

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2007



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Minnie Scott Russell)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Andrew Johnson)

Councillors:

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| Colin Aherne | Caroline Ffiske | Reg McLaughlin |
| Mrs Adronie Alford | Rachel Ford | Lisa Nandy |
| Helen Binmore | Sarah Gore | Ed Owen |
| Nicholas Botterill | Stephen Greenhalgh | Harry Phibbs |
| Victoria Brocklebank- Fowler | Steve Hamilton | Dame Sally Powell |
| Jean Campbell | Wesley Harcourt | Greg Smith |
| Michael Cartwright | Lisa Homan | Frances Stainton |
| Alex Chalk | Robert Iggulden | Peter Tobias |
| Stephen Cowan | Lucy Ivimy | Mercy Umeh |
| Gill Dickenson | Donald Johnson | Rory Vaughan |
| Belinda Donovan | Alex Karmel | Eugenie White |
| Gavin Donovan | Jane Law | |
| | Antony Lillis | |
| | Mark Loveday | |

31. MINUTES – 27 JUNE 2007

7.00pm - The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2007 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record, subject to correction of the voting record on Special Motion No.9 – 272 Bus Route. The voting should have been recorded as: For – 11, Against – 24, Abstentions – 1 and not as printed in the minutes.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2007 also confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam, Bentley, Bethell, Bristow, and Burley.

33. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting of the council.

35. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)

7.03pm – There were no public questions submitted for this meeting of the Council.

36. ITEMS FOR DECISION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.04pm – **Treasury Management Outturn Report**

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

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

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| FOR | 23 |
| AGAINST | 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS | 10 |

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

7.05pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the borrowing and investment activity for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 be noted.

7.06pm – **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2007**

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

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

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| FOR | Unanimous |
| AGAINST | 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS | 0 |

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

7.07pm - **RESOLVED:**

- 1 That the polling place for CPA polling district be Kenmont Primary School, Valliere Road.
- 2 That CPB polling district be combined with CPC polling district.
- 3 That electors north of Mund Street be transferred from NEB to NEA polling district.
- 4 That the polling place for NEB polling place be West Kensington Tenants Association Hall.
- 5 That King Henry Row, Broomhouse Road be transferred from PGB to PGA polling district.
- 6 That the polling place for PRC polling district be a temporary polling station at, or near, the TA Centre, Fulham High Street.
- 7 That RPA polling district be combined with RPB polling district, and that the polling place be Pocklington Lodge, Rylett Road.
- 8 That the polling place for SEA polling district be Parsons Green Club, Broomhouse Lane.
- 9 That a new polling district of SED be created, and that the polling place be The Wharf Rooms, Imperial Road.
- 10 That SBE polling district be combined with SBC polling district.
- 11 That the polling place for TWC be Community Hall, Lancaster Court
- 12 That polling arrangements for other polling districts be as currently designated and shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

7.08pm – **10th London Local Authorities Bill**

The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

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| FOR | Unanimous |
| AGAINST | 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS | 0 |

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

7.09pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees to pass the formal resolution (as set out at Appendix 2 to the report) in order to participate in the 10th London Local Authorities Bill.

7.10pm – **Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2006/07**

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

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| FOR | 23 |
| AGAINST | 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS | 11 |

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

7.11pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Annual Audit Report 2006/07 be noted and approved.

37. SPECIAL MOTIONS

Special Motion No. 1 – Fulham Schools Commission

7.12pm – Councillor Antony Lillis moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the report of the Fulham Schools Commission and looks forward to working with Heads, staff, parents and pupils in the coming months to build on the Commission’s recommendations in the interests of the current and future pupils, parents and staff of our Borough schools.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Lillis and Greenhalgh

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Reg McLoughlin moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council welcomes...” and insert:

“...the recommendation by the Fulham School’s Commission that the Conservative Administration should improve Hurlingham & Chelsea Secondary School. It regrets the actions taken by the H&F Conservative Administration in undermining this school along with the waste of tens of thousands of pounds of public money in seeking to close it down.

We further congratulate the Fulham Schools Commission on calling for a review of the whole borough’s secondary education and note that this was proposed by the Labour Opposition and voted down by the Conservative Administration at the last Council meeting. We call on the Council to now back this proposal. This review should involve head teachers, staff, parents and the trade unions.

The Council agrees that the borough-wide review should initially focus on recommendations 4, 5, and 6 and so provide a carefully planned strategy for the 14-19 age group, the development of more effective links between primary and secondary schools and improved relations between H&F Council and its secondary schools. The review should seek to build a consensus with all key stakeholders on these areas prior to any structural changes to the schools being set in progress.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors McLoughlin, Cowan, Greenhalgh and Cartwright before being put to the vote.

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| FOR - | 12 |
| AGAINST - | 23 |
| ABSTENTIONS - | 0 |

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**

Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Antony Lillis (for the Administration) made a speech winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote.

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| FOR - | 23 |
| AGAINST - | 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS - | 12 |

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.51pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council welcomes the report of the Fulham Schools Commission and looks forward to working with Heads, staff, parents and pupils in the coming months to build on the Commission's recommendations in the interests of the current and future pupils, parents and staff of our Borough schools.

Special Motion No. 2 – Affordable Housing

7.52pm – Councillor Adronie Alford moved, seconded by Councillor Harry Phibbs, the special motion standing in their names:

“The Council notes the Administration's objective to build 6000 new homes, of which 3000 will be affordable, over the next 10 years and calls on the Administration to create a housing ladder of opportunity that enables more hard working families to own their own homes in the Borough.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Alford, Phibbs and Binmore (maiden speech).

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Lisa Nandy moved, seconded by Councillor Lisa Homan, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council...” and insert:

“...is concerned that LBHF has cut the planned numbers of affordable homes to buy and to rent and calls on the Conservative Administration to prioritise affordability when agreeing new housing for the borough.

The Council welcomes the intervention of the Mayor of London to ensure that this borough's housing policies comply with the London Plan and to prevent LBHF's decline from being one of London's leading boroughs in delivering affordable housing to rent and to buy

This Council recognises that it has a duty to the 8,000 persons on the Council's waiting lists and looks to revise its housing policies to at least meet those achieved by the last Labour Administration.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Nandy and Homan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Loveday (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

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| FOR - | 13 |
| AGAINST | 25 |
| ABSTENTIONS | 0 |

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST**

Councillor Campbell (for the Opposition) and Councillor Alford (for the Administration) made speeches winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

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| FOR | - 25 |
| AGAINST | - 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS | - 13 |

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED.**

8.33 pm - **RESOLVED:**

The Council notes the Administration's objective to build 6000 new homes, of which 3000 will be affordable, over the next 10 years and calls on the Administration to create a housing ladder of opportunity that enables more hard working families to own their own homes in the Borough.

Special Motion No. 3 – Local Shops

8.34pm - Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Frances Stainton, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes the publication of an independent Commission on Retail Conservation set up by Kensington & Chelsea Council and the recent submission to the Council by the Fulham Society of "Renaissance in Fulham". As a result of increasing concern at the disappearance of independent retailers, this Council resolves to study these two reports and further consider ways in which to support shops and the local economy in Hammersmith & Fulham.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Greenhalgh and Stainton.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Michael Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Rory Vaughan, an amendment to the motion to delete all after “..study these two reports”... insert:

“...and agrees to set up a similar Commission, involving local small retailers and other key stakeholders.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Cartwright, Vaughan, Botterill, Owen and Loveday before it was put to the vote:

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| FOR | - 12 |
| AGAINST | - 25 |
| ABSTENTIONS | - 0 |

The amendment to the motion was declared **LOST.**

Councillor Harcourt (for the Opposition) and Councillor Greenhalgh (for the Administration) made closing speeches winding up the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

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| FOR | - Unanimous |
| AGAINST | - 0 |
| ABSTENTIONS | - 0 |

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

9.13 pm - **RESOLVED**:

This Council notes the publication of an independent Commission on Retail Conservation set up by Kensington & Chelsea Council and the recent submission to the Council by the Fulham Society of "Renaissance in Fulham". As a result of increasing concern at the disappearance of independent retailers, this Council resolves to study these two reports and further consider ways in which to support shops and the local economy in Hammersmith & Fulham.

Special Motion No.4 – Borough Housing Policy

With the consent of the Council, this motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

38. INFORMATION REPORTS TO COUNCIL (IF ANY)

There were no information reports to this meeting of the Council.

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

Meeting ended: 21.15p.m. - Wednesday, 19 September 2007.

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MAYOR

APPENDIX 1

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
THE MAYOR**

1. On 28th June, accompanied by Cllr Donald Johnson, I was delighted to attend Swanbank Court Sheltered Housing Scheme Summer party, Willow Bank, SW6
2. On 28th June, I attended the National Day reception for the Republic of Croatia, Fitzroy Square W1
3. On 29th June, I attended a photo-call for Standing Together Against Domestic Violence, Polish Centre, King Street, W6
4. On 29th June, I attended a photo-call for Shades Day, Furnivall Gardens, W6
5. On 29th June, I was delighted to attend the Hammersmith Science & Technology Challenge Day, for years 8/9 from local schools, Hammersmith & West London College, W14
6. On 29th June, I attended the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association AGM, Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple, Temple EC4Y
7. On 3rd July, I attended the Performance of 'A Millers Tale' by H&F schools, National Army Museum, Chelsea Hospital Road, SW3
8. On 5th July, I presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the council to Joan Carroll on her retirement from St Augustine's School, SW6
9. On 8th July, I was honoured to attend a church service to celebrate the life of Granville Sharp, All Saints Church, SW6
10. On 10th July, I attended the Fulham Society Annual Summer Party, Lady Margaret School, Parsons Green, SW6
11. On 11th July, I was delighted to welcome and tour H&F with the London in Bloom judges, various areas in the borough
12. On 12th July, accompanied by my consort, I attended the High Sheriff of London's Garden Party, Kew Green, Richmond
13. On 12th July, accompanied by my consort, I attended the Virgin H.E.M.S Air Ambulance Charity Evening, Chelsea Physic Garden, SW3
14. On 17th July, I attended Groundwork West London, premier of 2 Short Films about Independent Travel for people with disabilities, Small Hall, HTH

15. On 20th July, I attended the end of term drinks reception, Jack Tizzard School, W12
16. On 20th July, I was delighted to attend H&F Foster Carers annual Dinner and Dance reception, Hilton Hotel, Holland Park Avenue, W11
17. On 22nd July, I attended the Salamanca Day reception and sounding the retreat, Windsor Castle, Windsor
18. On 24th July, I visited H&F MIND, Bryony Road Adult Education Centre, White City, W12
19. On 24th July, I hosted a tea party for family and friends of Mrs Pamela Turner. Pamela won a gold medal for the over 70's in the freestyle swimming held in Australia. Mayor's Parlour, HTH
20. On 24th July, I attended the London Mayors' Association AGM and reception, Westminster city Hall, SW1
21. On 25th July, I was delighted to attend the launch party for the newly restored Compton Cinema Organ, Hammersmith Apollo, W6
22. On 6th September, accompanied by my consort, I attended the launch and Churchyard Keys ceremony, which was officially blessed by The Rt. Hon. Bishop of Kensington, St Johns Church, Walham Green, SW6
23. On 8th September, I attended the launch party for the Great River Race 2007, Riverside Car Park, Ham Street, Richmond
24. On 10th September, I attended the Faces of Freedom exhibition, Fulham Palace, SW6
25. On 12th September, I attended the Metropolitan Police Remembrance and Wreath Laying Ceremony, Hendon
26. Since 18th July, I attended 4 Citizenship Ceremonies during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH, SW6