

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00pm on 14 April 2014

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Ernest Noad**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Judi Ellis**

Councillors

Reg Adams	Ellie Harmer	Tony Owen
Graham Arthur	Will Harmer	Tom Papworth
Douglas Auld	Brian Humphrys	Ian F. Payne
Kathy Bance MBE	Samaris Huntington-	Sarah Phillips
Julian Benington	Thresher	Neil Reddin FCCA
Eric Bosshard	William Huntington-	Catherine Rideout
Katy Boughey	Thresher	Charles Rideout
Lydia Buttinger	John Ince	Richard Scoates
John Canvin	Russell Jackson	Colin Smith
Stephen Carr	David Jefferys	Diane Smith
Roger Charsley	Charles Joel	Tim Stevens
Peter Dean	Kate Lymer	Harry Stranger
Nicky Dykes	Paul Lynch	Michael Tickner
Robert Evans	Mrs Anne Manning	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Roxhannah Fawthrop	David McBride	Michael Turner
Simon Fawthrop	Russell Mellor	Stephen Wells
Peter Fookes	Alexa Michael	
John Getgood	Nick Milner	
Julian Grainger	Peter Morgan	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Ernest Noad

72 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jane Beckley, Nicholas Bennett, Peter Fortune and Gordon Norrie. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Samaris Huntington-Thresher.

73 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were made in relation to the first motion by Councillors David McBride, as he was a member of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, and Tony Owen, as his daughter and son in law were both teachers in local schools.

74 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th February 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2014 confirmed.

75 Petition
Report CSD14063

A petition was received from the Stop the Bedroom Tax Campaign calling on the Council to use all its powers to ensure that no Bromley resident would face eviction or forced relocation as a result of the bedroom tax or the benefit cap limit. Paula Peters addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

A motion that an independent review of the impact of the benefits changes on Bromley residents be carried out and reported to Executive and Resources PDS Committee and Council was moved by Councillor Peter Fookes and seconded by Councillor John Getgood. This motion was **LOST**.

A motion to take no further action on the petition was proposed by Councillor Stephen Carr and seconded by Councillor Colin Smith. This motion was **CARRIED**.

(Councillors John Getgood and Tom Papworth requested that their votes against the motion be recorded.)

76 Questions from members of the public where notice has been given.

Eleven questions had been received from members of the public. The questions and answers are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

77 Oral questions from Members of the Council where notice has been given.

Nine questions had been received. The questions and answers are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

78 Written questions from Members of the Council

Sixteen questions had been received for written reply. The questions and answers were circulated at the meeting and are attached as Appendix C to these minutes.

79 To consider any statements that may be made by the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders or Chairmen of Committees.

No statements were made.

80 Earmarked Reserve to Support Key Health and Social Care Initiatives
Report CSD14066

The Mayor reminded members that amended recommendations had been circulated as follows –

(1) That Council agrees that a sum of £1.7m be set aside as an earmarked reserve to ensure the support of key health and social care initiatives.

(2) That Council agrees to set aside NHS funding to support social care totalling £1,936k as an earmarked reserve.

A motion to approve the amended recommendations was moved by Councillor Stephen Carr, seconded by Councillor Graham Arthur and **CARRIED.**

81 Council tax setting - Recorded Voting
Report CSD14064

A motion to approve additional wording in the Constitution requiring a recorded vote on Budget and Council Tax setting matters and where required by law was moved by Councillor Tony Owen, seconded by Councillor Russell Mellor and **CARRIED.**

82 Annual Policy Development and Scrutiny Report
Report CSD14065

A motion to receive the annual Policy Development and Scrutiny report was moved by Councillor Eric Bosshard, seconded by Councillor Russell Mellor and **CARRIED.**

83 Capital Programme - Glebe School Expansion
Report CSD14069

A motion to consider this report as a matter of urgency, as a delay until the next ordinary meeting of the Council would make it very difficult to provide the additional accommodation at the school before the start of the September 2015 school term, was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr and **CARRIED.**

A motion to confirm that the Glebe School expansion project be added to the Capital Programme with a total project value of £4.8m was moved by

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Councillor Stephen Carr, seconded by Councillor Stephen Wells and **CARRIED.**

84 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

Two motions had been received as follows –

(A) Strike Action in Schools

The following motion was moved by Councillor Michael Tickner and seconded by Councillor Neil Reddin -

“This Council welcomes the news that only 3 out of all 94 schools in Bromley Borough had to be closed on 26th March due to strike action by NUT teachers. On behalf of the Borough’s children and parents, the Council records its thanks to the vast majority of teachers and other staff who worked normally on that day, thus putting our children’s education first.”

The following amendment moved by Councillor John Getgood and seconded by Councillor Peter Fookes -

That the second sentence above be deleted and replaced with the following –

“This council calls on the Secretary of State to recognise the commitment shown by teachers to our children’s education and urges him to take measures to resolve this dispute as quickly as possible, thus relieving our hard working and dedicated teachers of this unfortunate and unnecessary conflict of interest.”

On being put to the vote this amendment was **LOST.**

The original motion was **CARRIED.**

(B) Housing

The following motion was moved by Councillor Peter Fookes and seconded by Councillor Katherine Bance MBE -

“This Council calls on the Executive to come up with proposals to resolve the housing crisis in this borough.”

The motion was **LOST.**

85 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor led members in congratulating Councillor Roxy Fawthrop on her engagement to Mr James Ryan.

The Mayor made the following announcements –

- Thanking Bromley Youth Music Trust for their recent concerts on behalf of his charity in February and March.
- The charity event at Mings the previous week had been very successful.
- The final charity dinner of the year was at the Aqua Bar and Grill on 20th May – tickets were still available from the Mayor's Office.
- The reception for Retiring Councillors would be on 3rd June at 7pm.

The Mayor concluded the meeting, which was the final full Council meeting before the election, by thanking those Members who were stepping down, or who might not be successful in the election, for their loyal and committed service to the borough.

The Meeting ended at 9.17 pm

Mayor