

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 6.30 pm on 11 May 2016

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Kim Botting**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Alan Collins**

Councillors

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| Vanessa Allen | Simon Fawthrop | Tom Philpott |
| Graham Arthur | Peter Fortune | Chris Pierce |
| Douglas Auld | Hannah Gray | Neil Reddin FCCA |
| Kathy Bance MBE | Ellie Harmer | Catherine Rideout |
| Julian Benington | Samaris Huntington- | Charles Rideout QPM CVO |
| Nicholas Bennett J.P. | Thresher | Michael Rutherford |
| Ruth Bennett | William Huntington- | Richard Scoates |
| Eric Bosshard | Thresher | Colin Smith |
| Katy Boughey | David Jefferys | Melanie Stevens |
| Kevin Brooks | Charles Joel | Tim Stevens J.P. |
| Lydia Buttinger | David Livett | Teresa Te |
| Stephen Carr | Kate Lymer | Michael Tickner |
| David Cartwright QSFM | Alexa Michael | Pauline Tunnicliffe |
| Mary Cooke | Peter Morgan | Michael Turner |
| Peter Dean | Keith Onslow | Stephen Wells |
| Ian Dunn | Tony Owen | Angela Wilkins |
| Nicky Dykes | Angela Page | Richard Williams |
| Judi Ellis | Ian F. Payne | |
| Robert Evans | Sarah Phillips | |

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Kim Botting

1 To elect the Mayor of the Borough

It was moved by Councillor Katy Boughey, seconded by Councillor Douglas Auld and

RESOLVED that Councillor Ian F. Payne be elected Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Payne made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor and thereupon adjourned from the Chamber in company with the retiring Mayor to receive the insignia of office.

In the chair, the Mayor, Councillor Ian F. Payne.

On his return to the Chamber the Mayor expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him and announced that during his year of office the charities that he would be supporting were the Salvation Army Youth Project and 'The Breast of Bromley' - a regional volunteer group in Bromley working in partnership with 'Breast Cancer Now' the UK's largest breast cancer research charity.

2 The Retiring Mayor

On a motion by Councillor Mary Cooke, which was seconded by Councillor William Huntington-Thresher it was

RESOLVED that at the conclusion of the year of office of Councillor Kim Botting as Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley, the Council places on record its appreciation of the able manner in which she has presided at meetings of the Council and the distinction with which she has maintained and discharged the high traditions and responsibilities of that office.

The Council also recognises the committed and dedicated manner with which she has carried out Mayoral duties when representing the Borough, spreading awareness of the history and tradition of the Mayoralty, as well as strengthening our long-standing relationship with Neuwied.

The Council records her unstinting support for the Borough's many Charities, Voluntary Community Groups and other organisations. The Council also acknowledges her particular involvement, support and interest in the Business Sector of the Borough and her interest and support for our various ethnic communities.

The Council further acknowledges her enthusiastic support and fund raising efforts through her Charity appeal for *The National Brain Appeal* and *Connect*.

That the Corporate Seal be affixed to an engrossment of this resolution for presentation to Councillor Kim Botting and a Past Mayor's Badge be presented to her in token of the appreciation hereby expressed.

Thereupon the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, invested Councillor Kim Botting with a badge in token of the appreciation of her services as Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Botting expressed her thanks for the terms of the resolution and the presentation and for the support accorded to her which had contributed so greatly to her year of office as Mayor.

Councillor Botting presented a badge and resolution to the retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Brian McHenry.

RESOLVED that the Council

(1) records its appreciation of the able and courteous services of Councillor Alan Collins and his Consort, Mrs Cleusa Collins when as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort for the year 2015/16, they represented the Mayoralty and the Council; and

(2) to provide to them an attested copy of this resolution.

Councillor Collins expressed his thanks for the terms of the resolution and for the support accorded to him during his year of office as Deputy Mayor.

3 To record the appointment of the Deputy Mayor signified to the Council in writing

The Mayor signified orally and in writing his appointment of Councillor Hannah Gray as the Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor was invested by the Mayor with the insignia of her office and expressed appreciation for the honour of her appointment.

4 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Fookes, Will Harmer, Russell Mellor, Terence Nathan and Diane Smith.

5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th April 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2016 were confirmed.

7 To receive an address from the Leader of the Council if they so elect

In accordance with the agreed constitutional arrangement that the Leader of the Council may elect to address the meeting, Councillor Stephen Carr made a brief statement.

After offering his personal congratulations to the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor and their consorts, and to the retiring Mayor and Deputy Mayor and their consorts, the Leader highlighted the key themes for the authority in the coming year. In the light of the continuing pressure on local authorities, he considered that it was crucial that he set out how the Council would achieve the aim of becoming a self-sufficient local authority, protecting front line services and key local Member priorities. The priorities were to (i) use the Growth Fund to generate new business rate income and generate new jobs; (ii) achieve a democratically-led integration of health and social care; and (iii) renew efforts to ensure that Bromley stood out as an attractive place to live, work, start new businesses and spend leisure time in by ensuring that it remained as clean and welcoming as possible.

8 To appoint Committees and their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and agree proportionality

A motion that the appointment of Councillors to Committees and the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be approved as set out in the schedule circulated was moved by Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

After the end of the Council meeting, Committees met to appoint Sub-Committees and elect their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen. The final version of the schedule is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

(Note:

The following error in the schedule was subsequently identified - Councillor Tim Stevens JP should be appointed to the Industrial Relations Sub-Committee, not Councillor Michael Turner.)

9 To receive the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions from the Leader of the Council, and to approve the Scheme of Delegation of Non-Executive Functions
Report CSD16059

A motion to confirm the Scheme of Delegation was moved by Councillor Tim Stevens, seconded by Councillor Peter Dean and **CARRIED**.

10 To Approve Changes to the Constitution
Report CSD16065

A motion to approve changes to the Constitution was moved by Councillor Nicholas Bennett, seconded by Councillor Stephen Carr and **CARRIED**.

11 To Receive the report on Councillor Attendance in 2015/16
Report CSD16060

In accordance with the agreed procedure, a report was received setting out details of Members' attendance at meetings during the 2015/16 Council year.

12 To Receive reports from Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies in 2015/16
Report CSD16061

In accordance with the agreed procedures, reports were received from Councillors appointed to serve on outside bodies.

13 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor announced that Lt. Colonels Graham and Kirsten Owen would be his chaplains for the forthcoming year.

The Mayor requested that his best wishes be passed to Councillor Terence Nathan, who was unwell.

Members were invited to the following events –

- Monday 23rd May – Charity dinner at Villagio Restaurant, Chislehurst High Street
- Sunday 5th June – Civic Service at the Salvation Army, Ethelbert Road, followed by lunch at the Bromley Court Hotel.
- Saturday 10th December – masked Christmas ball at the Beaverwood.

The Meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Mayor