

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020**



## PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mercy Umeh

### Councillors:

Colin Aherne	Wesley Harcourt	Alexandra Sanderson
Adronie Alford	Sharon Holder	Max Schmid
Andrew Brown	Donald Johnson	Asif Siddique
Daryl Brown	Alex Karmel	Fiona Smith
Jonathan Caleb-Landy	Bora Kwon	Frances Stainton
Iain Cassidy	Amanda Lloyd-Harris	Dominic Stanton
Ben Coleman	Mark Loveday	Matt Thorley
Adam Connell	PJ Murphy	Matt Uberoi
Christabel Cooper	Natalia Perez	Mercy Umeh
Stephen Cowan	Zarar Qayyum	Rory Vaughan
Larry Culhane	Rowan Ree	Guy Vincent
Belinda Donovan	Lucy Richardson	
Sue Fennimore	Ann Rosenberg	

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rebecca Harvey, Lisa Homan, Rachel Leighton, Andrew Jones, Sue Macmillan, Patricia Quigley, David Morton, and Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Motion proposing the suspension of the rules**

In accordance with Standing Order 26(a), Councillor Colin Aherne moved that the rules be suspended to allow an officer presentation on the experimental closure of Harwood Terrace followed by two questions from both the Administration and the Opposition.

The motion was put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>27</b>
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	10

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

### **Presentation on the Experimental Closure of Harwood Terrace**

7.09pm – Bram Kainth (Chief Officer – Public Realm) gave a presentation on the experimental closure of Harwood Terrace. Councillors Ben Coleman, Mark Loveday, and Matt Thorley asked questions.

## **3. SPECIAL MOTION**

### **3.1 Special Motion 1 - Harwood Terrace Closure**

7.32pm – Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Matt Thorley, the special motion in their names:

*“This Council notes:*

- 1. The serious problem of traffic experienced in residential parts of South Fulham throughout the Peterborough Estate, Hurlingham and Sands End and in particular along Harwood Terrace.*
- 2. That on 21 October 2019, the Council closed Harwood Terrace to traffic at the junction with Imperial Road for an experimental period of 6 months.*
- 3. That the impact of this closure has been enormous and divisive for the local community in South Fulham and has generated over 2,000 complaints.*

*This Council resolves:*

- 1. Whilst acknowledging the Council’s efforts to address serious traffic problems in Harwood Terrace, that the current “pilot” scheme is not fit for purpose and has had a disproportionate impact on other parts of the road network in South Fulham.*
- 2. Agrees to terminate the experimental traffic scheme with immediate effect and reopen Harwood Terrace to vehicles.*
- 3. Undertakes a proper and comprehensive traffic study in South Fulham.*
- 4. Implements measures to residential streets in South Fulham which do not simply shift traffic onto other residential streets.”*

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Mark Loveday and Matt Thorley (for the Opposition).

Under Standing Order 15(e)(6), Councillor Ben Coleman moved, seconded by Councillor Wesley Harcourt, an amendment to the special motion:

*“Delete all after “This Council notes:” and insert:*

- 1. The serious problem of traffic experienced in residential parts of South Fulham throughout the Peterborough Estate, Hurlingham and Sands End and in particular along Harwood Terrace.*
- 2. That on 21 October 2019, the Council closed Harwood Terrace to traffic at the junction with Imperial Road for an experimental period of 6 months.*
- 3. That the Council did this in a genuine attempt to address the challenging traffic issues facing the street.*
- 4. That the Council is working with residents interested in finding a common solution to the issues raised by the experimental closure.*

*This Council resolves:*

- 1. Whilst acknowledging the Council’s efforts to address serious traffic problems in Harwood Terrace, that the current experimental scheme has had a serious impact on private and public transport in South Fulham.*
- 2. To continue to work with residents to find a common solution to the problem without delay.*
- 3. To work with residents to create and implement a long-term vision for traffic in the neighbourhood.”*

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Ben Coleman, Wesley Harcourt, and Stephen Cowan (for the Administration) – and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Opposition).

The amendment to the special motion was then put to the vote:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>27</b>
AGAINST	10
NOT VOTING	0

The amendment was declared **CARRIED**.

Speeches on the special motion as amended were made by Councillors Frances Stainton, Andrew Brown, and Alex Karmel (for the Opposition) – and Councillor Ben Coleman (for the Administration).

Councillor Mark Loveday then made a speech winding up the debate before the amended motion was put to the vote. Councillors called for a named vote.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>NOT VOTING</b>
Aherne	Alford	Brown (D) (Mayor)
Caleb-Landy	Brown (A)	
Cassidy	Donovan	
Coleman	Johnson	
Connell	Karmel	

Cooper	Lloyd-Harris
Cowan	Loveday
Culhane	Stainton
Fennimore	Stanton
Harcourt	Thorley
Holder	
Kwon	
Murphy	
Perez	
Qayyum	
Ree	
Richardson	
Rowbottom	
Rosenberg	
Sanderson	
Schmid	
Siddique	
Smith	
Uberoi	
Umeh	
Vaughan	
Vincent	

<b>FOR</b>	<b>27</b>
AGAINST	10
NOT VOTING	1

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED**.

### **8.29pm – RESOLVED**

This Council notes:

1. The serious problem of traffic experienced in residential parts of South Fulham throughout the Peterborough Estate, Hurlingham and Sands End and in particular along Harwood Terrace.
2. That on 21 October 2019, the Council closed Harwood Terrace to traffic at the junction with Imperial Road for an experimental period of 6 months.
3. That the Council did this in a genuine attempt to address the challenging traffic issues facing the street.
4. That the Council is working with residents interested in finding a common solution to the issues raised by the experimental closure.

This Council resolves:

1. Whilst acknowledging the Council's efforts to address serious traffic problems in Harwood Terrace, that the current experimental scheme has had a serious impact on private and public transport in South Fulham.
2. To continue to work with residents to find a common solution to the problem without delay.

3. To work with residents to create and implement a long-term vision for traffic in the neighbourhood.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 8.30 pm

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