

COUNCIL MINUTES

15 APRIL 2010

Present: * Councillor Eric Silver (The Worshipful the Mayor)
Councillor Chris Mote (The Deputy Mayor)

Councillors:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Husain Akhtar * Ms Nana Asante * David Ashton * Marilyn Ashton <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Mrs Camilla Bath * Miss Christine Bednell * Robert Benson * Don Billson * Mrs Lurline Champagnie * Mrinal Choudhury * G Chowdhury * John Cowan * Bob Currie * Mrs Margaret Davine * Mano Dharmarajah * Tony Ferrari * Keith Ferry <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Archie Foulds * B E Gate * David Gawn * Mitzi Green * Susan Hall * Graham Henson * Thaya Idaikkadar * Nizam Ismail * Krishna James * Manji Kara * Mrs Kinnear * Ashok Kulkarni * Jean Lammiman * Barry Macleod-Cullinane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Julia Merison <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Salim Miah * Mrs Myra Michael * Jerry Miles * Mrs Vina Mithani <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Janet Mote * Narinder Singh Mudhar * John Nickolay * Joyce Nickolay * Christopher Noyce * Phillip O'Dell * Asad Omar * Paul Osborn * Mrs Anjana Patel <li style="padding-left: 20px;">David Perry * Raj Ray * Richard Romain * Paul Scott * Anthony Seymour * Navin Shah * Mrs Rekha Shah * Stanley Sheinwald * Dinesh Solanki * Bill Stephenson * Mrs Sasi Suresh * Yogesh Teli * Keeki Thammaiah * Mark Versallion <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Tom Weiss * Jeremy Zeid
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* Denotes Member present

PRAYERS

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by the Rabbi Mendel Lew.

438. COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2010 be signed as a correct record.

439. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

440. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLVED: That the report of the Worshipful the Mayor upon his official duties, as tabled, be noted and received.

441. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

The Mayor moved a procedural motion that Item 12 (Tributes to Retiring Members) of the Summons be considered after item 6 (Public Questions).

RESOLVED: That the procedural motion, seeking that Item 12 (Tributes to Retiring Members) of the Summons be considered after Item 6 (Public Questions), be agreed.

442. PETITIONS

In accordance with Rule 11, the following petition was presented by a Member of Council on behalf of petitioners:

Submitted by Councillor Eileen Kinnear containing 7 signatures protesting to the Council about disturbance experienced from out of hours use of the facilities at John Lyon School and requesting that the Council investigate the original conditions governing the additional use.

[The petition stood referred to the Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development].

443. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

444. RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Further to item 7 on the Summons, the Council received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, which reflected recommendations made by the Constitution Review Working Group.

The recommendation was formally moved by Councillor Paul Osborn and seconded by Councillor Bill Stephenson.

RESOLVED: That the constitutional changes, as proposed by the Constitution Review Working Group, be approved.

445. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The following question had been submitted by a Member of Council under Rule 13.2:-

<u>QUESTION BY</u>	<u>QUESTION OF</u>	<u>TEXT OF QUESTION</u>
(1) Councillor Jeremy Zeid	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnership and Finance (Councillor David Ashton)	“The rise in Employer's Contribution to National Insurance will have a significant impact on Harrow's Budget. Seeing as the Council is not an economic ‘producer’, it being funded in the main by taxation, any recovery in the UK economy will pass us by with any burden being unfairly put onto the shoulders of taxpayers and could well jeopardise jobs and service provision. What is the likely projected sum, as both a percentage and monetary amount, to the Authority, of this rise?”

[Notes: Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.4, the question was responded to orally by the Leader of the Council].

446. MOTIONS

There were no Motions notified.

447. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE BY CABINET AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Further to Item 10 on the Summons, the Council received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, which provided a summary of the

urgent decisions taken by Cabinet and Portfolio Holders, since the last meeting of Council on 18 February 2010.

RESOLVED: That the urgent decisions taken by Cabinet and Portfolio Holders since the last Council meeting, be noted.

448. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

Further to Item 11 on the Summons, the Council received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services, which provided a summary of an urgent decision on a matter reserved to Council, since the last meeting of Council on 18 February 2010.

RESOLVED: That the decision on an urgent matter reserved to Council taken since the last Council meeting, be noted.

449. TRIBUTES TO RETIRING MEMBERS

The Council as a body moved its appreciation and best wishes to those Members not contesting the forthcoming Borough Elections as follows:

Councillor David Ashton
Councillor Don Billson
Councillor Keeki Thammaiah

Councillor Marilyn Ashton
Councillor Myra Michael

Upon the occasion of their last Council meeting, Councillors David Ashton, Marilyn Ashton, Myra Michael and Keeki Thammaiah 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 his best wishes to them all.

(CLOSE OF MEETING: All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.07 pm).