

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, on 4 April 2016

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mark Shooter)
The Deputy Mayor (Alison Cornelius)

Councillors:

Hugh Rayner	Dr Devra Kay	Tim Roberts
Maureen Braun	Sury Khatri	Gabriel Rozenberg
Pauline Coakley Webb	Adam Langleben	Lisa Rutter
Dean Cohen	Kathy Levine	Shimon Ryde
Jack Cohen	David Longstaff	Brian Salinger
Melvin Cohen	Kitty Lyons	Gill Sargeant
Geof Cooke	John Marshall	Joan Scannell
Richard Cornelius	Kath McGuirk	Alan Schneiderman
Tom Davey	Arjun Mittra	Agnes Slocombe
Val Duschinsky	Alison Moore	Stephen Sowerby
Paul Edwards	Ammar Naqvi	Caroline Stock
Claire Farrier	Nagus Narenthira	Daniel Thomas
Anthony Finn	Graham Old	Reuben Thompstone
Brian Gordon	Charlie O-Macauley	Jim Tierney
Eva Greenspan	Alon Or-Bach	Laurie Williams
Helena Hart	Reema Patel	Peter Zinkin
John Hart	Bridget Perry	Zakia Zubairi
Ross Houston	Wendy Prentice	Rohit Grover
Anne Hutton	Sachin Rajput	Barry Rawlings
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Apologies for Absence

Councillor Rebecca Challice Councillor Andreas Ioannidis
Councillor Philip Cohen

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Philip Cohen, Rebecca Challice, and Andreas Ioannidis. It was noted that Amy Trevethan was not present as she had resigned as a Councillor.

2. ELECT A MEMBER TO PRESIDE IF THE MAYOR IS ABSENT

The Worshipful the Mayor was present.

3. PRAYER

The Mayor's chaplain, Dayan Yonason Abraham, offered prayers.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest:

Member	Subject	Interest declared
Councillor Nagus Narenthira	Item 15.4 Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone - Ensuring Continued Education Achievement	Non-pecuniary interest as she is a teacher in Barnet and the local secretary for the Teachers Union in the NASUWP
Councillor Alan Schneiderman	Item 15.4 Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone - Ensuring Continued Education Achievement	A personal prejudicial interest due to his work. He noted he would be withdrawing from the Chamber for this item and not voting
Councillor Anne Hutton	Item 15.4 Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone - Ensuring Continued Education Achievement	Non-pecuniary interest as she is a Member of Barnet NUT
Councillor Adam Langleben	Item 15.4 Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone - Ensuring Continued Education Achievement	A personal prejudicial interest due to his work. He noted he would be withdrawing from the Chamber for this item and not voting
Councillor Brian Salinger	Item 12.4 Referral from Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee – Barnet's Future Library Service	Non-pecuniary interest as his wife is Vice Chairman of the Friern Barnet Community Library

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

6. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worshipful the Mayor announced that following the recent terror attacks in Brussels, he was sure Council would join him in extending our sympathies to the people of Brussels and the victims of the attacks.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted it was with deep sadness that he announced that Alan Cornelius, the father of Councillor Richard Cornelius, had died today at the age of 88. It was noted that Council sent him their condolences.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that on 23 March he had attended an unveiling of a memorial stone to the Reverend Edward Noel Mellish, who was born in December 1880 at Oakleigh Park and was attached to the 4th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers in Ypres Salient in 1916. The ceremony marked the centenary of the award of the Victoria Cross to the Reverend, and was attended by his decedents.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that he would shortly be writing to Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of Council to convey Council's congratulations on the occasion of her 90th birthday upcoming on 19 April.

Thanks were extended to everyone who participated in and donated to the Barnet Community Challenge Bike Ride on 13 March, which it was noted had raised £5,000 for the Mayors charities.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that if anyone wished to join the waiting list for the Mayoral Gala dinner that Friday night he would be delighted to speak to them after the meeting.

We also have an announcement that, Mr Demis Hassabis, a Barnet resident educated in Christ's College Finchley has received numerous accolades for the invention of Artificial Intelligence.

The Worshipful the Mayor relayed that Councillor Rebecca Challice has requested to read a statement about the recent resignation of Councillor Amy Trevethan. It was noted that as Councillor Challice was absent another Member would say a few words on her behalf.

Councillor Paul Edwards read out a statement prepared by Councillor Challice. Councillor Richard Cornelius spoke a few words in response.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted he had one final announcement. David Render, a resident of Totteridge ward had been awarded the Légion d'Honneur for his services during World War Two.

7. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The Deputy Mayor moved the following resolution:

"That we the Members of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet, hereby express to The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mark Shooter, our appreciation of the excellent service he has rendered to the London Borough of Barnet as its Mayor during the period May 2015 to May 2016, and for the friendly and conscientious way in which he has performed the duties of that office.

We offer him our sincere gratitude for the concern that he has shown at all times in promoting the welfare of the Borough and its residents, particularly for his willingness to support the many organisations and individuals who called on his time and services during his Mayoralty.

We congratulate him on the success of his appeals for his four charities: Homeless Action in Barnet; Chai Cancer Care, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Legadel, which is a charity supporting the developmental and educational needs of children facing difficulties at school.”

The foregoing resolution is to be engrossed over the common seal of the corporation and presented to The Worshipful Mayor at the Annual Meeting.

8. ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

There was none.

9. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IF HE/SHE HAS DELEGATED)

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

10. PETITIONS FOR DEBATE (20 MINUTES). A PETITION ORGANISER (UP TO 5 MINUTES) AND MEMBERS RESPONDING (UP TO 15 MINUTES)

There were none.

11. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER

There were none.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION ETHICS AND PROBITY COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION REVIEW AND AMENDMENT TO MEMBERS SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES 2016-17

The Leader moved reception and adoption of the recommendations set out in the report. Debate ensued.

The recommendations as amended were put to the vote. Votes were declared as follows:

For:	32
Against:	27
Abstain:	0
Absent:	3
TOTAL:	62

The recommendations were declared carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Council approve the recommendations contained in the report from the Constitution Ethics & Probity Committee at Annexe 1A, and the track change versions attached at Appendix A to Appendix F.**
- 2. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to implement these revisions and publish a revised Constitution.**

3. That Council approve the proposed remuneration for the Independent Persons of the Standards Committee and approve the amendments to the Members Allowance Scheme as contained in Appendix G.

12.2 REFERRAL FROM ASSETS, REGENERATION & GROWTH COMMITTEE - WEST HENDON COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2 & 2A (CPO2 AND CPO2A)

Councillor Daniel Thomas moved reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

The recommendations as set out in the report were put to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows.

For:	32
Against:	27
Abstain:	0
Absent:	3
TOTAL:	62

The recommendations in the report were declared carried.

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Authorises the making of CPO2 and CPO2a;
2. Authorises the appropriate Chief Officer to issue and sign the order, notices and certificates in connection with the making, confirmation and implementation of CPO2 and CPO2a;
3. Authorises the appropriate Chief Officer to make General Vesting Declarations (GVDs) under the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 and/or to serve notices to treat and notices of entry (if required) following confirmation of CPO2 and CPO2a;
4. Authorises the appropriate Chief Officer to issue and serve any warrants to obtain possession of property acquired by the Council following the execution of a GVD or service of a notice of entry relating to CPO2 and/or CPO2a if it was considered appropriate to do so;
5. Authorises the appropriate Chief Officer to transfer all properties and proprietary interests acquired pursuant to CPO2 and CPO2a to the relevant development partners in accordance with the terms of the restated Principal Development Agreement dated 5 February 2014;
6. Authorises the appropriate Chief Officer to take any further necessary actions to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of CPO2 and CPO2a;
7. Authorises the appropriate Chief Officer to appropriate to planning purposes any parcel of land within the red line planning application boundary for the scheme and/or the CPO Plan (attached – Appendix 1)

which is held by the Council for another purpose subject to obtaining any necessary statutory consents required and/or compliance with any statutory procedures for such appropriation.

12.3 REFERRAL TO COUNCIL FROM ASSETS REGENERATION AND GROWTH COMMITTEE - COLINDALE OFFICE PROJECT

Councillor Daniel Thomas moved reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

The recommendations as set out in the report were put to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows.

For:	32
Against:	27
Abstain:	0
Absent:	3
TOTAL:	62

The recommendations in the report were declared carried.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Note the progress on the Colindale Office project**
- 2. Note that a Full Business Case (FBC) is being prepared for consideration in June 2016, which will include an Equalities Impact Assessment.**
- 3. Approves the use of up to £2 million of the existing budget allocation for conclusion of the pre-construction activities and technical design and help maintain the current delivery programme ahead of the submission of the Full Business Case. The £2 million allocation constitutes 7.5% of the estimated overall Capital Build Budget.**
- 4. Agrees to delegate the authority to the Chief Operating Officer to settle terms and enter into the required pre-construction stage agreements.**

12.4 REFERRAL FROM CHILDREN, EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE - BARNET'S FUTURE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Worshipful the Mayor reminded members that they were required to take the consultation responses and the Equality Impact Assessments in the published reports into account in their consideration of this item.

Councillor Reuben Thompstone moved reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Councillor Anne Hutton moved her amendment. Debate ensued.

The amendment in name of Councillor Anne Hutton was put to the vote. Votes were declared as follows:

For: 27
 Against: 32
 Abstain: 0
 Absent: 3
 TOTAL: 62

The amendment was declared lost.

The recommendations as set out in the report were put to the vote. Votes were declared as follows:

For: 32
 Against: 27
 Abstain: 0
 Absent: 3
 TOTAL: 62

At least ten members called for a formal division on the voting. Upon the vote being taken, the results of the division were declared as follows:

	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Maureen Braun	✓			
Rebecca Challice				✓
Pauline Coakley Webb		✓		
Dean Cohen	✓			
Jack Cohen		✓		
Melvin Cohen	✓			
Philip Cohen				✓
Geof Cooke		✓		
Alison Cornelius	✓			
Richard Cornelius	✓			
Tom Davey	✓			
Val Duschinsky	✓			
Paul Edwards		✓		
Claire Farrier		✓		
Anthony Finn	✓			
Brian Gordon	✓			
Eva Greenspan	✓			
Rohit Grover	✓			
Helena Hart	✓			
John Hart	✓			
Ross Houston		✓		
Anne Hutton		✓		
Andreas Ioannidis				✓

	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Devra Kay		✓		
Sury Khatri	✓			
Adam Langleben		✓		
Kathy Levine		✓		
David Longstaff	✓			
Kitty Lyons		✓		
John Marshall	✓			
Kath McGuirk		✓		
Arjun Mittra		✓		
Alison Moore		✓		
Ammar Naqvi		✓		
Nagas Narenthira		✓		
Charlie O'Macauley		✓		
Graham Old	✓			
Alon Or-Bach		✓		
Reema Patel		✓		
Bridget Perry	✓			
Wendy Prentice	✓			
Sachin Rajput	✓			
Barry Rawlings		✓		
Hugh Rayner	✓			
Tim Roberts		✓		
Gabriel Rozenberg	✓			
Lisa Rutter	✓			
Shimon Ryde	✓			
Brian Salinger	✓			
Gill Sargeant		✓		
Joan Scannell	✓			
Alan Schneiderman		✓		
Mark Shooter	✓			
Agnes Slocombe		✓		
Stephen Sowerby	✓			
Caroline Stock	✓			
Daniel Thomas	✓			
Reuben Thompstone	✓			
Jim Tierney		✓		
Laurie Williams		✓		
Peter Zinkin	✓			
Zakia Zubairi		✓		

For: 32
Against: 27
Abstain: 0
Absent: 3

TOTAL: 62

The recommendations in the report were declared carried.

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Consider the first consultation (Phase 1) findings on Barnet's Future Library Service that took place between the 10th November 2014 and 22nd February 2015 set out in full in Appendix E and the further (Phase 2) round of consultation that took place between 27th October 2015 and 6th January 2016 set out in full in Appendix I.
2. Consider:
 - the revised options appraisal and proposal for Barnet's Future Library Service contained in Appendix A and summarised in paragraph's 1.12 to 1.23.2 in the report
 - the needs assessment contained in Appendix B
 - the product catalogue contained in Appendix C
 - the Equalities Impact Assessment in Appendix D
 - the results of the pilot of technology-enabled opening at Edgware Library in Appendix F
 - the proposed arrangements for Partnership Libraries set out in Appendix G
 - proposed changes to fees and charges set out in Appendix H
 - the locality maps and public transport routes between libraries set out in Appendix J
 - the risk assessment for the proposed future library service set out in Appendix K
 - issues arising from the failure of the library management system set out in Appendix L
3. Approve the proposal for Barnet's future library service contained in Appendix A and summarised in paragraph's 1.12 to 1.23.2 in the report.
4. Note the funding requirement to support the implementation of these proposals, as set out in paragraph 5.7 in the report.

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

**13.1 REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - CORPORATE PLAN 2016-17
ADDENDUM**

The Chief Executive moved reception and adoption of the recommendation in the report.

The recommendation as set out in the report was put to the vote. The votes were declared as follows:

For:	32
Against:	26
Abstain:	1
Absent:	3
TOTAL:	62

The recommendation was declared carried.

RESOLVED that Council approve the addendum to the Corporate Plan for 2016/17 (Appendix A).

13.2 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

The Head of Governance introduced the report. He noted that with respect to Appendix A there was an additional change of meeting date to advise; the next Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee date had moved from 6 June to 11 July 2016.

The recommendations as set out in Appendices A and B were put to the vote, and were declared carried.

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Note the changes to the Calendar of Meetings 2015/16 in Appendix A with update as advised by the Head of Governance.**
- 2. Appoint Mrs Brenda Sandford and Mrs Helena Davis as representatives on the Valentine Poole Charity for a four year period.**

14. QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were none.

15. MOTIONS (45 MINUTES)

The Labour Group Secretary stated that of the four motions put forward by the Opposition, the Opposition had chosen to debate the motion in the name of Councillor Alon Or-bach.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that under Council Procedure Rule 23.5 the Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton (agenda item 15.1) and the Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Reema Patel (agenda item 15.3) would be referred to the Children Education Libraries & Safeguarding Committee and the Adults & Safeguarding Committee respectively following the meeting.

15.1 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR ALON OR-BACH - EU

REFERENDUM

Councillor Alon Or-bach moved the Motion in his name. Councillor Richard Cornelius moved his amendment. Councillor Paul Edwards moved his amendment. Debate ensued.

The amendment in name of Councillor Richard Cornelius was put to the vote, and was declared carried.

The amendment in name of Councillor Paul Edwards was put to the vote. Votes were declared as follows:

For: 27
Against: 32
Abstain: 0
Absent: 3
TOTAL: 62

At least ten members called for a formal division on the voting. Upon the vote being taken, the results of the division were declared as follows:

	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Maureen Braun		✓		
Rebecca Challice				✓
Pauline Coakley Webb	✓			
Dean Cohen		✓		
Jack Cohen	✓			
Melvin Cohen		✓		
Philip Cohen				✓
Geof Cooke	✓			
Alison Cornelius		✓		
Richard Cornelius		✓		
Tom Davey		✓		
Val Duschinsky		✓		
Paul Edwards	✓			
Claire Farrier	✓			
Anthony Finn		✓		
Brian Gordon		✓		
Eva Greenspan		✓		
Rohit Grover		✓		
Helena Hart		✓		
John Hart		✓		
Ross Houston	✓			
Anne Hutton	✓			
Andreas Ioannidis				✓

	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Devra Kay	✓			
Sury Khatri		✓		
Adam Langleben	✓			
Kathy Levine	✓			
David Longstaff		✓		
Kitty Lyons	✓			
John Marshall		✓		
Kath McGuirk	✓			
Arjun Mittra	✓			
Alison Moore	✓			
Ammar Naqvi	✓			
Nagas Narenthira	✓			
Charlie O'Macauley	✓			
Graham Old		✓		
Alon Or-Bach	✓			
Reema Patel	✓			
Bridget Perry		✓		
Wendy Prentice		✓		
Sachin Rajput		✓		
Barry Rawlings	✓			
Hugh Rayner		✓		
Tim Roberts	✓			
Gabriel Rozenberg		✓		
Lisa Rutter		✓		
Shimon Ryde		✓		
Brian Salinger		✓		
Gill Sargeant	✓			
Joan Scannell		✓		
Alan Schneiderman	✓			
Mark Shooter		✓		
Agnes Slocombe	✓			
Stephen Sowerby		✓		
Caroline Stock		✓		
Daniel Thomas		✓		
Reuben Thompstone		✓		
Jim Tierney	✓			
Laurie Williams	✓			
Peter Zinkin		✓		
Zakia Zubairi	✓			

For: 27
Against: 32
Abstain: 0
Absent: 3

TOTAL: 62

The amendment was declared lost.

The substantive motion as amended was put to the vote and was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

Council welcomes the forthcoming EU Referendum on 23 June and the opportunity it gives to the residents of Barnet to have their say on whether the UK remains in or leaves the EU.

Council notes that there are many EU citizens, including many communities and families that have lived in Barnet most of their lives, that help make our borough the diverse place it is, and stresses the importance of European co-operation whatever the outcome of the Referendum.

Council asks that Policy & Resources Committee consider the implications of the result of the EU Referendum on Barnet at a meeting following the vote on 23 June.

15.2 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR REUBEN THOMPSTONE - ENSURING CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Councillor Reuben Thompstone moved the Motion in his name. Councillor Anne Hutton moved her amendment. Councillor Brian Salinger moved his amendment. Councillor Nagus Narenthira moved her amendment. Councillor Kath McGuirk moved her amendment. Debate ensued.

The amendment in name of Councillor Anne Hutton was put to the vote. Votes were declared as follows:

For: 25
Against: 32
Abstain: 0
Absent: 5
TOTAL: 62

The amendment was declared lost.

The amendment in name of Councillor Brian Salinger was put to the vote, and was declared carried.

The amendment in name of Councillor Nagus Narenthira was put to the vote, and was declared carried.

The amendment in name of Councillor Kath McGuirk was put to the vote. Votes were declared as follows:

For:	25
Against:	32
Abstain:	0
Absent:	5
TOTAL:	62

The amendment was declared lost.

The substantive motion as amended was put to the vote, and was declared.

RESOLVED -

Council notes the Annual Statement of Educational Standards presented to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee and welcomes the very positive results it contains. The analysis demonstrates that Barnet's diverse family of schools together deliver some of the very best educational outcomes in the whole of the country.

Council notes that:

- **As of February 2016, 91% of Barnet pupils in Primary and Secondary schools attended a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' school;**
- **At Key Stage 1, Barnet's attainment was in the top 18 authorities nationwide for Reading, Writing and Maths;**
- **At Key Stage 2, progress for Reading and Maths was 3rd and 12th in the country respectively;**
- **At Key Stage 4, Barnet ranked 5th nationally for pupils achieving 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths and was ranked 1st for pupils attaining the English Baccalaureate;**
- **Secondary school progress in English and Maths was the 2nd and 3rd best in the country;**
- **At A-level, Barnet was 5th for pupils achieving AAB grades or better.**

Council wishes to thank all Head Teachers, Teachers and Teaching Assistants for their tireless efforts and the extra hours they have worked to help ensure the pupils achieved over and above their potential.

Council is proud that pupils and schools are achieving such strong results, but is particularly pleased that, within these overall outcomes, Barnet is performing well for those children with SEN (2nd nationally for SEN pupils without a statement at KS4), those who have English as an additional language, and those who come from less advantaged backgrounds (in the top 10%). Council notes that the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged backgrounds is half that of the national average.

Council further welcomes the fact that Barnet ranks among the top 10 authorities nationally for social mobility. Council is committed to ensure the best outcomes possible for all children, irrespective of background or circumstances.

Council wishes to ensure that the progress and attainment detailed in the report continues. For example, Council notes the work being undertaken to tackle primary school attendance issues. Council will position itself to support schools in their transition to academy status and will work to ensure that this process protects and even furthers the choice available to parents. Council will further investigate with government how demand for places at faith schools and grammar schools can be met going forward.

Council notes the announcement by the Secretary of State of a new National Funding Formula for Schools, intended to ensure a funding arrangement fair to all pupils and schools. Council notes the principles behind this policy – to ensure that funding is not determined by geographical luck and that it is properly linked to the needs of children.

However, Council calls on the Leader and Chairman of the CELS Committee to respond to the consultation and make further representations to government to communicate the importance of the formula reflecting the needs of all Barnet's schools. Council believes that the formula must, therefore, account for the higher running and staffing costs of schools in London; give proper weight to the challenges of teaching pupils who have English as an additional language (now comprising 48% of primary pupils in the borough); and respect the current pattern of deprivation in London and not rely upon an outdated 'Inner vs Outer London' dichotomy.

Council also calls on them to monitor the details of planned changes to the role of local authorities, with regards to schools, as they emerge and make appropriate representations on the borough's behalf, with the aim of enabling the continuation of the successes noted above.

16. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.39 pm