

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG, on 4 March 2014

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Melvin Cohen LLB)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bridget Perry)

Councillors:

Maureen Braun	Geoffrey Johnson	Gill Sargeant
Anita Campbell	Sury Khatri	Joan Scannell
Pauline Coakley Webb	David Longstaff	Brian Schama
Dean Cohen	John Marshall	Alan Schneiderman
Jack Cohen	Kath McGuirk	Daniel Seal
Brian Coleman	Arjun Mittra	Agnes Slocombe
Geof Cooke	Alison Moore	Ansuya Sodha
Alison Cornelius	Graham Old	Stephen Sowerby
Richard Cornelius	Charlie O'Macauley	Andrew Strongolou
Tom Davey	Lord Palmer	Andreas Tambourides
Barry Evangeli	Susette Palmer	Joanna Tambourides
Claire Farrier	Wendy Prentice	Daniel Thomas
Anthony Finn	Sachin Rajput	Reuben Thompstone
Eva Greenspan	Robert Rams	Jim Tierney
Andrew Harper	Barry Rawlings	Rowan Quigley Turner
Helena Hart	Hugh Rayner	Darrel Yawitch
John Hart	Lisa Rutter	Zakia Zubairi
Ross Houston	Brian Salinger	
Andreas Ioannidis	Kate Salinger	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alex Brodkin	Councillor Julie Johnson
Councillor Brian Gordon	Councillor Colin Rogers
Councillor Anne Hutton	Councillor Mark Shooter

1. PRAYER - THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor's Chaplain offered prayer.

2. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY AND ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2014

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Extraordinary and Ordinary meetings of the Council held on 21 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member:	Subject:	Interest Declared:
Councillor John Marshall	2.1 - Report of Cabinet - 25 February 2013: Business Planning 2013/14 - 2015/16	Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Marshall is Chair of Barnet Carers Centre and a Council appointed Director on the Board of The Barnet Group.
Councillor Ross Houston		Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Houston is a Council appointed Director on the Board of The Barnet Group.
Councillor Joanna Tambourides		Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Tambourides is Trustee Chair of Mind in Barnet and Friends in Need in East Barnet.
Councillor Barry Rawlings		Pecuniary interest. Councillor Rawlings is part time employee of CommUNITY Barnet..
Councillor Brian Salinger		Non Pecuniary Interest. In relation to the Icelandic Banks, Councillor Salinger's son in law was employed by the council as the Deputy Director of Finance at the time
Councillor Kate Salinger		Non Pecuniary Interest. In relation to the Icelandic Banks, Councillor Salinger's son in law was employed by the council as the Deputy Director of Finance at the time.

3. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The Worshipful the Mayor, moved, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 7, 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 2014/15. The Worshipful Mayor further proposed that Council Procedure Rule 20.1 and 26.1 also be suspended to permit the Councillor Richard Cornelius, Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Jack Cohen to speak for a time in excess of five minutes each on the Council Budget and Council Tax 2014/15, item 2.1.

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 2014/15.**
- (ii) **That Council Procedure Rule 20.1 and 26.1 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 on the Council Budget and Council Tax 2014/15, item 2.1.**

4. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

5. **ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

There was none

6. **THE MAYORALTY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR, 2014-2015**

The Worshipful the Mayor called for nominations for election of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for 2014/15:

Conservative Group Nomination

Councillor Tom Davey, duly seconded by Councillor Kate Salinger moved that Councillor Hugh Rayner be proposed for the appointment of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014.

Labour Group Nomination

Councillor Geoffrey Johnson, duly seconded by Councillor Zukia Zubairi moved that the Councillor Agnes Slocombe be proposed for the appointment of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014.

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

RESOLVED – That Councillor Hugh Rayner be formally proposed and seconded at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014 for the appointment as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for the Municipal Year, 2014/15.

Councillor Hugh Rayner 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 David Longstaff had consented to be his Deputy Mayor.

7. **VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Worshipful the Mayor under Council Procedure Rule 6.2 varied the order of business to bring forward Item 1 in the Report of the Head of Governance - Recorded votes at the Council's Budget meetings.

The Council is required to amend its procedure rules in line with The [Local Authorities \(Standing Orders\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014](#) came into force on the 25th February 2014. This means that the votes of each individual Councillor on the budget (and alternative budgets) will be recorded by name in the minutes of the meeting. The full details and background are set out in Item 1, Report of the Head of Governance.

Upon being put to the vote the recommendations were declared carried

RESOLVED -

1. That Council approve the amendments to the Council Meeting Procedure Rules, paragraph 15, Voting, to reflect the recording in the minutes of the Council budget meeting on how each Member present voted, on any decision relating to the budget or Council tax.

2. That the amendment take effect immediately.

8. **REPORT FROM CABINET - 25 FEBRUARY 2014: BUSINESS PLANNING 2014/15 – 2015/16**

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

Councillor Alison Moore, Councillor Jack Cohen and Councillor Brian Coleman moved their alternative budgets.

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, the Labour Group's Alternative Budget was declared lost.

Voting on the Labour Group's Alternative Budget

For	Against	Absent	Not Voting
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Anita Campbell	Melvin Cohen	Alex Brodtkin	
Pauline Coakley Webb	Bridget Perry	Brian Gordon	
Geof Cooke	Maureen Braun	Anne Hutton	
Claire Farrier	Dean Cohen	Julie Johnson	
Ross Houston	Jack Cohen	Colin Rogers	
Andreas Ioannidis	Brian Coleman	Mark Shooter	
Geoffrey Johnson	Alison Cornelius		
Kath McGuirk	Richard Cornelius		
Arjun Mittra	Tom Davey		
Alison Moore	Barry Evangelii		
Charlie O-Macauley	Anthony Finn		
Barry Rawlings	Eva Greenspan		
Gil Sargeant	Andrew Harper		
Alan Schneiderman	Helena Hart		
Agnes Slocombe	John Hart		
Jim Tierney	Sury Khatri		
Zakia Zubairi	David Longstaff		
	John Marshall		
	Graham Old		
	Monroe Palmer		
	Susette Palmer		
	Wendy Prentice		
	Sachin Rajput		
	Robert Rams		
	Hugh Rayner		
	Lisa Rutter		
	Kate Salinger		
	Brian Salinger		
	Joan Scannell		
	Brian Schama		
	Daniel Seal		
	Ansuya Sodha		
	Stephen Sowerby		
	Andrew Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		

For	Against	Absent	Not Voting
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
	Daniel Thomas		
	Reuben Thompstone		
	Rowan Quigley Turner		
	Darrel Yawitch		

For	17
Against	40
Absent	6
Not Voting	0
TOTAL	63

Upon being put to the vote, the Liberal Democrat Group's Alternative Budget was declared lost.

Voting on the Liberal Democrat Group's Alternative Budget

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Jack Cohen	Melvin Cohen	Anita Campbell	Alex Brodtkin
Monroe Palmer	Bridget Perry	Pauline Coakley Webb	Brian Gordon
Susette Palmer	Maureen Braun	Geof Cooke	Anne Hutton
	Dean Cohen	Claire Farrier	Julie Johnson
	Brian Coleman	Ross Houston	Colin Rogers
	Alison Cornelius	Andreas Ioannidis	Mark Shooter
	Richard Cornelius	Geoffrey Johnson	
	Tom Davey	Kath McGuirk	
	Barry Evangeli	Arjun Mittra	
	Anthony Finn	Alison Moore	
	Eva Greenspan	Charlie O-Macauley	
	Andrew Harper	Barry Rawlings	
	Helena Hart	Gil Sargeant	
	John Hart	Alan Schneiderman	
	Sury Khatri	Agnes Slocombe	
	David Longstaff	Jim Tierney	
	John Marshall	Zakia Zubairi	
	Graham Old		
	Wendy Prentice		
	Sachin Rajput		
	Robert Rams		
	Hugh Rayner		
	Lisa Rutter		
	Kate Salinger		
	Brian Salinger		
	Joan Scannell		
	Brian Schama		
	Daniel Seal		
	Ansuya Sodha		
	Stephen Sowerby		

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
	Andrew Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Daniel Thomas		
	Reuben Thompstone		
	Rowan Quigley Turner		
	Darrel Yawitch		

For 3
 Against 37
 Not Voting 17
 Absent 6
TOTAL 63

Upon being put to the vote, the Independent Member's Alternative Budget was declared lost.

Voting on the Independent Member's Alternative Budget

For	Against	Not Voting	Not Voting
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Brian Coleman	Melvin Cohen		Alex Brodtkin
	Bridget Perry		Brian Gordon
	Maureen Braun		Anne Hutton
	Anita Campbell		Julie Johnson
	Pauline Coakley Webb		Colin Rogers
	Dean Cohen		Mark Shooter
	Jack Cohen		
	Geof Cooke		
	Alison Cornelius		
	Richard Cornelius		
	Tom Davey		
	Barry Evangeli		
	Claire Farrier		
	Anthony Finn		
	Eva Greenspan		
	Andrew Harper		
	Helena Hart		
	John Hart		
	Ross Houston		
	Andreas Ioannidis		
	Geoffrey Johnson		
	Sury Khatri		
	David Longstaff		
	John Marshall		
	Kath McGuirk		
	Arjun Mittra		
	Alison Moore		

For	Against	Not Voting	Not Voting
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
	Graham Old		
	Charlie O-Macauley		
	Monroe Palmer		
	Susette Palmer		
	Wendy Prentice		
	Sachin Rajput		
	Robert Rams		
	Barry Rawlings		
	Hugh Rayner		
	Lisa Rutter		
	Kate Salinger		
	Brian Salinger		
	Gil Sargeant		
	Joan Scannell		
	Brian Schama		
	Alan Schneiderman		
	Daniel Seal		
	Agnes Slocombe		
	Ansuya Sodha		
	Stephen Sowerby		
	Andrew Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Daniel Thomas		
	Reuben Thompstone		
	Jim Tierney		
	Rowan Quigley Turner		
	Darrel Yawitch		
	Zakia Zubairi		

For 1
Against 56
Absent 6
Not Voting 0
TOTAL 63

Upon being put to the vote the report of Cabinet dated 25 February 2014 was declared carried.

Voting the Report and Recommendation of Cabinet

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Melvin Cohen	Anita Campbell		Alex Brodtkin
Bridget Perry	Pauline Coakley Webb		Brian Gordon
Maureen Braun	Jack Cohen		Anne Hutton
Dean Cohen	Geof Cooke		Julie Johnson
Brian Coleman	Claire Farrier		Colin Rogers
Alison Cornelius	Ross Houston		Mark Shooter
Richard Cornelius	Andreas Ioannidis		

Tom Davey	Geoffrey Johnson		
Barry Evangeli	Kath McGuirk		
Anthony Finn	Arjun Mittra		
Eva Greenspan	Alison Moore		
Andrew Harper	Charlie O-Macauley		
Helena Hart	Monroe Palmer		
John Hart	Susette Palmer		
Sury Khatri	Barry Rawlings		
David Longstaff	Gil Sargeant		
John Marshall	Alan Schneiderman		
Graham Old	Agnes Slocombe		
Wendy Prentice	Jim Tierney		
Sachin Rajput	Zakia Zubairi		
Robert Rams			
Hugh Rayner			
Lisa Rutter			
Kate Salinger			
Brian Salinger			
Joan Scannell			
Brian Schama			
Daniel Seal			
Ansuya Sodha			
Stephen Sowerby			
Andrew Strongolou			
Andreas Tambourides			
Joanna Tambourides			
Daniel Thomas			
Reuben Thompstone			
Rowan Quigley Turner			
Darrel Yawitch			

For	37
Against	20
Not Voting	0
Absent	6
TOTAL	63

RESOLVED – That the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report dated 25 February 2014 be approved.

9. REPORT FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There were none.

10. REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE- 20 JANUARY 2014: PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15

Councillor Richard Cornelius moved adoption and reception. Upon being put to the vote the recommendations as set out in the report were declared carried.

RESOLVED - That Council endorse the council's Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2014/15.

11. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE**

1. **REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL IN**

RESOLVED - That Council note the report exempt from call-in.

2. **CHANGE TO COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

Committee	Date of Meeting	New date of Meeting
Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee	26/02/2014	24/03/2014

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

3. **VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

RESOLVED - That the following appointment be approved:

Frith Manor School

- Mr John Ward be appointed to the Governing Body of Frith Manor School

12. **REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

At its meeting on 4 February 2014, the Group Leaders Panel considered a complaint against Councillor Coleman which resulted in the Panel making a recommendation to Council to censure Councillor Coleman for his failure to act in accordance with the authority's reasonable requirements when using the council's resources (section Paragraph 5 (b) (i) of the Members' Code of Conduct). It was found that Councillor Coleman had disposed of council property (his laptop) where he did not have the right to do so.

Council considered the recommendations from the Group Leaders Panel. Upon being put to the vote the recommendations set out below were declared carried.

1. That there was a breach of Paragraph 5 (b) (i) of the Members' Code of Conduct "You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority act in accordance with your authority's reasonable requirements."
2. That in view of (1) above, the Panel recommends that Councillor Coleman be censured.

RESOLVED - That Council hereby censure Councillor Brian Coleman.

The meeting finished at 9.17 pm