

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

**of the proceedings of the annual Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 6.30 pm on 16 May 2018**

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Kathy Bance MBE**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Kevin Brooks**

Councillors

Marina Ahmad	Peter Fortune	Keith Onslow
Gareth Allatt	Kira Gabbert	Tony Owen
Vanessa Allen	Hannah Gray	Sarah Phillips
Graham Arthur	Will Harmer	Chris Pierce
Yvonne Bear	Colin Hitchins	Neil Reddin FCCA
Julian Benington	Samaris Huntington-	Will Rowlands
Nicholas Bennett J.P.	Thresher	Michael Rutherford
Kim Botting FRSA	William Huntington-	Suraj Sharma
Mike Botting	Thresher	Colin Smith
Katy Boughey	Simon Jeal	Diane Smith
Mark Brock	David Jefferys	Gary Stevens
David Cartwright QFSM	Charles Joel	Melanie Stevens
Mary Cooke	Josh King	Harry Stranger
Aisha Cuthbert	Kate Lymer	Kieran Terry
Peter Dean	Christopher Marlow	Michael Tickner
Ian Dunn	Robert Mcilveen	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Nicky Dykes	Russell Mellor	Michael Turner
Judi Ellis	Alexa Michael	Stephen Wells
Simon Fawthrop	Peter Morgan	Angela Wilkins

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Kathy Bance MBE

1 To elect the Mayor of the Borough

It was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur and seconded by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe and

RESOLVED that Councillor Kim Botting be elected Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Botting 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, Councillor Kim Botting.

On her return to the chamber, the Mayor expressed her thanks for the honour conferred on her and announced that during her year in office the charities that she would be supporting would be the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich Mind.

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

The Mayor signified orally and in writing her appointment of Councillor David Cartwright as the Deputy Mayor.

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

3 The Retiring Mayor

On a motion by Councillor Angela Wilkins, which was seconded by Councillor Nicholas Bennett, it was

RESOLVED that at the conclusion of the year of office of Councillor Kathy Bance MBE 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 enthusiasm, commitment and dedicated manner in which she has carried out Mayoral duties when representing the Borough, spreading awareness of the history and tradition of the Mayoralty with dignity, as well as strengthening our long-standing relationship with Neuwied and the Mayoralty outside of the Borough.

It records with pleasure her particular involvement and support of the Borough's many uniformed groups and specifically the youth organisations. Additionally, it notes her consideration for the voluntary groups, business associations, community groups, schools, colleges and the welfare and wellbeing of residents from all age groups throughout the Borough.

The Council further acknowledges her enthusiastic support and fund raising efforts through her Charity Appeal for Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid and the Bromley Homeless Shelter.

That the Corporate Seal be affixed to an engrossment of this resolution for presentation to Councillor Kathy Bance MBE 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 Kathy Bance with a badge in token of the appreciation of her services as Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Bance 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 in office as Mayor.

Councillor Bance presented a badge and resolution to her retiring chaplain, Rev Neil Draisey.

RESOLVED that the Council

(1) records its appreciation of the able and courteous services of Councillor Kevin Brooks and his consort Ms Maureen Kennedy when, as Deputy mayor and Deputy consort for the year 2017/18, they represented the Mayoralty and the Council; and

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

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

4 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robert Evans, Angela Page, Richard Scoates and Dave Wibberley.

5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th April 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018 be confirmed.

7 To record the election of Councillors for the respective wards of the Borough on 3rd May 2018 as set out in the notice attached.

The election of Councillors on 3rd May 2018 as set out in the schedule circulated with the agenda was noted.

8 To appoint a Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

In accordance with the Council's constitutional arrangements consideration was given to the appointment of a Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

On a motion by Councillor Michael Tickner and seconded by Councillor Neil Reddin it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Colin Smith be elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

9 To receive the appointments of the Deputy Leader of the Council and other Members of the Executive from the Leader of the Council.

In accordance with the Council's constitutional arrangements the Leader of the Council advised Council of the following appointments:

Councillor Peter Fortune – Deputy Leader of the Council

Members of the Executive:

Councillor Graham Arthur –
Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts
Councillor Peter Fortune –
Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families
Councillor William Huntington-Thresher –
Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services
Councillor Kate Lymer –
Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement
Councillor Peter Morgan –
Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing
Councillor Diane Smith –
Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health

He also reported that Councillor David Jefferys would be the chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

RESOLVED that the appointments made by the Leader of the Council, as set out above, be noted.

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

In accordance with the constitutional arrangement that the Leader of the Council may elect to address the annual meeting, Councillor Colin Smith made a brief statement. In particular, the Leader highlighted the work on improving children's services and the prospect of a unique turnaround; his determination to establish a new centre for SEN in the borough, on which he hoped to make announcements in the next few months; the work to integrate health and adult services; housing and services to reduce homelessness; completing the Local Development Plan, which he hoped would be achieved by the Autumn; financial self-sufficiency; continuing the fight to improve transport infrastructure links to Bromley North and hopefully Bromley South; continuing to fight for a fair share of London's policing resources; and working more closely with Bromley's voluntary sector and friends groups.

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

A schedule of proposed committee memberships had been circulated - the following changes were reported –

Education, Children and Families Select Committee:

Councillor Yvonne Bear to replace Councillor Robert Evans

Standards Committee:

Councillor Melanie Stevens to be added

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee:

Councillor Angela Page to be added

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 (as amended above) was moved by Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, seconded by Councillor Simon Fawthrop and **CARRIED**.

After the end of the meeting, Committees met to appoint their Sub-Committees and appoint chairmen and vice-chairmen. The final version of the schedule is attached as appendix A to these minutes.

12 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 CSD18075

A motion to note the Scheme of Executive Delegation and confirm the Scheme of Non-Executive Delegation was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by Councillor Michael Turner and **CARRIED**.

13 Councillor Attendance 2017/18
Report CSD 18076

A report summarising Members attendance at meetings during the 2017/18 Council year had been circulated. The appendix containing the attendance figures for each Councillor was not yet available – this would be presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

14 Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Bodies in 2017/18

Reports were received from Councillors appointed to serve on outside bodies during the 2017/18 Council year.

15 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor announced that her chaplain for the forthcoming year would be Rev Robert Parker- McGee of All Saints Church, Orpington.

The Mayor reminded members of the following events –

- Armed Forces Day – 28th June 2018
- Civic Reception for Voluntary Workers – 19th July 2018
- Corporate Parenting Fun day – 29th July 2018

The Meeting ended at 8.02 pm

Mayor