

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.00 pm on 19 April 2021

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Hannah Gray**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Stephen Wells**

Councillors

Gareth Allatt	Peter Fortune	Tony Owen
Vanessa Allen	Kira Gabbert	Angela Page
Graham Arthur	Will Harmer	Chris Pierce
Kathy Bance MBE	Christine Harris	Neil Reddin FCCA
Yvonne Bear	Colin Hitchins	Will Rowlands
Julian Benington	Samaris Huntington-	Richard Scoates
Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.	Thresher	Suraj Sharma
Kim Botting FRSA	William Huntington-	Colin Smith
Mike Botting	Thresher	Diane Smith
Katy Boughey	Simon Jeal	Gary Stevens
Mark Brock	David Jefferys	Melanie Stevens
Kevin Brooks	Charles Joel	Harry Stranger
David Cartwright QFSM	Josh King	Kieran Terry
Mary Cooke	Kate Lymer	Michael Tickner
Aisha Cuthbert	Christopher Marlow	Pauline Tunncliffe
Ian Dunn	Robert Mcilveen	Michael Turner
Nicky Dykes	Russell Mellor	Angela Wilkins
Judi Ellis	Alexa Michael	
Robert Evans	Peter Morgan	
Simon Fawthrop	Keith Onslow	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor Hannah Gray

248 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Michael Rutherford.

249 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

**250 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on
1st March 2021**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2021 be confirmed.

251 Questions

Two questions had been received from members of the public for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Ten questions had been received from members of the Council for oral reply. The questions, with the replies given, are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

Four questions had been received from members of the Council for written reply. The questions, with the answers given, are set out in Appendix D to these minutes.

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

Councillors Ian Dunn and Angela Wilkins had requested a statement from the Leader of the Council on the arrangements that the Council would be putting in place to hold Council and Committee meetings following the end (on 7th May 2021) of the dispensation which allowed virtual meetings.

Councillor Colin Smith stated that there was not much to make a statement about at the current stage – Members would be considering changes for the annual Council meeting later, and he did not wish to pre-empt that. There was a court case due to be heard on 21st April at which the Government's decision to restrict the use of virtual meetings was due to be challenged – following the outcome of this the Council would be aware of the options, and the Director of Corporate Services would brief all Members when that information was available. A meeting of the Urgency Committee could follow to formalise any decisions that needed to be taken.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett reported that Colonel Bob Stewart MP had asked the Government to allow Council annual meetings to take place after the end of restrictions up until the end of July, but this had been turned down. The Leader stated that there had been a large amount of correspondence on this behind the scenes and there was wide cross-party support for allowing virtual meetings to continue.

Councillor Angela Wilkins asked for clarity about whether a meeting of the Urgency Committee would be needed. The Leader stated that a meeting might be needed at short notice - he would rely on the Director's advice, but agreed that the uncertainty was not helpful.

253 Budget Monitoring 2020/21
Report CSD21046

A motion to agree a sum of £3.767m as a provision for Covid related service pressures in future years (earmarked reserve) as detailed in paragraph 3.2.1 of the report, and to agree a sum of £9.895m is set aside as a Housing Investment Fund earmarked reserve, as detailed in paragraph 3.3.12 of the report, was moved by Councillor Graham Arthur, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith and **CARRIED**.

254 Bromley Borough Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) -
Approval of CIL Charging Schedule
Report CSD21045

A motion to approve the Bromley Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule at Appendix 1 to the report, with any necessary changes to indexation rates as noted in paragraph 3.13 of the report, to come into effect on 15th June 2021, was moved by Councillor Peter Morgan, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith, and **CARRIED**.

255 Basic Need Programme Update
Report CSD21053

A motion to approve the updated Basic Need Programme as set out in Appendix 3 to the report was moved by Councillor Peter Fortune, seconded by Councillor Colin Smith, and **CARRIED**.

256 Minor Constitution Changes
Report CSD21047

A motion to (i) agree the appointment of a Pensions Committee from the start of the 2021/22 Council year to replace the Pensions Investment Sub-Committee, (ii) amend the terms of reference of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee and agree the terms of reference of the new Pensions Committee as set out in Appendix A to the report, (iii) agree to modify Articles 14.4 and 14.5 of the Constitution to permit electronic execution and sealing of documents, and (iv) agree to modify Article 11 of the Constitution to clarify the separation between executive and non-executive functions, was moved by Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe, seconded by Councillor Stephen Wells and **CARRIED**.

(Councillor Russell Mellor requested that his contrary vote be recorded.)

257 Annual Scrutiny Report 2020/21
Report CSD21036

A motion to receive the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2020/21 was moved by Councillor Simon Fawthrop, seconded by Councillor Christopher Marlow and **CARRIED.**

258 SACRE Annual Report 2019-20
Report CSD21051

A motion to receive the SACRE Annual Report for the 2019/20 academic year was moved by Councillor David Jefferys, seconded by Councillor Kate Lymer and **CARRIED.**

259 To consider Motions of which notice has been given.

(1) HRH The Prince Philip

The following motion was moved by Councillor Nicholas Bennett MA JP and seconded by Councillor Colin Smith.

“This Council, on behalf of the citizens of the Borough, places on record its great sadness at the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and pays tribute to his distinguished record with the Royal Navy during and after the Second World War and his unstinting and loyal support for Her Majesty the Queen for more than 70 years as husband and consort. It recalls his many initiatives including the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme and his early support for the protection of the world’s environment.

The Council thanks Her Worship the Mayor for her video tribute and her letter to Her Majesty the Queen and her family conveying the condolences of the Council and the people of Bromley on their sad loss.”

The motion was **CARRIED.**

(2) Permanent Exclusions

The following motion was moved by Councillor Kevin Brooks and seconded by Councillor Simon Jeal.

“Findings by the All- Party Parliamentary Youth Violence Commission, based on the most recent available Government data (2018 to 19 school year) shows that of all London boroughs, Bromley had the second highest rate of black pupils permanently excluded from secondary education.

This Council expresses concern at these findings, and recognises the damaging and long term effects that exclusion has on young people and their families. We request the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families to immediately launch an inquiry into the reasons for these high rates; that inquiry is to include recommendations for action the Council can take, working

with academies and other partners, to reduce the number of black pupils being excluded.”

The motion was **LOST**.

260 Annual Council Meeting 2021
Report CSD21054

A motion to agree that the annual meeting of the Council is moved to 6.30pm on Wednesday 19th May 2021 was moved by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by Councillor Peter Fortune and **CARRIED**.

261 The Mayor's announcements and communications.

The Mayor reported that a minute's silence had been held for HRH The Prince Philip on 10th April and again of the day of his funeral, on 17th April.

The Mayor thanked Members for attending the virtual quiz on 12th March, and thanked in particular the quiz master, Councillor Mark Brock.

The Mayor reminded Members of the following events –

- An online guided talk and walk hosted by Andy Ellis of Pudding Lane Tours from Canary Wharf to Wapping on 20th April at 7.30pm.
- The prize draw with Givergy for a Spitfire flight experience which closed on 25th April.
- The “Follow your Dreams” art competition for children up to age 11.

The Mayor's podcast series could be listened to via the following link –

<https://hannahgraymeets.podbean.com/>

She also mentioned her article in “Orpington Life” magazine.

The Meeting ended at 9.38 pm

Mayor