

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Meeting of the
Council of the Borough
held at 7.30 pm on 11 April 2011

Present:

**The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor George Taylor**

**The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Ruth Bennett**

Councillors

Reg Adams	John Getgood	Ernest Noad
Graham Arthur	Julian Grainger	Tony Owen
Douglas Auld	Ellie Harmer	Tom Papworth
Kathy Bance	Will Harmer	Ian F. Payne
Julian Benington	David Hastings	Sarah Phillips
Eric Bosshard	Brian Humphrys	Neil Reddin
Katy Boughey	William Huntington-	Catherine Rideout
Lydia Buttinger	Thresher	Charles Rideout
John Canvin	Charles Joel	Colin Smith
Stephen Carr	Kate Lymer	Diane Smith
Roger Charsley	Diana MacMull	Tim Stevens
Peter Dean	Mrs Anne Manning	Harry Stranger
Robert Evans	David McBride	Michael Tickner
Roxy Fawthrop	Russell Mellor	Pauline Tunnicliffe
Simon Fawthrop	Alexa Michael	Michael Turner
Peter Fookes	Nick Milner	
Peter Fortune	Peter Morgan	

The meeting was opened with prayers

In the Chair
The Mayor
Councillor George Taylor

61 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beckley, Nicholas Bennett JP, Ellis, Samaris Huntington-Thresher, Ince, Jackson, Lynch, Norrie, Scoates and Wells.

62 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 28th February and 21st March 2011 were confirmed.

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lymer declared an interest as her mother worked for Bromley PCT.

64 PETITIONS

There were no Petitions to report to this Council Meeting.

65 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions received from members of the public.

66 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

These are attached at Appendices A and B.

**67 STATEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL,
PORTFOLIO HOLDERS OR CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

There were no Statements made at the meeting.

68 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Dr Simon Davey, was in attendance to introduce the report and responded to questions from members.

A Motion to approve the report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

69 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A Motion to approve the Code was proposed, seconded and adopted.

**70 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY - ANNUAL REPORT
2010/11**

A Motion to approve this Annual Report was proposed, seconded and adopted.

71 MINOR COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

A Motion to approve the recommendation proposing some minor amendments to the Constitution was proposed, seconded and adopted.

72 MOTIONS

Notice of two Motions had been received as follows:

i) EU Contributions

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Colin Smith and seconded by Councillor Mrs Anne Manning:-

“This Council believes that there was no justification for the recent 2.9% rise in this country’s contribution to the still un-audited and wasteful European Union budget, particularly at a time when the Coalition Government is quite rightly trying to narrow the huge financial deficit it inherited from its predecessors.

The EU provides little obvious benefit to the residents of this Borough, and this Council firmly believes that at a time when valued local services are facing acute challenges to meet the new financial realities demanded by the 26% cuts facing Local Government, the EU should be playing its part and reducing spending, rather than increasing it.

Accordingly this Council calls on the Coalition Government to inform the EU of its intention to make significant reductions to our future contributions, commencing next year.

This Council also notes with utter dismay reports that UK taxpayers may be asked to provide additional billions of pounds to bailout overspending Governments within the Euro-Zone and urges the Coalition Government to stand firm in rejecting any such requests”

(Councillor Simon Fawthrop asked for his views to be recorded that he for his part felt the country would be better off out of the European Union. He expressed the comment that what was needed was a system that worked rather than the current bureaucratic arrangements that forced things on people as opposed to being lead by the people. In this regard he considered that Bromley Council was a good example of listening to the people in the way it did business across the Borough.)

On being put to the vote this motion was CARRIED.

ii) NHS

The following Motion was proposed by Councillor Peter Fookes and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bance:-

“This Council calls on the Coalition Government to abandon it's proposed reforms to the NHS and to ensure that under the next proposals that in the interests of patients, costs and accountability that local councils have a major role in the future of health care delivery.”

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A Motion was moved by Councillor Arthur and seconded by Councillor Carr that the above Motion on the NHS should more appropriately be referred to the next meeting of the Adult and Community Services PDS Committee for consideration in the light of the latest developments.

Councillors Fookes and Bance indicated acceptance of the proposal by Councillor Arthur.

On being put to the vote this motion was CARRIED.

73 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on his enjoyable visit to Bromley's twin town of Neuwied. He also announced that on 1st May 2011 there would be charity Cycle race at Jubilee Park to which all were welcome.

The Mayor would also be holding an event at El Patio at the end of his term of office and details would be circulated in due course.

Mayor

The Meeting ended at 8.55 pm