

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG, on 5 March 2013

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Brian Schama)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Kate Salinger B.Ed (Hons))

Councillors:

Maureen Braun	Ross Houston	Barry Rawlings
Anita Campbell	Anne Hutton	Hugh Rayner
Pauline Coakley Webb	Andreas Ioannidis	Colin Rogers
Dean Cohen	Geoffrey Johnson	Lisa Rutter
Jack Cohen	Julie Johnson	Brian Salinger
Melvin Cohen	Sury Khatri MSc	Joan Scannell
Brian Coleman FRSA	David Longstaff	Alan Schneiderman
Geof Cooke	John Marshall MA	Mark Shooter
Alison Cornelius	Kath McGuirk	Agnes Slocombe SRN, RM
Richard Cornelius	Arjun Mittra	Ansuya Sodha MBA (Middx)
Tom Davey	Alison Moore	CertEd, DipM (CIM) AMBA
Barry Evangeli	Graham Old	Stephen Sowerby
Claire Farrier	Charlie O'Macauley	Andrew Strongolou
Anthony Finn BSc (Econ) FCA	Lord Palmer OBE, BA, FCA	Andreas Tambourides
Brian Gordon LLB	Susette Palmer MA	Joanna Tambourides
Eva Greenspan	Bridget Perry	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Harper	Wendy Prentice	Reuben Thompstone
Helena Hart	Sachin Rajput	Jim Tierney
John Hart	Robert Rams	Zakia Zubairi

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alex Brodkin	Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner
Councillor Gill Sargeant	Councillor Darrel Yawitch
Councillor Daniel Seal	

3. PRAYER - THE MAYOR'S CHAPLIN, RABBI SCHOCHET

The Mayor's Chaplin offered prayer.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member:	Subject:	Interest Declared:
Councillor John Marshall	2.1 - Report of Cabinet - 25 February 2013:	Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Marshall is Chair of Barnet Carers Centre.

	Business Planning 2013/14 - 2015/16	Councillor Marshall remained in the Chamber, participating in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Sury Khatri		Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Khatri is a Trustee of Barnet Carers Centre. Councillor Khatri remained in the Chamber, participating in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Joanna Tambourides		Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Tambourides is Trustee Chair of Mind in Barnet and Friends in Need in East Barnet. Councillor Tambourides remained in the Chamber, participating in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Barry Rawlings		Pecuniary interest. Councillor Rawlings is part time employee of CommUNITY Barnet. Councillor Rawlings remained in the Chamber, participating in the discussion and voting on this item but requested that any votes involving CommUNITY Barnet be taken separately so that he may leave the chamber.
Councillor Brian Salinger	Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman	A non-pecuniary interest. the amendment proposes that Council give notice to London Councils. Councillor Brian Salinger daughter is employed by London Councils. Councillor Salinger remained in the Chamber, participating in the discussion and voting on this item.

5. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The Worshipful the Mayor, moved, duly seconded, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14, that Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow 30 minutes for Part 1 business, as this included the election of the Mayor Designate for the year 2013/14. The Worshipful Mayor further proposed, duly seconded, that Council Procedure Rule 45 and 47 also be suspended to permit the Leader of the Council, Councillor Richard Cornelius, the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Alison Moore, and, the Leader of the smaller Opposition Group, Councillor Jack Cohen, to speak for a time in excess of five minutes each (25 minutes, 20 minutes and 15 minutes respectively) on item 2.1 - Report of Cabinet - 25 February 2013: Business Planning 2013/14 - 2015/16 (incorporating the Council Budget and Council Tax 2013/14

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow 30 minutes for Part 1 business as this included the election of the Mayor Designate for the year 2013/14.**
- (ii) That Council Procedure Rule 45 and 47 be suspended to allow Councillor Richard Cornelius, Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Jack Cohen to speak for a time in excess of five minutes each (25 minutes, 20 minutes and 15 minutes respectively) on item 2.1 - Report of Cabinet - 25 February 2013: Business Planning 2013/14 - 2015/16 (incorporating the Council Budget and Council Tax 2013/14).**

6. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barnet Youth Shield

The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of Council, congratulated Barnet Youth Shield on winning the London Safeguarding Children's Award. A project led by young people to raise awareness about issues which threaten their safety had won the prestigious London Safeguarding Children Award.

Youth Shield, which was nominated by Barnet Safeguarding Children Board, scooped the accolade for their work in giving young people a stronger voice on the issues affecting them.

Led by young people from Barnet, Youth Shield had carried out research with hundreds of children and young people to build a detailed picture of child safeguarding in the borough.

Youth Shield now acted as formal advisers to the local Safeguarding Children Board, highlighting the key issues that currently concern young people - such as peer to peer violence and sexual exploitation.

The pioneering London Safeguarding Children Award scheme, which was in its second year, was run by the London Safeguarding Children Board. It highlighted innovative ideas and good practice to improve the safeguarding of children across the capital.

The judges were Rosemary Bennett, Social Affairs correspondent at The Times; Amanda Edwards, Deputy Chief Executive at the Social Care Institute for Excellence and chair of the London Safeguarding Children Board, Cheryl Coppell.

Junior MasterChef - Terence Dobson

The Worshipful the Mayor on behalf of Council congratulated 11 year old Barnet schoolboy Terence Dobson (known as TJ on MasterChef), who successfully got through to the finals of Junior MasterChef in November 2012. He started cooking at the age of 4 helping his mother. He then impressed his teachers with his cooking at Brunswick Park Primary school. He is now at Ashmole Academy.

Former Deputy Mayoress - Mrs. Marjorie Davies

The Worshipful the Mayor announced with regret the death of former Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Marjorie Davies who passed away on Thursday 30th January 2013.

Mrs Davies was Deputy Mayoress in 1999-2000.

She regularly attended council meetings but due to ill health her attendance had become restricted.

He conveyed the Council's thoughts and condolences which were with her son, former Councillor Jeremy Davies, at this sad time.

7. ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING

None.

7.1 THE MAYORALTY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR, 2013-2014

The Worshipful the Mayor called for nominations for election of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for 2013/14:

Councillor Hugh Rayner, duly seconded by Councillor Daniel Thomas, moved that Councillor Melvin Cohen be proposed for the appointment Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21 May 2013.

Upon being put to the vote, the nomination in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Melvin Cohen be formally proposed and seconded at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21 May 2013 for the appointment as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for the Municipal Year, 2013/14.

Councillor Melvin Cohen thanked those present for the confidence shown in him and undertook to do his very best in his term of office as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet. He announced that Councillor Wendy Prentice had consented to be Mayoress and Councillor Bridget Perry would be his Deputy Mayor.

8. REPORT OF CABINET - 25 FEBRUARY 2013: BUSINESS PLANNING 2013/14 - 2015/16

The Leader, Councillor Richard Cornelius, moved reception and adoption of the recommendations set out in the Cabinet Report.

Amendments in the names of Councillor Alison Moore, Councillor Jack Cohen and Councillor Brian Coleman were moved. Councillor Jack Cohen stated that in view of the Administration Budget now proposing that the savings for streetlight dimming will be in the 2014/15 plans not 2013/14 he moved the following further amendment from the floor.

“Reverse dimming on street lighting and balance my alternative budget by reducing the use of service developments by £200,000.00”

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore was declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen was declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman was declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote the report of Cabinet date 25 February 2013 was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That the report and the recommendations of the Cabinet dated 25 February 2013 be approved.

9. REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE- 29 JANUARY 2013: PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2013/14

Councillor Richard Cornelius moved adoption and reception of the report.

RESOLVED - That Council endorse the council’s Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2013/14 as set out in the report of the Remuneration Committee dated 29 January 2013.

10. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were none.

11. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

RESOLVED - That the following appointments were approved:

Mapledown School

- Mr David Tait is appointed a Governor to Mapledown School’s Governing Body.

Church Hill School

- Mr Andreas Nicolaides is appointed a Governor to Church Hill School’s Governing Body.

Queenswell Infant & Nursery School

- Mr Andreas Nicolaides is appointed a Governor to Queenswell Infant and Nursery School's Governing Body.

Garden Suburb Infant and Junior

- Mrs Alison Zilberkweit is appointed a Governor to the Garden Suburb Infant and Junior School's Governing Body.

2. CHANGE TO COMMITTEE DATE

Committee	Date of Meeting	New date of Meeting
Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee	27/02/2013	28/03/2013

RESOLVED – That Council note the change of meeting date contained in the table above.

3. ALLOCATION OF SEAT ON OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED - That Council agree to appoint the Independent (non-aligned to political group) Member to the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

12. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

There was none.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm