted as printed.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S THREE YEAR PLAN 2006-09 BE APPROVED.

401. TRANSPORT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP):

Further to Item 8 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation II of the Cabinet meeting of 16 March 2006 in this matter.

The Recommendation was adopted as printed.

RESOLVED:**THAT THE FINAL TRANSPORT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BE APPROVED.****402. RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES:**

(i) Further to Item 9 on the Summons, the Council received the Recommendations arising from the Constitution Review Working Group meeting of 5 April 2006 in this matter.

(ii) Councillor Dighe moved, and Councillor Idaikkadar seconded an amendment to paragraph 10 of the proposed Protocol on Confidentiality of Part II Reports (Part 5H of the Constitution) in the following terms:-

“Amend the first line of paragraph 10 by deleting the word “investigated” and replace with “considered”.”

This received the general assent of Council.

(iii) The Recommendation in relation to the particular protocol was adopted as amended.

RESOLVED:**THAT (1) THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE AUTHORITY’S CONSTITUTION AS NOW ENDORSED BY THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP AND DETAILED IN THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP BE APPROVED, SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT SET OUT AT (ii) ABOVE IN RESPECT OF THE PROTOCOL ON CONFIDENTIALITY OF PART II REPORTS;****(2) THE CONSEQUENT TEXTUAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS DE DELEGATED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO IMPLEMENT.****403. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

Further to Item 10 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Standards Committee meeting of 17 November 2006 in this matter.

The Recommendation was adopted as printed.

RESOLVED:**THAT THE CODE OF CONDUCT BE AMENDED UNDER SECTION 5A, CODES AND PROTOCOLS, RULE 11.1 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS, TO THE FOLLOWING:**

“FOR AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT A MEMBER WITH A PERSONAL (BUT NOT PREJUDICIAL) INTEREST WHO OBSERVES A MEETING FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY OR ANY PART OF THE ROOM OR CHAMBER, BUT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE MEETING OR TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSION IS NEVERTHELESS DEEMED TO BE ATTENDING THE MEETING AND SO IS REQUIRED TO DECLARE THE INTEREST”.

404. MANDATORY TRAINING FOR MEMBERS:

Further to Item 11 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Standards Committee meeting of 27 March 2006 in this matter.

The Recommendation was adopted as printed.

RESOLVED:**THAT (1) TRAINING IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT BE MANDATORY;****(2) TRAINING FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PERSONNEL APPEALS PANEL, SOCIAL SERVICES APPEALS PANEL AND THE CHIEF OFFICERS’ EMPLOYMENT PANEL BE MANDATORY;****(3) ALL MEMBERS OF APPROPRIATE BODIES BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE TRAINING REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE, SUBJECT TO (8) BELOW;**

(4) A BRIEF INITIAL TRAINING SESSION BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO ANY INAUGURAL MEETING AND THAT THIS BE FOLLOWED UP BY A FULL TRAINING SESSION TO BE HELD BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER 2006, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF STAFF;

(5) TRAINING SHOULD, WHERE POSSIBLE, BE OFFERED AT THREE OR FOUR SESSIONS ON AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT DAYS;

(6) MEMBERS BE ASKED TO CONSIDER WHETHER TRAINING SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE BEST AVAILABLE MEANS, WHETHER THIS BE EXTERNAL PROVIDERS OR OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL;

(7) A RECORD, OPEN TO INSPECTION BY ALL MEMBERS, BE KEPT OF THE ATTENDANCE AT ALL TRAINING SESSIONS;

(8) SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN OFFICER BRIEFING BE MADE WHERE A MEMBER, IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ANY OF THE TRAINING SESSIONS; DURING THE PROCESS GROUP LEADERS AND WHIPS BE KEPT INFORMED, THE CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGREE ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND A NOTE BE MADE IN THE REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE;

(9) IF IT BE CONSIDERED DURING THE LIFE OF THE COUNCIL THAT FURTHER UPDATED MANDATORY TRAINING IS NEEDED, THEN THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HAVE THE POWER TO IMPOSE SUCH A REQUIREMENT;

(10) ALL TRAINING SESSIONS SHOULD, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, BE OPEN TO ATTENDANCE BY ANY COUNCILLOR, WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNCILLOR IS A MEMBER OF THE RELEVANT COMMITTEE;

(11) AN OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME BE PREPARED, THIS PROGRAMME SHOULD BE AGREED BY THE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL AND THEN RECOMMENDED TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

405. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT:

Further to Item 11 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 27 March 2006 in this matter.

The Recommendation was adopted as printed.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005/06 BE NOTED.

406. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13):

Further to Item 13 on the Summons, the following three questions had been submitted by Members of the Council, notice of which had duly been given under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2.

<u>QUESTION BY</u>	<u>QUESTION OF</u>	<u>TEXT OF QUESTION</u>
(1) Councillor Silver	Planning, Development and Housing Portfolio Holder (Councillor Burchell)	"Can you assure us that Harrow Council will have control of the allocation of flats at the former Safeway site in Pinner Road, North Harrow for the benefit of Harrow Residents and key workers?"
(2) Councillor Silver	Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder (Councillor Margaret Davine)	"Can you update the Council on the total amount still in dispute with the Harrow PCT on Continuing Care invoices which have not been paid to the Council for 2004/2005 and 2005/2006?"

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| (3) Councillor Myra Michael | Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder (Councillor Margaret Davine) | “With the proposed closure of the local health clinic in Cecil Park, can you tell me how young families and the elderly - especially the very young, old and infirm, be able to reach the proposed alternative “one-stop-shop” facilities in Alexandra Avenue?” |
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[Note: As the Members of Council who had submitted the questions were not present in the Council Chamber when this item was reached, the Mayor indicated that the relevant Portfolio Holders should provide written responses to the questions above].

407. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE AND USE OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE:

In accordance with the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, the Meeting received a report at Item 15 of the Summons regarding decisions taken as a matter of urgency by Portfolio Holders, the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

THAT

(1) THE URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AND THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, AS NOW REPORTED, BE NOTED;

(2) IT BE NOTED THAT THE USE OF THE URGENCY PROCEDURE HAD NOT BEEN EXERCISED IN RELATION TO REPORTS TO CABINET SINCE 23 FEBRUARY 2006.

408. CLOSING REMARKS:

Upon the occasion of his last Council meeting, Councillor Keith Toms paid tribute to other Members, and thanked all Members of Council for their friendship and support.

The Mayor also paid tribute to the retiring Members, and extended her best wishes to them all.

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.25 pm).