

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG, on 11 September 2012

PRESENT:-

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

Councillors:

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

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Anita Campbell	Councillor Rowan Turner
Councillor Robert Rams	Councillor Zakia Zubairi

22. PRAYER - THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor's Chaplain offered prayer.

23. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2012

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 July 2012 were approved.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member:	Subject:	Interest Declared:
Councillor Barry Rawlings	Report of Cabinet – 17 July 2012 Item 4.1.1 – Safeguarding in Barnet	Personal and prejudicial interest as Councillor Rawlings his profession is in safeguarding and he sometimes works in the Barnet. Councillor Rawlings withdrew from the Chamber and took no part in the voting of this item.
Councillor Melvin Cohen	Non Executive Business Item 3.3 – Disabled Blue Badge parking permits & Free Councillors Parking Permits	Personal and prejudicial interest as Councillor Melvin Cohen is a holder of a disabled blue badge parking permit. Councillor Melvin Cohen withdrew from the Chamber and took no part in the voting of this item.
Councillor Susette Palmer		Personal and prejudicial as Councillor Susette Palmer is a holder of a disabled blue badge parking permit. Councillor Susette Palmer withdrew from the Chamber and took no part in the voting of this item.
Councillor Joan Scannell		Personal and prejudicial as Councillor Joan Scannell is a holder of a disabled blue badge parking permit. Councillor Scannell withdrew from the Chamber and took no part in the voting of this item.

25. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worshipful Mayor regretted to announce the death of former Mayor of Barnet, Mrs. Dot Benson who passed away on 28 July 2012 following a long illness.

Mrs. Benson was Mayor of Barnet during the Municipal year 1989-1990 and MIND in Barnet was her chosen charity. She was a Conservative Ward Councilor for Hale Ward from 1978 to 1990.

She joined the Council in 1978 after spending four years as a co-opted member of the Education Committee. She took a particular interest in the welfare and education of children and young people in the borough and this is reflected by the fact that she was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee and Chairman of the Schools and Special Services Sub-Committee. She was also the Vice-Chairman of the governors of Orange Hill and Copthall Secondary Schools and Chairman of a group of Primary Schools in Burnt Oak and Grahame Park.

Mrs. Benson served with the Women's Royal Naval Service during the Second World War and for much of this time was stationed on a large naval base at Milford Haven. She also played the piano in a service band. Mrs. Benson leaves behind her husband, Ron, children Nick and John and four grandsons.

At the invitation of the Worshipful Mayor, Councillor John Hart spoke in tribute of Mrs Benson.

The Worshipful Mayor paid tribute to the Barnet residents who participated as athletes or as volunteers in the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Worshipful Mayor also remembered the victims of the terrorist attack at the 1972 Summer Olympic Games in Munich and the victims terrorist attacks in the United States on 9/11 in 2001;

“The Olympic Games have been an enormous success for London. The enthusiasm shown by the thousands of people who attended the Olympic Torch Relay in the borough are testament to their enduring appeal and their ability to bring people together.

However, in welcoming the Olympics to London, we also pause to reflect on the tragic events of 40 years ago, when Israeli athletes were brutally massacred in a terrorist attack at the Munich Games. At its last meeting, this Council unanimously called for a minute’s silence to be held at the 2012 Games as a fitting memorial to the murdered athletes and as a gesture of international unity against terrorism, causeless violence and hatred.

Today is also a significant day in that it marks the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The tragic events of that day resulted in the deaths of nearly 3,000 people, and its after-effects continue to be felt around the world today.”

A minutes silence was held in remembrance of Mrs Dot Benson and in commemoration of the victims of the Munich 1972 Olympic massacre and the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

26. ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

There was none.

27. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER AND CABINET

These questions, together with the answers provided and the text of any supplementary questions and answers, are set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

28. EMERGENCY BUSINESS ITEM - FRIERN BARNET LIBRARY

Councillor Barry Rawlings, duly seconded, moved a Business Item under Council Procedure Rule 14.1 (the suspension of Standing Orders) asking Council to agree to suspend Council Procedure Rule 31.1 in order to enable an Emergency Business Item on Friern Barnet Library to be included on the agenda of the meeting as a matter of urgency. Upon being put to the vote, the Business Item in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings was declared lost.

At least ten Members rose in their places and called for a formal division on the voting on the Business Item to suspend Standing Orders. Upon being taken the results of the Division were declared as follows:

For	Against	Not voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Brodkin	Braun	Schama	Campbell
Coakley Webb	Dean Cohen	Kate Salinger	Davey
Jack Cohen	Melvin Cohen		Rams
Cooke	Coleman		Turner
Farrier	Alison Cornelius		Zubairi
Houston	Richard Cornelius		
Hutton	Evangeli		
Ioannidis	Finn		
Geoffrey Johnson	Gordon		
Julie Johnson	Greenspan		
McGuirk	Harper		
Mitra	Helena Hart		
Moore	John Hart		
O-Macauley	Khatri		
Lord Palmer	Longstaff		
Susette Palmer	Marshall		
Rawlings	Old		
Rogers	Perry		
Sargeant	Prentice		
Schneiderman	Rajput		
Slocombe	Rayner		
Sodha	Rutter		
Tierney	Brian Salinger		
	Scannell		
	Seal		
	Shooter		
	Sowerby		
	Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Thomas		
	Thompstone		
	Yawitch		

For	23
Against	33
Not voting	2
Absent	5
TOTAL	63

RESOLVED – That Council do not agree the suspension of Standing Orders to permit consideration of the Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings as a matter of urgency.

29. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT - COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS

Councillor Daniel Thomas moved the Administration Business Item in his name. Councillor Geof Cooke moved his amendment. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote the amendment in name of Councillor Cooke was declared lost. Upon being put to the vote the Administration Business Item in the name of Councillor Daniel Thomas was declared carried.

RESOLVED - Council calls on Cabinet to lobby the coalition government to ensure the best possible result for Barnet in the forthcoming Local Government Settlement.

Successive Barnet councils have felt hard done by as other less well managed boroughs have been more favourably treated by central government with substantially more funding per head of population.

Council feels that this Borough has already planned efficiencies and managed reductions in spending in an effective and practical way and should not be penalised relative to other authorities that have not done as much.

Council notes that Barnet has one of the lowest cost back offices in London and is one of the highest ranked Councils in London for Value for Money.

30. WE NEED A BETTER BARNET, NOT 'ONE BARNET' - COUNCILLOR ALISON MOORE

Councillor Alison Moore moved the Opposition Business Item in her name. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote the Opposition Business Item in the name of Councillor Alison Moore was declared lost.

31. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

In accordance with the Agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting and reconvened at 9.06pm.

32. VARIATION OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Joan Scannell, duly seconded, moved under Council Procedure Rule 10.2.2, that the order of business relating to Agenda Item 3 be varied so that Non-Executive Business Item 3.5 be heard first. Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That the order of business be varied to allow Non-Executive Business Item 3.5 to be debated and voted upon in advance of votes being taken on the other Non-Executive Business Items on the Agenda.

33. NATIONAL PENSIONERS CONVENTION DIGNITY CODE - COUNCILLOR REUBEN THOMPSTONE

Councillor Reuben Thompstone moved the Non-Executive Business Item in his name. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote the item was declared carried.

RESOLVED - That the Council supports the adoption of the Dignity Code of the National Pensioners Convention.

34. DISABLED BLUE BADGE PARKING PERMITS & FREE COUNCILLORS PARKING PERMITS - COUNCILLOR ALAN SCHNEIDERMAN

Councillor Alan Schneiderman moved the Non-Executive Business Item in his name. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.5, the item was voted on without discussion. Upon being put to the vote, the Non-Executive Business Item was declared lost.

At least ten Members rose in their places and called for a formal division on the voting on the Non-Executive Business Item in the name of Councillor Alan Schneiderman. Upon being taken the results of the Division were declared as follows:

For	Against	Not voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Brodkin	Braun	Schama	Campbell
Coakley Webb	Dean Cohen	Kate Salinger	Rams
Jack Cohen	Coleman	Lord Palmer	Turner
Cooke	Alison Cornelius		Zubairi
Farrier	Richard Cornelius		Melvin Cohen
Houston	Davey		Susette Palmer
Hutton	Evangeli		Scannell
Ioannidis	Finn		
Geoffrey Johnson	Gordon		
Julie Johnson	Greenspan		
McGuirk	Harper		
Mitra	Helena Hart		
Moore	John Hart		
O-Macauley	Khatri		
Rawlings	Longstaff		
Rogers	Marshall		
Sargeant	Old		
Schneiderman	Perry		
Slocombe	Prentice		
Sodha	Rajput		
Tierney	Rayner		
	Rutter		
	Brian Salinger		
	Seal		
	Shooter		
	Sowerby		
	Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Thomas		
	Thompstone		
	Yawitch		

For	21
Against	32
Not voting	3
Absent	7
TOTAL	63

RESOLVED - Upon being put to the vote the Non-Executive Business Item as amended by Councillor Alan Schneiderman was declared lost.

35. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT WAR MEMORIAL - COUNCILLOR JOHN HART

Councillor John Hart moved the Non-Executive Business Item in his name. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.5, the item was voted on without discussion. Upon being put to the vote, the Non-Executive Business Item was declared carried.

RESOLVED - Council warmly welcomes the news that the war memorial of the Middlesex Regiment located in the former MoD Inglis Barracks in Mill Hill is to be relocated opposite St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, the garrison church of the Regiment from the early 19th century until its amalgamation in the 1960s. It is noted that the memorial is expected to be *in situ* in time for Armistice Day 2012.

Council is grateful to VSM Estates, overall redevelopers of the barracks site, which is funding the relocation of the memorial and contributing a sum for future maintenance.

Council takes this opportunity to call upon Cabinet to assist in every way it can the recording of all War Memorials in the Borough of Barnet in order to ensure that all those from the Borough who have given their lives in the service of the Crown are appropriately recorded on either a memorial or in a book of remembrance, and to co-operate with the Barnet War Memorials Initiative in achieving this end.

36. REPORT FROM CABINET - 17 JULY 2012

Councillor Richard Cornelius moved adoption and reception of the report.

RESOLVED – Council approved the report of Cabinet date 17 July 2012.

37. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were none.

38. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. CONTINUING CARE REVIEW PANEL

RESOLVED – Council agreed to the removal of the Continuing Care Review Panel for from the register of the Council's Outside Bodies.

2. REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN:

RESOLVED – Council noted the report.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED –

(1) That the Remuneration Committee, when carrying out its function of appointment of chief officers, the relevant Cabinet Member be invited and entitled to sit and vote as a substitute member for one of the substantive Members of their Group on the Committee.

(2) That the Terms of Reference of the Remuneration Committee be amended to reflect this change.

4. LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET / LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW JOINT LEGAL SERVICE – CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED:

1. That the Constitution be revised in Article 14.03; Article 14.04; Paragraph 24 of the Management of Real Estate, Property and Land Rules and Paragraphs 4.1.15; 6.8.4; 11.3; 11.3.7.2; 11.3.8 and 12.2 of the Contract Procedure Rules to give authority to the London Borough of Harrow Head of Legal/Practice Director Joint Legal Service to act on behalf of the London Borough of Barnet as specified therein.

2. That Article 12 of the Constitution (reserve powers of the Director of Corporate Governance) be revised by the deletion of reference to Assistant Director – Legal to be substituted by London Borough of Harrow Head of Legal/Practice Director Joint Legal Service

3. That the Constitution be revised by the deletion of any remaining specific references to the Assistant Director – Legal to be replaced by reference to the Director of Corporate Governance.

4. That Council confirm that the Head of Legal London Borough of Harrow/Practice Director Joint Legal Service will have powers of delegated authority pursuant to Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution and be required to publish a scheme of specific delegations hereunder.

5. That the Head of Governance be instructed to make the necessary changes to the Constitution.

5. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Councillor Andrew Strongolou replaces Councillor Eva Greenspan as a substitute Member on the Budget & Performance Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

6. CANCELLATION OF MEETING

RESOLVED - Council noted the cancellation of the Cabinet meeting on 27 September 2012.

39. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

There was none.

40. QUESTIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (10 MINUTES)

1. **From Councillor Barry Rawlings**

Given the concerns expressed by the Planning Inspector Mr Mears at the Examination in Public of the North London Waste Plan will the Cabinet Member update Council on whether the NLWA will seek a more appropriate site for the Waste Treatment Plant rather than Pinkham Way?

Response from Councillor Dean Cohen – Representative on the North London Waste Authority

I do believe the concerns raised by the inspector were to do with the site itself however there is a meeting on the 25th of this month and I'm sure we'll know more then.

2. **From Councillor Rowan Turner**

Does Councillor Coleman consider the business discussed by the Urgency Committee of the North London Waste Authority held on Tuesday 3rd July to be important and will he list the Boroughs who failed to send a representative?

Response from Councillor Brian Coleman – Representative on the North London Waste Authority

The business discussed by the North London Waste Authority was vital to the future of the procurement process being undertaken by the Authority. I was therefore shocked by the failure of the Labour-controlled London Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Enfield, Hackney and Camden to send any councillor to the meeting. Seems to me that the Labour Party do not always take the affairs of the NLWA with the due seriousness they deserve.

3. **From Councillor Brian Coleman**

Could the Member give the dates and the Agenda subjects of Barnet Community Safety and Engagement Group meetings which they have attended?

Response from Councillor John Hart Representatives on the Barnet Community Safety and Engagement Group

I have never been asked to any of the meetings. It's just on paper and has been for a long time. If somebody invites me to a meeting, I go to it. I'm sure my fellow Councillors will say the same.

Response from Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb - Representatives on the Barnet Community Safety and Engagement Group

Similarly, I have never received any agenda or notification. There has obviously been a breakdown somewhere between the Council and Community Barnet, some way in which the notifications should have been sent but haven't been sent.

Response from Councillor Lord Palmer - Representatives on the Barnet Community Safety and Engagement Group

I'm grateful to Councillor Coleman for raising this matter because I thought, gosh, no one has ever invited me. I actually wrote, when I saw Cllr Coleman's helpful question, to the person on their website who turns out not to be the person now in charge. I did eventually make contact with the person in charge, who told me that she has only been there for a few weeks and didn't know what was happening and all I can tell you is the next meeting is on the 24th September, which is during the Liberal Democrat Conference, when I won't be there. Next meeting is on the 22nd December and I actually believe that this should be brought in-house to the Council because I don't think we are getting value from the people administrating it at the moment.

The meeting finished at 9.55 pm