

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held on 28 June 2010

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor George Taylor**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Ruth Bennett**

Councillors

Reg Adams	John Getgood	Alexa Michael
Graham Arthur	Julian Grainger	Nick Milner
Douglas Auld	Ellie Harmer	Peter Morgan
Kathy Bance	Will Harmer	Ernest Noad
Jane Beckley	Brian Humphrys	Gordon Norrie
Julian Benington	Samaris Huntington-	Tony Owen
Nicholas Bennett J.P.	Thresher	Ian F. Payne
Eric Bosshard	William Huntington-	Sarah Phillips
John Canvin	Thresher	Neil Reddin
Stephen Carr	John Ince	Catherine Rideout
Roger Charsley	Russell Jackson	Charles Rideout
Peter Dean	Charles Joel	Richard Scoates
Judi Ellis	Kate Lymer	Colin Smith
Robert Evans	Paul Lynch	Diane Smith
Roxy Fawthrop	Anne Manning	Tim Stevens
Simon Fawthrop	David McBride	Michael Tickner
Peter Fookes	Diana MacMull	Michael Turner
Peter Fortune	Russell Mellor	Stephen Wells

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor George Taylor

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katy Boughey, Hastings, Papworth, Stranger and Pauline Tunnicliffe. Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr Samaris Huntington-Thresher.

14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2010 were confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 73 (a) Members Allowances 2010/11 Appendix C Schedule 1 – the amount of Special Responsibility Allowance shown for Chairmen of PDS Committees should be £7,140 not £7410.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting held on 19th May 2010 were confirmed subject to Councillor Michael Tickner's name being added to the list of those present for the Annual Council Meeting.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in item 11 – Capital Programme 2010/11 Revisions and Transfer of Learning and Skills Council Funding:

Councillor Benington declared an interest as a Governor of Charles Darwin School which had expressed an interest in becoming an Academy. Councillors Arthur, Carr and Simon Fawthrop declared interests as parents of a child attending one of the schools considering becoming an Academy. Councillor Roxy Fawthrop declared an interest as she had a sister at one of the schools interested in becoming an Academy. Councillor Evans declared an interest as a Governor of Ravenswood School which was considering becoming an Academy. Councillor Grainger declared an interest as a Governor of two schools and a parent of a child at a school all of which are considering Academy status. Councillor Harmer declared an interest as she worked at Bromley College. Councillor Lymer declared an interest as she had applied to be a Governor of Bickley Primary School. Councillor Morgan declared an interest as a Governor of Bromley College. Councillors Nicholas Bennett JP, McMull and Phillips declared interests as a Governor of a school which had also registered an interest as an Academy.

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

These are attached as Appendices A and B.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett reported that following several questions raised at various Council meetings concerning the situation at Rays Road in West Wickham he was pleased to advise that it had been repaired. He wished to place on record his thanks to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, and the officers that after many years their efforts had finally got the work done to the great relief of local residents.

18 TO CONSIDER ANY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, PORTFOLIO HOLDERS OR CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

A Statement was made by the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety, Councillor Peter Morgan, on the tight controls in place over the use of RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000) powers by the Council following recent press statements inferring that they had been used inappropriately.

19 PETITION SCHEME

A Motion to approve the Petition Scheme at Appendix 1 and for it to be added to the Council's Constitution as an appendix with the following consequential amendments: -

- i) those set out in Appendix 2 being made to the Council's Constitution;
- ii) the further amendments adopted at the meeting amending the thresholds as set out below:

Page 76, paragraph 3.4

Delete 50 signatures and insert 200
Delete 500 signatures and insert 2,000
Delete 1,000 signatures and insert 4,000
Delete 1,000 signatures and insert 4,000

So new paragraph will read -

- Qualifying as a valid petition under the scheme: 25/200 signatures
- Requiring consideration at a PDS Committee: 250/2,000 signatures
- Requiring consideration at a full Council: 500/4,000 signatures
- Requiring a Councillor or senior officer to give an account before a PDS Committee 500/4,000

Page 81 (Appendix 1)

First paragraph –

Line 2: Delete 50 signatures and insert 200.

Penultimate paragraph –

Line 3: Delete (500 for an e-petition) insert (2,000 for an e-petition)

Line 5: Delete (1,000 for e-petition) and insert (4,000 for e-petition)

Line 11: Delete (1,000 for e-petition) and insert (4,000 for e-petition)

iii) amendment of the flow chart showing the Petition Scheme Process – the third level (box) should read ‘No’ and the figures to be amended to correspond to the revised thresholds.

The Motion as amended above was proposed, seconded and adopted.

20 REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - 7TH APRIL 2010

i) Revision to Licensing Policy 2008-2011: Enforcement – results of Public Consultation.

A motion to formally adopt the revision to the Licensing Policy 2008-2011 was proposed, seconded and adopted.

ii) The London Local Authorities Act 1991: Revision to Codes of Practice for Special Treatments

A Briefing Note had been sent to all members giving background information arising from the discussion of this matter at the Executive and had been re-circulated at this meeting.

A motion to formally adopt the revisions to the above Codes of Practice for Special Treatments was proposed, seconded and adopted.

21 SUN BEDS (REGULATIONS) ACT 2010 - DELEGATION OF POWERS

A Motion to adopt the delegations as set out in the report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

22 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 REVISIONS AND TRANSFER OF LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL FUNDING

A Motion to approve the recommendations as set out in the report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

23 MOTIONS

Notice of two Motions had been received, as follows:–

i) Maximum Parking Standards

"This Council congratulates the Government on its quick decision to protect gardens from development by removing them from previously developed land status. Furthermore this Council urges the Government now to take a further step and remove the maximum parking standards for new developments and replace them with either locally agreed standards or a minimum parking standard."

On being put to the vote this amended Motion was carried.

ii) Academy Schools

"This Council urges Head Teachers and governors of Bromley schools not to apply for academy status under the scheme announced by the Conservative – Liberal Democrat government and requests the Chief Executive to write to all Bromley schools in these terms".

On being put to the vote consideration of the Motion was deferred to the CYP PDS Committee meeting in July 2010 by which time it was hoped that more details would be available for consideration.

24 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor thanked all those Councillors and Officers who attended the Mayoral Civic Service which was held on 20th June 2010 at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands.

The Mayor reported the recent success of the Mayor's cricket team, captained by Councillor Tim Stevens, in winning against Affinity Sutton.

Members were reminded that a number of tickets were still available for the Mayor's first charity event – dinner at Edward's Restaurant in East Street – on Monday 5th July 2010 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets were priced at £25.00 and all profits would be donated to the Mayor's Charity Appeal, which was supporting the Prince's Trust.

The Mayor had arranged for a tube of Smarties to be placed on each Councillors desk and he hoped members would enjoy them and return the empty packet filled with money which could then be donated to the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

The Mayor presented a Scroll to the past Mayor, Councillor Douglas Auld.

The Meeting ended at 9.06 pm