

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2011



PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton
Deputy Mayor Councillor Belinda Donovan

Councillors:

Colin Aherne	Tom Crofts	Donald Johnson
Adronie Alford	Ali De-Lisle	Alex Karmel
Helen Binmore	Charlie Dewhirst	Jane Law
Nicholas Botterill	Gavin Donovan	Mark Loveday
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Rachel Ford	PJ Murphy
Daryl Brown	Marcus Ginn	Caroline Needham
Joe Carlebach	Peter Graham	Harry Phibbs
Alex Chalk	Stephen Greenhalgh	Sally Powell
Elaine Chumnerly	Steve Hamilton	Greg Smith
Iain Coleman	Robert Iggulden	Matt Thorley
Stephen Cowan	Lucy Ivimy	Peter Tobias
Oliver Craig	Andrew Johnson	Mercy Umeh

9. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 25 May 2011 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Adam, Jean Campbell, Michael Cartwright, Georgie Cooney, Wesley Harcourt, Lisa Homan, Andrew Jones and Rory Vaughan.

11. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated and tabled at the meeting. (Copy attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes).

7.03pm - The Mayor announced with great sadness the death of Marine Samuel Alexander MC, who lost his life whilst serving in Afghanistan as a member of Juliet Company 42 Commando Royal Marines, on 27 May 2011. She also informed the meeting of the tragic death of Magda Legowska, Principal Social Worker who worked for the Council for the past 10 years, who died on Monday 27 June 2011

as a result of a road traffic accident at Talgarth Road on her way between office locations.

The meeting stood for one minute in their memory.

Councillor Helen Binmore and the Mayor paid tribute to Magda Legowska. The Mayor also paid tribute to Marine Samuel Alexander MC.

The meeting was informed that the absence of Councillor Georgie Cooney was because she was with her dying father, Mr George Thomas Cooney, in Ireland. The Mayor asked the Council to keep her and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Elaine Chumnerly declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.1 (Tri-Borough Implementation Plans) as an employee of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The following Councillors declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.2 (Special Motion 2 - School Performance) as they were Governors at the following schools:

- Councillor Aherne as a School Governor of Wormholt Park Primary School
- Councillor Binmore as a School Governor of Burlington Danes Academy
- Councillor Carlebach as a School Governor of James Lee Nursery
- Councillor Chalk as a School Governor of Lena Gardens Primary School
- Councillor Coleman as a School Governor of Miles Coverdale Primary School
- Councillor Crofts as a School Governor of St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
- Councillor Belinda Donovan as a School Governor of Addison Primary School
- Councillor Ford as a School Governor of St John's Primary School
- Councillor Ginn as a School Governor of the London Oratory
- Councillor Graham as a School Governor of William Morris Sixth Form
- Councillor Hamilton as a School Governor of Sullivan Primary School
- Councillor Iggulden as a School Governor of Avonmore Primary School and William Morris Sixth Form
- Councillor Ivimy as a School Governor of John Betts Primary School
- Councillor Andrew Johnson as a School Governor of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Primary School
- Councillor Karmel as a School Governor of Sir John Lillie Primary School
- Councillor Needham as the Chair of Governors of Flora Gardens Primary School
- Councillor Thorley as a School Governor of Fulham Primary School
- Councillor Tobias as a School Governor of St Mary's RC Catholic Primary School

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (20 MINUTES)

13.1 Question 1 - Mrs Alexandra Kennaugh

7.13 pm - The Mayor called on Mrs Alexandra Kennaugh who had submitted a question to the Leader (Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh) to ask her question. The Leader responded.

(A copy of the public question submitted and the reply given is attached at **Appendix 2** to these minutes).

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.1 Tri Borough Implementation Plans

7.18 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, PJ Murphy and Caroline Needham (for the Opposition) and Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.36 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the report and recommendation attached as appendix 1 to the report be noted.

14.2 Review of the Council's Constitution - Establishment of a Joint Appointments Panel and Terms of Reference

7.37 pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	9
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.41 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council establishes a joint Appointments Committee and agrees the terms of reference of the Joint Appointments Panel to reflect tri-borough arrangements as outlined in paragraph 2 of the report.

14.3 Shepherds Bush Area - Adoption of a Special Licensing Policy

7.42 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.42 pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the draft special licensing policy for the proposed area in Shepherd's Bush, at Appendix A to the report, be approved and adopted; and
- (2) the draft special licensing policy be incorporated into the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2011.

14.4 New Byelaws for Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces

7.43 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Colin Aherne (for the Opposition) and Councillor Greg Smith (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	28
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	9

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.44 pm **RESOLVED:**

That Council resolves to:

- (1) adopt the new byelaws for pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report);

- (2) authorise the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services) to apply for confirmation of the byelaws by the Secretary of State upon the expiry of at least one month following the publication of a notice in a local newspaper of the Council's intention to do so; and
- (3) upon the new byelaws coming into effect to revoke the existing byelaws made by the Council on 20 April 2000 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on 29 June 2000.

15. SPECIAL MOTIONS

15.1 Special Motion 3 - Super Sewer

Under Council Procedure Rule 19 (d) iii, the Mayor allowed special motion 7.3 (Super Sewer) to have precedence and be debated as the next item.

7.47pm – Councillor Steve Hamilton moved, seconded by Councillor Ali de Lisle, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council:

1. Notes the current proposals by Thames Water to use a site at Carnwath Road as the main construction access for the Thames Tideway Tunnel/Super Sewer;
2. Notes the disastrous effects on residents and homes in South Fulham this will have over the next 20 years;
3. Reaffirms its opposition to the Super Sewer passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 September 2008;
4. Supports residents in Sands End in their campaign against the Super Sewer;
5. Calls on Thames Water immediately to withdraw proposals to use the Carnwath Road site as access to the Super Sewer.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Steve Hamilton and Ali de Lisle (for the Administration).

Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor PJ Murphy, an amendment to the motion as follows:

“Delete all after "This Council" and replace with:

"notes that the Administration has an unhappy record of misinforming residents about the Thames Tideway Tunnel and regrets spending £20,000.00 of tax payers' money falsely telling the people of the Borough that Furnivall Gardens and Ravenscourt Park would be the home to a "giant bore hole" and "stink pipe" for "eight years." That transpired to be blatant scaremongering which it later admitted was based on no more than "speculation".

The Council also notes that the Conservative-led government and Boris Johnson - London's Conservative Mayor - both support the Thames Tideway Tunnel.

It is therefore concerned that the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham's Conservative Administration is being out manoeuvred by their Conservative colleagues in the London Boroughs of Richmond and Wandsworth who are successfully focussing their efforts on lobbying to have the main construction access in Carnwath Road rather than Barn Elms.

The Council calls for the Administration to re-focus its efforts and resources away from its one dimensional, ideological obsession against the Thames Tideway Tunnel project and instead lobby the Conservative Mayor and Conservative and Liberal Democrat government Ministers to stop the Carnwath Road site being used for this project.

The Council agrees to form a united Borough campaign that includes both Administration and Opposition councillors to stop the Carnwath Road being used for this scheme and supports residents in South Fulham with a clever strategy likely to meet that objective."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and PJ Murphy (for the Opposition) and Councillors Nicholas Botterill and Stephen Greenhalgh (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	9
AGAINST	28
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillors Stephen Cowan, PJ Murphy, Caroline Needham and Colin Aherne (for the Opposition) and Councillors Stephen Greenhalgh and Mark Loveday (for the Administration).

Councillor Steve Hamilton (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate on the substantive motion. The motion was put to the vote and a roll-call was requested:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS
Alford		Aherne
Binmore		Brown
Botterill		Chumnerly
Brocklebank-Fowler		Coleman
Carlebach		Cowan
Chalk		Murphy
Craig		Needham
Crofts		Powell
De Lisle		Umeh
Dewhirst		
B Donovan		
G Donovan		
Ford		
Ginn		
Graham		
Greenhalgh		

Hamilton
Iggulden
Ivimy
A Johnson
D Johnson
Karmel
Law
Loveday
Phibbs
Smith
Stainton
Thorley
Tobias

FOR	29
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	9

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

8.40 pm – **RESOLVED**:

This Council:

1. Notes the current proposals by Thames Water to use a site at Carnwath Road as the main construction access for the Thames Tideway Tunnel/Super Sewer;
2. Notes the disastrous effects on residents and homes in South Fulham this will have over the next 20 years;
3. Reaffirms its opposition to the Super Sewer passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 September 2008;
4. Supports residents in Sands End in their campaign against the Super Sewer;
5. Calls on Thames Water immediately to withdraw proposals to use the Carnwath Road site as access to the Super Sewer.

15.2 Special Motion 1 - Hammersmith Academy, West London Free School and Ark Conway Primary School

8.40pm – Councillor Peter Graham moved, seconded by Councillor Harry Phibbs, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council:

1. Welcomes the unprecedented opening of three new schools in the borough in September 2011.
2. Congratulates all those involved with the establishment of the three schools, including:

- Gary Kynaston, The Mercers' Company, the Information Technologists' Company and the governors, staff and parents of the Hammersmith Academy;
 - Toby Young, Thomas Packer and the governors, staff and parents of West London Free School, and;
 - Damian McBeath, ARK Schools and the governors, staff and parents of ARK Conway Primary School.
3. Believes that:
- Parents should have a genuine choice of good schools for their children;
 - A traditional, academic education should be available to all children in the Borough, regardless of financial status;
 - Choice improves standards and increases opportunities, and;
 - Free schools and academies are of enormous benefit to the borough and should be allowed to flourish.
4. Resolves to:
- Support and protect the free schools and academies in the borough and to respect their independence from the local authority;
 - Oppose politically motivated attempts to force the closure of our free schools or academies;
 - Work with our existing schools to continue the strong improvements in their performance;
 - Encourage suitable proposals for further free schools in the borough, and;
 - Support any of our existing schools that wish to convert to academy status.”

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Peter Graham and Harry Phibbs (for the Administration) and Councillor Colin Aherne (for the Opposition).

Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Caroline Needham, an amendment to the motion as follows:

“Delete all after "This Council" in the first line, and insert:

"believes that:

- All parents should have a genuine choice of good schools for their children.
- That an excellent academic and/or vocational education should be available to all children in the Borough regardless of their household's financial status.
- That the smaller class sizes, better schools buildings and improved education facilities delivered by the Labour government between 1997 to 2010 made a

critical and positive contribution to the improving education standards. These initiatives should therefore be continued.

- That the advancement in teaching capability and improved standards in the teaching profession has helped provide this current generation of children with better chances of educational success than ever before.
- The last Labour Administration, the current Conservative Administration and the Labour government made a positive contribution to the Borough's education offer by opening the Hammersmith Academy.
- That new academies and free schools that open in the Borough should have the support of local parents.
- That new academies and free schools that open in the Borough should have catchment areas and admissions policies that are free from bias against any groups of residents.

The Council resolves to:

- Support and protect all schools in the Borough
- Take all reasonable measures to ensure that any school in receipt of tax payers' money has the highest standards of teaching and successful educational outcomes
- Take all possible measures to give the maximum number of children from across the Borough the best chance of a place in all the Borough's tax payer funded schools
- All schools in the borough should have equal access to funding opportunities in order to improve standards and performance. That successful and popular community schools should be encouraged and funded to expand their provision to meet local demand for additional school places."

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and Caroline Needham (for the Opposition) and Councillor Harry Phibbs (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote and the Opposition Councillors asked that their votes be recorded:

FOR	8 (Councillors Aherne, Brown, Chumnerly, Coleman, Cowan, Murphy, Needham and Umeh)
AGAINST	27
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Speeches on the substantive motion were then made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and Caroline Needham (for the Opposition) and Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh (for the Administration).

Councillor Peter Graham (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	8

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

9.22 pm – **RESOLVED**:

That this Council:

1. Welcomes the unprecedented opening of three new schools in the borough in September 2011.
2. Congratulates all those involved with the establishment of the three schools, including:
 - Gary Kynaston, The Mercers' Company, the Information Technologists' Company and the governors, staff and parents of the Hammersmith Academy;
 - Toby Young, Thomas Packer and the governors, staff and parents of West London Free School, and;
 - Damian McBeath, ARK Schools and the governors, staff and parents of ARK Conway Primary School.
3. Believes that:
 - Parents should have a genuine choice of good schools for their children;
 - A traditional, academic education should be available to all children in the Borough, regardless of financial status;
 - Choice improves standards and increases opportunities, and;
 - Free schools and academies are of enormous benefit to the borough and should be allowed to flourish.
4. Resolves to:
 - Support and protect the free schools and academies in the borough and to respect their independence from the local authority;
 - Oppose politically motivated attempts to force the closure of our free schools or academies;
 - Work with our existing schools to continue the strong improvements in their performance;
 - Encourage suitable proposals for further free schools in the borough, and;
 - Support any of our existing schools that wish to convert to academy status.

15.3 Special Motion 2 - School Performance

9.29pm – Councillor Helen Binmore moved, seconded by Councillor Marcus Ginn, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council notes:

1. All LBHF nurseries are rated as "outstanding" by Ofsted.
2. 80% of LBHF special schools are rated as "outstanding" by Ofsted.
3. 76% of LBHF primary schools are judged to be "good" or "outstanding".
4. All LBHF secondary schools are judged to be "good" or "outstanding".
5. LBHF is ranked first in inner London in the new English Baccalaureate measure.
6. LBHF is ranked second highest in inner London for the percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs grades A*-C (or equivalent) including English and mathematics GCSEs.
7. The gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2 and 4 has reduced from 22% in 2006 to 10% in 2010.
8. This year over 65% of LBHF secondary school places will be taken up by children resident in the borough.

This Council:

1. Congratulates head teachers, teachers, governors, parents and students alike on the tremendous achievements this year.
2. Looks forward to working with our schools to raise standards further and give all our children access to a first class education in the borough."

Speeches on the special motion were made by Councillors Helen Binmore and Marcus Ginn (for the Administration).

Under Standing Order 15(e) (vi), Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Mercy Umeh, an amendment to the motion as follows:

After "This Council notes" add the following text:

- "That Sure Start made a massive contribution to improving primary and secondary school results by preparing children better for their future education. It is therefore a regret that 80% of the families that had benefited by Sure Start in Hammersmith and Fulham will now miss out after the Borough's Conservative Administration cut £3.4 million government funding from the scheme and closed it down in all but name. We are therefore concerned about the detrimental effect this will have on future educational success for Borough children.
- That improved education facilities including modern school building, such as

the ICT Centre in Kingwood Road, contributed to the improved primary and secondary school results and it is therefore a regret that the Building Schools for the Future investment has been cancelled by the Conservative-led government and we are concerned because of the obvious detrimental effect this will have on future educational success for Borough children."

Then continue with the original text of the motion.

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Stephen Cowan and Mercy Umeh, (for the Opposition) and Councillors Stephen Greenhalgh and Donald Johnson (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR	8
AGAINST	26
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

Councillor Helen Binmore (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion. The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

10.02 pm – **RESOLVED**:

This Council notes:

1. All LBHF nurseries are rated as "outstanding" by Ofsted.
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3. 76% of LBHF primary schools are judged to be "good" or "outstanding".
4. All LBHF secondary schools are judged to be "good" or "outstanding".
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This Council:

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15.4 Special Motion 4 - Olympic Borough

10.03pm – Councillor Mark Loveday withdrew the motion.

15.5 Special Motion 5 - Crime and Anti Social Behaviour

10.04pm – Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Iain Coleman, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council recognises that in 2006 the then Cabinet Member for Crime and Anti Social Behaviour said that the Conservative Administration would cut crime by between 60% to 80%. He said that Mayor Boris Johnson would provide funding to expand the two policing pilots and would institute a New York City styled “zero tolerance” approach to policing that would reduce everything from broken windows to serious crime.

The Administration has failed in all of these aims. It has failed to provide sufficient resources to the police and to those services that tackle the causes of crime. Mayor Boris Johnson has cut police numbers. The Administration has at no point kept up with the previous Labour Administration’s 10% fall in crime.

In 2006, the then Cabinet Member for Strategy described his Administration’s approach to reducing crime as “a bit of a gamble”. That gamble has not paid off. Earlier this year, the former Cabinet Member for Housing told a Cabinet Meeting that the Administration are now selling off affordable homes because of the Administration’s failure to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour.

We call for an immediate review of this failure and a new approach that genuinely seeks to cut crime and makes Hammersmith and Fulham a safer place for people of all ages.”

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	8
AGAINST	26
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **LOST**.

16. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

16.1 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

The report was noted.

* * * * * CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS * * * * *

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 10.04 pm

Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. I am sure everyone shares in my great sadness on hearing of the recent death of Marine Samuel Alexander MC, who lost his life whilst serving in Afghanistan as a member of Juliet Company 42 Commando Royal Marines, on 27th May 2011.

I also have to announce the tragic death of a member of staff for the past 10 years, Magda Legowska, Principal Social Worker, who died on Monday 27th June 2011 as a result of a road traffic accident at Talgarth Road on her way between office locations.

I invite you all to stand for one minute's silence in their memory.

2. I would like to congratulate residents of our Borough, who received various honours in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2011. Mr Michael Grandage CBE, Donmar Warehouse Artistic Director, for services to drama. Mr John Marston, MBE for services to volunteering. Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor OBE. Judy Hargadon OBE for services to children's wellbeing. Sarah Mower, CBE for services to the fashion industry. Sir Alexander Hope OBE for services to the visual effects industry. Mr Jim Dean MBE for services to social housing and volunteering work. Thea Green MBE for services to the beauty industry. Mr Thomas Adams MBE for services to the voluntary sector.
3. On 26th May 2011, I attended the Women's UEFA Cup Final, Fulham Football Club, Stevenage Road, SW6
4. On 27th May, accompanied by my Mayoress, Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith, I attended London Oratory School 'Patronal Festival', The Brompton Oratory Church, Cromwell Road, SW7
5. On 28th May, accompanied by my Mayoress, Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith, I attended The Amnesty International anniversary event, Lyric Square, W6
6. On 28th May, accompanied by my Consort, Edouard de Guitaut, I attended the UEFA Champions League Cup Final match between Manchester United & Barcelona, Wembley Stadium, Wembley Way, HA9
7. On 29th May, I attended the Buddhist Day celebration, Assembly Hall, HTH, W6
8. On 1st June, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH

9. On 2nd June, I attended and presented Awards to Age Concern Volunteers, Greyhound Road, W6
10. On 3rd June, I attended with Cllr Harry Phibbs, and presented Awards to Volunteers Centre Volunteers, Small Hall, HTH
11. On 4th June, I attended the Thames Water London Youth Games Regatta, Royal Albert Docks, E16
12. On 5th June, accompanied by my Mayoress, Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith and my two Consorts, William Proger and Edouard de Guitaut, I was delighted to attend H&F Polo In The Park event, at which I presented the Umpire with the match ball, Hurlingham Park, SW6
13. On 6th June, I attended the launch of the newly refurbished Bishops Park Tennis Court, which was officially opened by Tennis Professional Greg Rusedski, Bishops Avenue, SW6
14. On 7th June, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Al-Muntada Community Group 25th Anniversary Dinner Reception, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2A
15. On 8th June, I attended the Aegon Tennis Championships, Queen's Club, Palliser Road, W14
16. On 9th June, I attended the London City Mission Annual City Gathering, Mansion House, EC4
17. On 14th June, I attended the launch of Sportivate, Ealing, Hammersmith & West London College, Gliddon Road, W14
18. On 15th June, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
19. On 16th June, I officially opened the New Children's Playground area, Queen Caroline Estate, Queen Caroline Street, W6
20. On 17th June, I attended the Carter Steam Fair, Eel Brook Common, New Kings Road, SW6
21. On 17th June, I attended the Japanese Embassy exhibition, Piccadilly, SW1
22. On 19th June, I attended the Hurlingham Club Chairman & Committee Tennis reception and lunch, Ranelagh Gardens, SW6
23. On 20th June, I was honoured to raise two flags one for Armed Forces Day and the second for Braveheart my chosen charity, Hammersmith

Town Hall Roof, W6

24. On 20th June I attended the Kensington Prep, Fulham Road, SW6, Summer Concert held at Cadogan Hall.
25. On 21st June I attended a charity evening in aid of The Mayor's Charity LB Merton held at the Bella Donna, London Road.
26. On 22nd June I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber FTH.
27. On 22nd June accompanied by my Consort, I attended a reception held by the Lord Mayor of Westminster to meet fellow London Borough Mayors, Westminster City Hall.
28. On 22nd June accompanied by my Consort and the Deputy Mayor, I attended a reception held at the French Institute, Queensberry Place.
29. On 23rd June I attended a meeting of the Advisory Group for the Diamond Jubilee, Thames River Pageant, Drapers Hall, EC2.
30. On 24th June I attended London Mayors Association Tour of Westminster Abbey and Evensong, SW1.
31. On 25th June accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I attended the Wandsworth Bridge Road Fun Day held at the Greedy Buddha, Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6.
32. On 26th June accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended a Civic Service, for the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea held at St Mary Abbots Church Kensington High Street, W8.
33. On 26th June accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I attended the Opening of Fulham Festival, Jerdan Place SW6.
34. On 27th June I attended a concert organised by the Fulham Society, 'In Voice and Verse' held at Fulham Palace, SW6.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JUNE 2011

Question by: Ms Alexandra Kennaugh

To the: The Leader

QUESTION

“What is Council the doing in the short- and long-term to oppose the proposed Thames Water super sewer site in south Fulham, which will lead to (1) a significant degradation in local air quality for all residents and school children in south Fulham, not only from the site and but also from increased traffic congestion related to the site—for a decade, (2) a decline in existing residential and commercial property values, as well as the opportunity cost of future residential and commercial development on the proposed site, and (3) the permanent loss of existing quality of life in south Fulham punctuated by the permanent scar of the venting column, more commonly known as the stink pipe?”

ANSWER

The Council is vehemently opposed to the use of Carnwath Road as the main construction site - but we are also questioning whether the scheme is needed at all.

The more I learn about the Thames Tunnel the more I become concerned and the more I believe there are better alternatives.

Last week we heard from the Chief Executive of Thames Water that the £3.6 billion cost was an 'indicative 2008 price tag and the cost will almost certainly increase'.

I do not think we should ask Thames Water customers to effectively write a blank cheque when there has not been proper scrutiny of possible alternatives to a 20-mile tunnel.

On a visit to Chicago I learned what other world cities are doing - increasingly there is a realisation that a tunnel alone cannot be the only answer. We also need longer term environmental solutions to stop storm water from entering the sewage system which is the main reason why we have sewage overflow. For example, Cleveland is spending \$600m on a tunnel and \$1bn on green infrastructure such as permeable pavements, some of which is retro-fitted leading to significant community improvements, but most of which is simply linked to the planning system. For example, if you are going to build a basketball court they

make sure it has a permeable surface. Cleveland will also see a significant number of new trees which play a major role in capturing rain fall.

Of course green infrastructure would not increase Thames Water's asset base which is why we need proper scrutiny and accountability before a decision is made that will not only bring 10 years of major disruption to South Fulham when it may not be needed but it will also add to Thames Water customers a life sentence of at least £80-£100 per year price hike in their bills.

In conclusion we will continue to campaign against Carnwath Road being used - if it has to go anywhere it should be on open land not near houses - and we will continue to pose very serious questions about whether this is the right scheme at all.