

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, on 21 May 2019

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Reuben Thompstone)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Caroline Stock)

Councillors:

Bokaei	Brian Gordon	Wendy Prentice
Jess Brayne	Eva Greenspan	Sachin Rajput
Felix Byers	Jennifer Grocock	Barry Rawlings
Anne Clarke	Rohit Grover	Helene Richman
Pauline Coakley Webb	Lachhya Gurung	Danny Rich
Dean Cohen	John Hart	Gabriel Rozenberg
Melvin Cohen	Ross Houston	Lisa Rutter
Sara Conway	Anne Hutton	Shimon Ryde
Geof Cooke	Laithe Jajeh	Gill Sargeant
Jo Cooper	Kathy Levine	Alan Schneiderman
Alison Cornelius	David Longstaff	Mark Shooter
Richard Cornelius	John Marshall	Elliot Simberg
Saira Don	Kath McGuirk	Thomas Smith
Val Duschinsky	Arjun Mittra	Stephen Sowerby
Paul Edwards	Alison Moore	Julian Teare
Claire Farrier	Ammar Naqvi	Daniel Thomas
Anthony Finn	Nagus Narenthira	Sarah Wardle
Nizza Fluss	Charlie O-Macauley	Roberto Weeden-Sanz
Linda Freedman	Alex Prager	Peter Zinkin

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Reema Patel	Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Tim Roberts	Councillor Zakia Zubairi

1. PRAYER

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Gladstone Liddle, offered prayers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Reema Patel, Councillor Tim Roberts, Councillor Zakia Zubairi, and Councillor Laurie Williams, who was unwell in hospital. The Council wished him a speedy recovery.

Apologies for lateness had been received from Councillor Helene Richman and Councillor Gill Sargent.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Worshipful the Mayor called for nominations for the election of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Richard Cornelius moved, seconded by Councillor Alison Cornelius, that Councillor Caroline Stock be elected Mayor.

Upon being put to the vote the nomination for Councillor Caroline Stock was declared carried.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Caroline Stock be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for the ensuing municipal year 2019-2020.

Councillor Caroline Stock then left the Council Chamber to robe. Upon her return, she was invested with the badge and chain of the office of Mayor.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR CAROLINE STOCK IN THE CHAIR

The Worshipful the Mayor thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon her by her election and informed the Council that she would be supporting Home-Start and Cherry Lodge as her charities.

The Worshipful the Mayor announced the appointment of Councillor Lachhya Bahadur Gurung to act as Deputy Mayor during her term of office.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that she would be appointing Rabbi Mariam Berger to act as Mayor's Chaplain during her term of office.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting and the minutes of the Council as Trustee meeting both held on 5 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

6. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worshipful the Mayor noted she was deeply saddened to announce the passing of former Councillor, Mukesh Depala, a young man, hugely respected in the council and the community. Councillors Richard Cornelius, Ruben Thompstone, Daniel Thomas and Barry Rawlings each spoke in remembrance of former councillor, Mukesh Depala.

Council held a minute's silence.

The Worshipful the Mayor was pleased to announce the results of the Civic Awards held on 3rd April 2019 that were presided over by former Mayor, Councillor Ruben

Thompstone. She advised Council that 10 Civic Award framed vellums had been given for: -

- Lifetime Achievement to: Peter Cragg, Olive Dawes and John Barry Russell.
- Outstanding Service to the Community to: Rosa Croci, Reverend Peter Liddlelow, Jocelyn McAuliffe, Reverend Helen Shannon, Maxine Weber and to The Clitterhouse Farm Project; and
- In the Young Citizens Category to the SOS – Stamp Out Stigma Mental Health team, Hendon School.

The Worshipful the Mayor also noted that Councillor Thompstone had visited Kreis Siegen Wittgenstein in Germany to deliver the signed Council resolution to reaffirm relations on the 70th anniversary of the municipal link.

Congratulations were given to James Davis, a local Barnet boy and former Councillor Agnes Slocombe's grandson, who had won the Men's Foil British Nationals Championship in April and was now training for a place in the 2020 Olympics.

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor congratulated Saracens for winning their third successive European Champions Cup after beating Leinster in the final in Newcastle on 11th May 2019.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER

Following the resignation of Councillor Richard Cornelius, the Worshipful the Mayor called for nominations for a new leader.

Councillor Richard Cornelius moved that Councillor Daniel Thomas be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Council term until May 2022. This was duly seconded by Councillor Jennifer Grocock.

Councillor Ross Houston moved that Councillor Barry Rawlings be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Council term until May 2022. This was duly seconded by Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb.

The Mayor moved to the vote and votes were recorded as follows:

For Councillor Daniel Thomas - 38
For Councillor Barry Rawlings - 21

RESOLVED – that Councillor Daniel Thomas be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Council term until May 2022.

8. NOTING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER

RESOLVED – that Council note the Leader's appointment of Councillor David Longstaff as Deputy Leader of the Council.

9. NOTING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

RESOLVED – that Council note the appointment of Councillor Barry Rawlings as Leader of the Opposition.

10. REPORT OF THE LEADER

There is none.

11. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER - POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

Council considered the Calculation of Political Balance (proportionality) report which provided for the seats on each committee to be correctly allocated in accordance with legislation on proportionality.

RESOLVED that:

1. Council note the political balance of the Council is:

- **38 Members of the Conservative Group;**
- **24 Members of the Labour Group; and**
- **1 Independent Member**

2. Council note that the it was agreed on 5 March 2019 to waive the political balance requirement for the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee to enable the Labour Group to appoint 4 Members instead of their strict entitlement of 3 committee seats.

12. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE - APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Council considered the nominations for appointments to Committees and other bodies as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a block vote would be taken on the Conservative nominations for Vice-Chairman as there was no contest for these roles. A vote was taken on the nominations for Vice-Chairman which was unanimously carried.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a block vote on the nominations for Chairman. Councillor Alex Prager moved the Conservative nominations in his name and Councillor Arjun Mittra moved the Labour nominations in his name.

Upon the Conservative nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	38
Against	21
Abstain	0
Absent	4
Total	63

Upon the Labour nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	21
Against	38
Abstain	0
Absent	4
Total	63

The Conservative nominations were declared carried.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a separate vote would be taken for the bodies and appointments where there was a competition for Membership as follows:

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Children’s Partnership Board
- Safer Communities Partnership Board
- Lead Member for Children’s Services
- Lead Member for Strategic Planning and Placemaking
- Lead Member for Policing and Community Safety
- North Central London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- West London Economic Prosperity Board
- Diabetes Champion
- Natural Environment Champion
- Design and Heritage Champion
- Ageing Well and Mental Health Champion
- Small Business Champion
- NCL Joint Commissioning Committee

Upon the Conservative nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	37
Against	21
Abstain	1
Absent	4
Total	63

Upon the Labour nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	21
Against	37
Abstain	1
Absent	4
Total	63

The Conservative nominations were declared carried.

A vote was taken on the remaining nominations in Appendix A that were uncontested which were unanimously carried.

A vote was taken on the Non-Councillor appointments in Appendix B which were unanimously carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman as put forward by the Conservative Group in Appendix A be agreed.**
- 2. That the Conservative Group nominations for the following bodies as set out in Appendix A be approved:**

- Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Children’s Partnership Board
 - Safer Communities Partnership Board
 - Lead Member for Children’s Services
 - Lead Member for Strategic Planning and Placemaking
 - Lead Member for Policing and Community Safety
 - North Central London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - West London Economic Prosperity Board
 - Diabetes Champion
 - Natural Environment Champion
 - Design and Heritage Champion
 - Ageing Well and Mental Health Champion
 - Small Business Champion
 - NCL Joint Commissioning Committee
3. That the remaining nominations that were uncontested as set out in Appendix A be agreed.
4. That Council approve the Independent, Co-opted, Partner and Officer Members of Committees whose membership is expiring, as follows:
- Audit Committee: Geraldine Chadwick to 20 May 2023.
 - Local Pension Board: Stephen Ross to 20 May 2023.
 - Local Pension Board: Geoffrey Alderman to 20 May 2023.
5. That the continuing appointments of Independent, Co-opted, Partner and Officer Members as listed in Appendix B be noted.

13. REPORT OF HEAD OF GOVERNANCE - APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Council considered the nominations for appointments to Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix A, Appendix A1, Appendix B and Appendix C.

Councillor Alex Prager moved the Conservative nominations in his name and Councillor Arjun Mittra moved the Labour nominations in his name.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a separate vote would be taken for the outside bodies where there was a competition for Membership as follows:

- Colindale Communities Trust
- Eleanor Palmers Trust
- Lancelot Hasluck Trust, East Barnet
- London Youth Games Ltd
- SACRE – one position
- Youth Sport and Leisure Foundation

Upon the Conservative nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	37
Against	21
Abstain	1
Absent	4

Total	63
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Upon the Labour nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	21
Against	37
Abstain	1
Absent	4
Total	63

The Conservative nominations were declared carried.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a block vote would be taken on the remaining uncontested nominations in Appendices A and A1. The nominations were put to the vote and unanimously carried.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a separate vote would be taken for the outside body subject to political proportionality as set out in Appendix B where there was a competition for Membership as follows:

- London Councils - Transport and Environment Committee

Upon the Conservative nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	37
Against	21
Abstain	1
Absent	4
Total	63

Upon the Labour nominations being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	21
Against	37
Abstain	1
Absent	4
Total	63

The Conservative nominations were declared carried.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a block vote would be taken on the remaining uncontested nominations in Appendix B. The nominations were put to the vote and unanimously carried.

A vote was taken on the Officers appointments to Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix C which was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Conservative Group nominations for the following bodies be agreed:
 - Colindale Communities Trust

- Eleanor Palmers Trust
- Lancelot Hasluck Trust, East Barnet
- London Youth Games Ltd
- SACRE – one position
- Youth Sport and Leisure Foundation

2. That the remaining uncontested nominations in Appendices A and A1 be agreed.
3. That the Conservative Group nominations for the following body be agreed:
 - London Councils - Transport and Environment Committee
4. That the remaining uncontested appointments to outside bodies subject to political proportionality as set out in Appendix B be agreed.
5. That Council approve the Officers appointments to Outside Bodies as set out in Appendix C.

14. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OFFICER

Council considered the report. The recommendations in the report were put to the vote and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED:

That Council to note the appointment of Anisa Darr as the Director of Finance (Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer).

15. REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Worshipful the Mayor introduced the report and addendum. Debate ensued.

During the debate, Chairman of the Constitution and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Melvin Cohen, gave an assurance to Councillor Barry Rawlings that his proposed amendment to Article 7, Section 3.5 would be included on the agenda for the forthcoming Constitution and General Purposes Committee on 25 June 2019. On that basis, Councillor Rawlings withdrew his tabled amendment.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that a separate vote would be taken on the proposed change No. 14 - Article 2 (Residents and Public Participation) Article 7 (Committees, Forums and Working Groups) on “The Six-Month Rule”.

For	38
Against	21
Abstain	0
Absent	4
Total	63

On the rest of the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that:

1. Council

- **Approve the recommendations contained in the report from the Constitution Ethics & Probity Committee at Annexe 1;**
- **Note the changes agreed by the Committee as detailed in Annex 1A; and**
- **Approve the track change versions attached at Appendix A to Appendix F.**
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2. The Monitoring Officer and Chief Legal Advisor be authorised to implement these revisions and publish a revised Constitution.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm