

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00 pm on 13 October 2014

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Julian Benington**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Kate Lymer**

Councillors

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| Vanessa Allen | Simon Fawthrop | Sarah Phillips |
| Graham Arthur | Peter Fookes | Tom Philpott |
| Douglas Auld | Peter Fortune | Chris Pierce |
| Teresa Ball | Hannah Gray | Neil Reddin FCCA |
| Kathy Bance MBE | Ellie Harmer | Catherine Rideout |
| Nicholas Bennett J.P. | Will Harmer | Charles Rideout |
| Eric Bosshard | Samaris Huntington- | Michael Rutherford |
| Kim Botting | Thresher | Colin Smith |
| Katy Boughey | David Jefferys | Diane Smith |
| Kevin Brooks | Charles Joel | Melanie Stevens |
| Lydia Buttinger | David Livett | Tim Stevens |
| Stephen Carr | Russell Mellor | Michael Tickner |
| David Cartwright | Alexa Michael | Pauline Tunncliffe |
| Alan Collins | Peter Morgan | Michael Turner |
| Mary Cooke | Terence Nathan | Stephen Wells |
| Ian Dunn | Keith Onslow | Angela Wilkins |
| Nicky Dykes | Tony Owen | |
| Judi Ellis | Angela Page | |
| Robert Evans | Ian F. Payne | |

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Julian Benington

34 Resolution of Thanks to the Past Mayor's Chaplain and the Past Mayor

Honorary Alderman Ernest Noad presented a Certificate and Medal to Reverend Morag Finch for her service as Mayor's Chaplain in 2013/14.

The Mayor presented Honorary Alderman Ernest Noad with a certificate commemorating his year as Mayor in 2013/14 and a certificate from the London Borough of Croydon in recognition of his twelve years of service as a Councillor there.

35 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Bennett, Peter Dean, William Huntington-Thresher, Richard Scoates and Richard Williams. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor David Jefferys.

36 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

37 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st July 2014

Councillor Judi Ellis reported that, in relation to minute 17, Declarations of Interest, her son was actually Head Teacher at Biggin Hill Primary School, not a teacher at Langley Park.

Subject to this correction, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2014 were confirmed.

38 Petition
Report CSD14125

A petition with over 500 signatures was received from Bromley Income Equality Group calling on the Council to create a "Fairness Commission" for Bromley, to pay its own lowest paid workers the London Living Wage and to close the pay gap among its own staff. Dr John Courtneidge addressed the Council in support of the petition.

A motion to take no further action on the petition was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur and seconded by Councillor Colin Smith. This motion was **CARRIED**.

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

No questions had been received.

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

Fourteen oral questions had been received. Eleven were dealt with at the meeting; three had not been dealt with at the end of the time allowed and so would receive a written reply. In addition, the Mayor allowed one urgent

question. The questions and answers are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

41 Written questions from Members of the Council

Fourteen questions had been received from Councillors for written reply. The questions and answers were circulated at the meeting and are attached as Appendix B to these minutes.

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

No statements were made.

43 Crystal Palace Park Improvements
Report CSD14126

A motion to approve the recommendation from the Executive to add the Crystal Palace Park Improvement Project to the capital programme was moved by Councillor Steven Carr, seconded by Councillor Peter Morgan and **CARRIED**.

44 Treasury Management - Investment Strategy Review
Report CSD14127

A motion to approve changes recommended by the Executive to the Treasury Management Investment Strategy was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Steven Carr and **CARRIED**.

45 Meeting of the Urgency Committee
Report CSD14128

A motion to note the decision made by the Urgency Committee at its meeting on 15th July 2014 was moved by Councillor Tony Owen, seconded by Councillor Eric Bosshard and **CARRIED**.

46 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

Two motions were considered as follows –

(1) Council Finances

The following motion was moved by Councillor Tony Owen and seconded by Councillor Alexa Michael -

“This Council notes the warning in the annual accounts, from the external auditors PriceWaterhouseCooper, of a significant risk to the authority from continuing financial restraints. It calls on the government to take a more realistic view of the finance and statutory responsibilities of a Council which already has a low spending per head.”

The motion was **CARRIED**.

(2) UK Corporation Tax

The following motion was moved by Councillor Ian Dunn and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bance MBE -

“This Council requests the Executive to include a requirement in all future tenders that the successful bidder should pay full UK Corporation Tax on the profit they make on the contract and not make use of tax havens.”

With the agreement of Councillor Dunn, the motion was deferred to the next meetings of the Executive and Resources PDS Committee and the Executive so that Councillors could be properly informed of the legal and financial implications.

47 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor led Members in congratulating Councillors Will Harmer and Nicky Dykes on their recent wedding and encouraged Members to attend a number of forthcoming events as follows –

- Tuesday 14th October – Diversity Day
- Saturday 1st November – Diwali Celebration at Bishop Justus School
- Wednesday 26th November – Mayoress' Ladies Lunch at Chapter One
- Thursday 27th November – Business Reception
- Connect Carol Concert at St George's, Borough High Street
- Friday 23rd January 2015 – Black tie dinner with boxing at The Warren

Further details for each event would be circulated by the Mayor's Office.

Mayor

The Meeting ended at 9.00 pm