

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.30 pm on 26 March 2012

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor David McBride**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Reg Adams**

Councillors

Graham Arthur	Peter Fortune	Ernest Noad
Kathy Bance	John Getgood	Gordon Norrie
Jane Beckley	Ellie Harmer	Tony Owen
Julian Benington	Will Harmer	Tom Papworth
Nicholas Bennett J.P.	Brian Humphrys	Ian F. Payne
Ruth Bennett	Samaris Huntington- Thresher	Sarah Phillips
Eric Bosshard	William Huntington- Thresher	Neil Reddin
Katy Boughey	John Ince	Catherine Rideout
Lydia Buttinger	Russell Jackson	Charles Rideout
John Canvin	Charles Joel	Richard Scoates
Stephen Carr	Kate Lymer	Tim Stevens
Roger Charsley	Paul Lynch	Harry Stranger
Peter Dean	Russell Mellor	Michael Tickner
Judi Ellis	Alexa Michael	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Robert Evans	Nick Milner	Michael Turner
Roxhannah Fawthrop	Peter Morgan	Stephen Wells

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor David McBride

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Auld, Hastings, Grainger, Mrs Manning, Diane Smith and Colin Smith. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Benington, Buttinger, Samaris Huntington-Thresher and Tickner.

52 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2012 were confirmed, subject to the addition of Councillor Beckley to the list of members present.

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lymer declared an interest in item 8 – Financial Allocations – Special one-off initiatives and Transfer of PCT Funding as her mother worked in Public Health.

54 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was one member of the public who attended to ask an oral question at the meeting, details of which are attached as Appendix A to the Minutes.

55 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

These are attached as Appendices B and C.

**56 STATEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL,
PORTFOLIO HOLDERS OR CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

There were no Statements made at the meeting.

**57 FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS - SPECIAL ONE OFF INITIATIVES
AND TRANSFER OF PCT FUNDING**

At the last meeting during consideration of the setting of the Council Tax for 2012/13 (Minute 44) the Leader of the Council had made reference to a number of one off initiatives that would be funded from underspend in 2011/12 further details of which would be reported to the Executive. The Executive at its meeting on 7th March 2012 had been advised of the proposals as well as the notification of a request from the PCT to transfer funding to the Council for which formal approval was now required.

An amendment to the recommendations by the Executive was proposed by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Arthur as follows:

1a) approval be given to set aside, from the current years projected underspend a sum of £2.62m to be earmarked against the member priority initiatives announced at the last Council Meeting on 20th February 2012;

1b) these priority schemes to be delivered by the Executive or Portfolio Holders, as appropriate after consultation with Ward Members and to be subject to pre-decision scrutiny in the normal way;

2) it also be noted that the detailed arrangements for these initiatives will be reported to the Executive as appropriate; and

3) approval be given for a sum of £4,995,000 to be set aside as an earmarked reserve to ensure the support of key initiatives relating to the integration of health and social care.

On being put to the vote the amended recommendations were CARRIED.

58 REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - MEETING ON 14TH MARCH 2012

a) Revision of Licensing Policy 2012

A Motion to adopt the changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy set out in appendices 1, 2 and 3 was duly proposed and seconded.

The Motion was CARRIED.

b) Programme of meetings 2012/13 and start times of meetings

A Motion to approve the following action was duly proposed and seconded:

i) the proposed Programme of Meetings for 2012/13, as amended in the report; and

ii) the recommendation that from 2012/13 onwards, the normal evening start time for full Council meetings, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings would be 7pm, subject to each body retaining the flexibility to start at a different time if necessary, as well as further day time meetings being permitted where there was agreement from all relevant members.

The Motion was CARRIED.

c) Members Allowances Scheme 2012/13

A Motion to approve the Members Allowances Scheme 2012/13 (Appendix D) was proposed, seconded and adopted.

d) Pay Policy Statement

A Motion to approve the Pay Policy Statement (Appendix E), as amended in the report, was proposed, seconded and adopted.

59 CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS AND THE CONSTITUTION

A Motion to approve the changes to the Scheme of Delegation and Constitution to reflect the new Education and Care Services Department, its functions and the new Chief Officer post was proposed, seconded and adopted.

60 MOTIONS

Notice of three Motions had been received and these were dealt with as follows:

1) Loyal Address – The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

The following Motion was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor David McBride, and seconded by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Carr:-

“Your Majesty

The Mayor, on behalf of the Councillors, Honorary Aldermen and the residents of the London Borough of Bromley, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty on the occasion of the Diamond Anniversary of your accession to the throne.

For sixty years Your Majesty has provided wise counsel and dedicated and exemplary service to the people of this country and the Commonwealth.

Throughout your reign you have been supported by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and we send him our warmest thanks and greetings.

The people of Bromley recall with great pleasure your previous visits to the Borough and, in particular, that in 1986 when you formally opened our Council Chamber.

Your Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee is a unique occasion in the history of our Nation, and it is with great pride that we look forward to Your Majesty’s visit to the London Borough of Bromley on 15th May and give you our warmest wishes for the coming years.”

On being put to the vote this Motion was CARRIED unanimously.

2) Mayor of London

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Will Harmer and seconded by Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP:-

“This Council believes it is in the best interests of the residents of Bromley that Boris Johnson be re-elected Mayor of London.”

On being put to the vote this Motion was CARRIED.

3) PCSOs

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Katherine Bance and seconded by Councillor Peter Fookes:-

“This Council notes the loss of 60 Police Community Support Officers in the Borough and calls on the Mayor of London to urgently restore the number of PCSOs patrolling Bromley’s streets to 160.”

An amended Motion, moved by Councillor Tim Stevens and seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr, as set out below was proposed:-

“This Council notes the loss of 59 Police Community Support Officers in the Borough who have gone to begin training to become full time Police Officers, and welcomes all party support calling on the Mayor and Commissioner to make sure Bromley goes back up to its full allocation of 141 Police Community Support Officers as quickly as possible.”

Councillor Bance confirmed her acceptance of the amendment.

On being put to the vote this amended Motion was CARRIED unanimously.

61 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES

The Leader of the Council and the Mayor paid tribute to Gillian Pearson, Director of Children and Young People Services as this was her last Council Meeting before leaving the authority. All members joined in thanking Gillian Pearson for her valued work on behalf of the Council and wished her well for the future.

62 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the death of a former Mayor of the Borough in 1977-78, Mr Bernard Gillman-Davies, whose funeral would take place on 4th April 2012 in Sussex. Further details could be obtained from the Mayor’s Secretary for those wishing to attend.

The Mayor would be hosting a Charity Dinner at Mings Restaurant in Petts Wood on 25th April and he reminded members that a Barn Dance was being arranged in the Great Hall on 11th May 2012. Details of both these events would be circulated in the next week or so.

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Members were reminded that the Council Meeting scheduled for 23rd April 2012 had been cancelled.

The Mayor concluded by thanking Members for the cards and best wishes he had received in respect of the recent birth of his daughter, Rose.

Mayor

The Meeting ended at 9.10 pm