

COUNCIL

—— MINUTES ——

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2003



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Charlie Treloggan) The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mercy Umeh)

Councillors:

Mike Adam Emile Al-Uzaizi Mrs Adronie Alford Chris Allen Will Bethell Brendan Bird Min Birdsey Nick Botterill Charlie Boyle Stephen Burke Michael Cartwright Dominic Church Siobhan Coughlan Steve Cowan Huw Davies Sian Dawson Caroline Donald Gavin Donovan Fiona Evans Ivan Gibbons Chris Graham Stephen Greenhalgh Greg Hands Wesley Harcourt Andrew Jones Ghassan Karian Alex Karmel Jafar Khaled Antony Lillis Mark Loveday Reg McLaughlin Charlie Napier Jolyon Neubert Colin Pavelin Andrew Slaughter Frances Stainton Tim Stanley Josie Wicks David Williams

10. MINUTES – 28 MAY 2003

7.01pm - The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 28 May 2003 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aherne, Lloyd-Harris, Powell and Vaughan.

12. MAYOR & MANAGING DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated to all Councillors and in the Chamber and were duly noted. (Copy attached as <u>APPENDIX 1</u> to these Minutes).

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests made by Councillors at this meeting of the Council.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor called forward those Public Questioners who had submitted questions to this meeting of the Council (as published in the Council Agenda):

1. Mr.Iain Macdonald, 41 Langthorne Street, Fulham, SW6 6JT – question to the Deputy Leader

The reply to the question was given by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Andrew Slaughter. (The question and the reply given are attached at <u>APPENDIX 2</u> to these minutes).

15. ITEMS FOR DECISION / COMMITTEE REPORTS (IF ANY)

7.06 pm - Best Value Performance Plan 2003 / 2004

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Leader, Councillor Andrew Slaughter, seconded by Councillor Graham.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Graham, Councillor Greenhalgh (for the Opposition), with Councillor Slaughter responding (for the Administration).

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR - 26 AGAINST - 16 ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.21pm - RESOLVED -

1. That the Best Value Performance Plan 2003/2004 be approved.

16. MOTION THAT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS BE GIVEN PRECEDENCE

Councillor Evans moved, seconded by Councillor Church, that under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (iii), Special Motion No.4 be given precedence.

The procedural motion was put to the vote:

FOR - 26 AGAINST - 16 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The procedural motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.22pm - **RESOLVED** – Accordingly.

17. SPECIAL MOTION NO.4

7.23pm - Special Motion No.4 - Proposed Closure of Richmond Way Post Office

Councillor Smallman moved, seconded by Councillor Coughlan, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council joins lain Coleman MP, and Postwatch, the consumer watchdog for the postal service, in deploring the failure of Post Office Ltd to consult adequately with local people on the closure of the Post Office in Richmond Way, W14, and calls on Post Office Ltd to listen to and respond to the voice of local residents who need this valuable community resource to remain"

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Smallman and Coughlan.

Councillor Hands moved, seconded by Councillor Boyle, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after "This Council.." and insert:

..."pledges to have a cross-party campaign, working with Postwatch, to re-instate Post Office facilities in the Richmond Way, W14 area as a matter of urgent priority".

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Hands, Boyle, Karian and Slaughter.

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

FOR - 15 AGAINST - 26 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The amendment to the motion was declared LOST.

Councillor Smallman made a closing speech on the debate before the substantive motion was put to the vote:

FOR- UnanimousAGAINST- 0ABSTENTIONS- 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.50pm - <u>**RESOLVED**</u>-

That this Council joins lain Coleman MP, and Postwatch, the consumer watchdog for the postal service, in deploring the failure of Post Office Ltd to consult adequately with local people on the closure of the Post Office in Richmond Way, W14, and calls on Post Office Ltd to listen to and respond to the voice of local residents who need this valuable community resource to remain"

18. MOTION THAT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS BE GIVEN PRECEDENCE

Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Adam, that under Council procedure Rule 15 (e) (iii), Special Motion No.2 be given precedence.

The procedural motion was put to the vote:

FOR - Unanimous AGAINST - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The procedural motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.51pm – <u>**RESOLVED**</u> Accordingly.

19. SPECIAL MOTION NO.2

7.52pm - Special Motion No.2 – Proposed Tramway on Uxbridge Road

Councillor Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Donald (in lieu of Councillor Hands), the special motion standing in their names:

" This council resolves to make strong representation to Transport for London to oppose the construction of the proposed tramway on Uxbridge Road".

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Botterill, Donald, Cartwright, Karian, Hands, Greenhalgh and Davies.

Councillor Botterill made a closing speech on the debate before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR - 15 AGAINST - 26 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The motion was declared LOST

On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was also taken:

FOR - 15 (Councillors Adam, Al-Uzaizi, Alford, Botterill, Boyle, Dawson, Donald, Donovan, Greenhalgh, Hands, Karmel, Lillis, Loveday, Neubert, Stainton)

AGAINST - 26 (Councillors Allen, Bird, Birdsey, Burke, Cartwright, Church, Coughlan, Cowan, Davies, Evans, Gibbons, Graham, Harcourt, Jones, Karian, Khaled, McLaughlin, Napier, Pavelin, Slaughter, Smallman, Stanley, Treloggan, Umeh, Wicks, Williams)

ABSTENTIONS - 0

The motion was declared LOST

20. SPECIAL MOTION NO.1

8.33pm – Special Motion No.1 – Public Transport Infrastructure in Sands End

Councillor Stainton moved (in lieu of Councillor Botterill), seconded by Councillor Adam (in lieu of Councillor Greenhalgh), the special motion standing in their names, with an amendment to the original wording printed in the agenda as follows:

"This council notes the lack of public transport infrastructure and the over-development in Sands End, and resolves that future development takes these factors into consideration."

A speech on the motion was made by Councillor Stainton.

Councillor Stanley moved, seconded by Councillor Jones, that under Council Procedure Rule 15 (g), the meeting proceed to the next item of business.

The ruling of the Mayor on the procedural motion was that, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15 (g), in his opinion, the matter before the meeting had been insufficiently discussed, and therefore the debate on the motion would continue.

A speech on the motion was made by Councillor Adam.

Councillor Stanley moved, seconded by Councillor Karian, that under Council Procedure Rule 15 (g), the meeting proceed to the next item of business.

The ruling of the Mayor on the procedural motion was that, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 15 (g), in his opinion, the matter before the meeting had been insufficiently discussed, and therefore the debate on the motion would continue.

Councillor Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Pavelin, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after "This Council" and insert:

"...welcomes the initiatives taken in improving the infrastructure in Sands End to suit the residential development and welcomes the decision to fight robustly the St.George appeal for further development."

Speeches on the amendment to the motion were made by Councillors Cartwright, Pavelin, Lillis, Cowan, Hands and Slaughter before the amendment to the motion was put to the vote:

FOR - 26 AGAINST - 15 ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

Councillor Hands sought to move a further amendment to the motion, but Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Karian, moved a procedural motion under Council Procedure Rule 15 (g) that the meeting proceed to the next item of business. The Mayor ruled that the procedural motion must be disposed of first, before the debate could proceed further.

Accordingly, the ruling of the Mayor on the procedural motion was that, as in his opinion the matter before the meeting had now been sufficiently discussed, under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 15(g), Councillor Stainton as the mover of the original motion had a right of reply before the motion to proceed to next business was put to the vote.

Councillor Stainton accordingly made a closing speech on the debate.

Councillor Stanley, by leave of the Council, then withdrew his motion in favour of a procedural motion under Council Procedure Rule 15 (h) moved by Councillor Karian, seconded by Councillor Jones, that the question be now put.

The procedural motion was put to the vote:

FOR - Unanimous AGAINST - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The procedural motion was declared **CARRIED**

The substantive motion (as amended) was then put to the vote:

FOR - 26 AGAINST -15 ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

9.52pm - RESOLVED-

That this Council welcomes the initiatives taken in improving the infrastructure in Sands End to suit the residential development and welcomes the decision to fight robustly the St. George appeal for further development.

21. SPECIAL MOTION NO.3

9.53pm - Special Motion No.3 - Sports & Leisure Facilities in the Borough

By leave of the Council, this motion was withdrawn.

22. INFORMATION REPORTS

The summary of Councillors' activity for 2002 / 2003 was duly noted.

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

Meeting ended: 9.54 p.m. - Wednesday, 2 July 2003

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