



COUNCIL

— MINUTES —

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2005



PRESENT:

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

Councillors:

Colin Aherne
Adronie Alford
Chris Allen
Emile Al-Uzaizi
Will Bethell
Brendan Bird
Nick Botterill
Stephen Burke
Michael Cartwright
Siobhan Coughlan
Steve Cowan

Huw Davies
Sian Dawson
Gavin Donovan
Fiona Evans
Ivan Gibbons
Chris Graham
Stephen Greenhalgh
Wesley Harcourt
Andrew Jones
Ghassan Karian
Alex Karmel
Jafar Khaled
Antony Lillis
Amanda Lloyd-Harris
Mark Loveday

Reg McLaughlin
Charlie Napier
Jolyon Neubert
Colin Pavelin
Dame Sally Powell
Andrew Slaughter
Melanie Smallman
Frances Stainton
Tim Stanley
Jenny Vaughan
Josie Wicks
David Williams

14. MINUTES – 25 MAY 2005

7.01pm - The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 25 May 2005 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

7.02pm – The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 25 May 2005 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam, Birdsey, Boyle, Church and Hands. (Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Davies and Greenhalgh).

16. MAYOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated to all Councillors and in the Chamber. (Copy attached as **APPENDIX 1** to these Minutes).

The Mayor drew members' attention to the sad death from cancer of Councillor Caroline Donald (Ravenscourt Park Ward) on 16 June 2005, and called on members to stand for one minute's silence in her memory. Speeches in tribute to Councillor Donald were made by Councillor Allen, one of her fellow Ward Councillors, and Councillor Stainton, Opposition Whip.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting of the Council.

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)

7.08pm - The Mayor called on those members of the public who had submitted questions for this meeting of the Council (as published in the Council Agenda) to ask their questions:

Public Questioners

1. Question to the Cabinet member for Environment & Contract Services (Cllr.Cartwright) from Mr.Alan Haile, 51 Bowerdean Street, SW6.
2. Question to the Deputy Leader (Cllr.Cowan) from Ms.Winnie Watson, 30 Millshott Close, Blakes Wharf, SW6.
3. [The public questioner was not present at the meeting and a written reply was therefore provided after the meeting.]

(The text of all questions submitted and the reply given is attached at **APPENDIX 2** to these minutes).

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

7.16pm - Appointment of an independent member to the Standards Committee

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR - Unanimous
AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.17pm – RESOLVED:

That the Council agrees to appoint Mrs Grace Moody-Stuart as an independent member on the Council's Standards Committee.

7.18pm – Designation of Monitoring Officer to the Council

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote :

FOR - 20
AGAINST - 11
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.19pm – RESOLVED –

That, with effect from 15 July 2005, the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) be designated as the Council's Monitoring Officer, and that prior to this post-holder taking up post, the Head of Legal Services (Michael Cogher) be temporarily designated as Monitoring Officer.

7.20pm – Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Chris Graham, Cabinet Member for Performance & Procurement.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote.

FOR - 20
AGAINST - 11
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.21pm – **RESOLVED:**

That the Best Value Performance Plan 2005/2006 be approved.

7.22.p.m. – **Community Strategy Update 2005**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by Councillor Stephen Burke, Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, Deputy Leader.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR - 20
AGAINST - 0
ABSTENTIONS - 11

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

7.23p.m. – **RESOLVED:**

That the Community Strategy update be approved for publication.

20. SPECIAL MOTIONS

7.24pm – **Special Motion No.1 – Freedom of Entry**

[Noted present for this item was the Queen's representative, Col. John Holland DL, accompanied by Lt.Col. Hedley-French, representing the 4th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, and Capt. David Carter, Commander, Mortar Platoon, The London Regiment.]

Councillor Burke moved, seconded by Councillor Cowan, the special motion standing in their names:

"1. In view of the Ministry of Defence decision to absorb the 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment into the 4th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, it is requested the Council transfer the grant of 'Freedom of Entry' to the 4th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment. The 10th Battalion received their grant on 11th May 1983.

2. The 4th Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, will be retaining their name on becoming part of the London Regiment, the change they seek is to be re-titled 4th Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets of the London Regiment.

Under Council procedure rule 15 (e)(vi), Councillor Burke also moved, seconded by Councillor Cowan, an amendment to delete the wording of paragraph 2 of the motion and replace with:

- “2. The Royal Green Jackets have retained their name on becoming part of the London Regiment. The change they seek is to be re-titled The Royal Green Jackets (F Company) The London Regiment.”

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** unanimously.

Councillor Burke made a speech on the substantive motion (as amended) before it was put to the vote:

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.25pm – **RESOLVED**

1. In view of the Ministry of Defence decision to absorb the 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment into the 4th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, the Council agrees to transfer the grant of ‘Freedom of Entry’ to the 4th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment. The 10th Battalion received their grant on 11th May 1983.

2. The Royal Green Jackets have retained their name on becoming part of the London Regiment. The change they seek is to be re-titled The Royal Green Jackets (F Company) The London Regiment.

7.26pm – **Special Motion No.2 – Council Appointments to Outside Organisations 2005/06 – London Housing Unit Committee**

Councillor Aherne moved, seconded by Councillor Evans, the special motion standing in their names:

- “That Councillor Dame Sally Powell replace Councillor Stephen Burke on the London Housing Unit Committee.”

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Botterill, an amendment to the motion to add the words:

- “...and following the sad death of Councillor Caroline Donald, that Councillor Antony Lillis be appointed to the Planning Applications Committee.”

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** unanimously.

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

FOR – Unanimous
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

7.27pm – **RESOLVED**

That Councillor Dame Sally Powell replace Councillor Stephen Burke on the London Housing Unit Committee, and following the sad death of Councillor Caroline Donald, that Councillor Antony Lillis be appointed to the Planning Applications Committee.

7.28pm – **Special Motion No.3 – Recycling**

Councillor Jones moved, seconded by Councillor Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names:

“In light of its recent success in increasing the percentage of recycling from 9% to 19% of household waste collected in the Borough, as outlined in recent performance figures from the Direct Services Department, this Council resolves to further increase recycling to meet and/or exceed the Government’s target of 24%. As one of the best performing Councils in London, this will be achieved via a series of new initiatives under the Smarter Borough scheme, including a new streamlined collection rota, new recycling drop facilities on estates and continued educational projects with schools and community groups.”

Councillor Jones (for the Administration) made a speech on the motion.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Stainton, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “In light of....” and replace with:

“...the welcome increase in recycling rates from 9.16% (02/03), 14.40% (03/04) to 18.62% (04/05 as per performance indicators supplied to ERSP 14/6/05), this Council notes that a further rise of over 5% will be required to achieve the Government’s target of 24%.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Botterill, Stainton, Cartwright and Cowan before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR – 11
AGAINST – 22
ABSTENTIONS – 0

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

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

FOR – 22
AGAINST – 0
ABSTENTIONS – 11

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

7.45pm – **RESOLVED**

In light of its recent success in increasing the percentage of recycling from 9% to 19% of household waste collected in the Borough, as outlined in recent performance figures from the Direct Services Department, this Council resolves to further increase recycling to meet and/or exceed the Government's target of 24%. As one of the best performing Councils in London, this will be achieved via a series of new initiatives under the Smarter Borough scheme, including a new streamlined collection rota, new recycling drop facilities on estates, and continued educational projects with schools and community groups.

7.46pm – **Special Motion No.4 – Congestion Charge Zone Extension**

Councillor Cartwright moved, seconded by Councillor Harcourt, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that in the current consultation on the westward extension to the congestion charge zone, the Mayor has accepted most of the points we made in response to his previous consultations, particularly the exclusion of parts of College Park and Old Oak Ward. However, we do not agree that Edwards Woods Estate remains within the proposed extension, and therefore this Council remains opposed to the westward extension of the congestion charge zone.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Cartwright and Harcourt.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Stainton, and amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council...” and replace with:

“...believes that the proposed extension of the Congestion Charge (whatever amendments) will lead to:

- an intolerable increase in road congestion and a concomitant surge in the levels of harmful pollutants in the Borough as traffic will seek to divert from the extended zone;
- economic degeneration and blight on a massive scale, including a threat to the future viability of the new White City development; and
- a marked deterioration in the quality of life for almost all Borough residents.

In light of these horrendous consequences, this Council will redouble its efforts to oppose this ill-thought out scheme.”

Speeches on the amendment to the motion were made by Councillors Botterill, Cowan, and Coughlan, before it was put to the vote:

FOR – 11
AGAINST – 22
ABSTENTIONS - 0

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

The substantive motion was then put to the vote:

FOR – 22
AGAINST – 11
ABSTENTIONS - 0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

8.09pm – **RESOLVED**

This Council notes that in the current consultation on the westward extension to the congestion charge zone, the Mayor has accepted most of the points we made in response to his previous consultations, particularly the exclusion of parts of College Park and Old Oak Ward. However, we do not agree that Edwards Woods Estate remains within the proposed extension, and therefore this Council remains opposed to the westward extension of the congestion charge zone.

8.10pm – **Special Motion No.5 – Imperial Wharf**

Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor Bethell, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that planning permission has been granted for further development on the Imperial Wharf site without any guarantee that a new railway station will be built. The Council should stop the tide of concrete sweeping across Sands End and focus on ensuring an adequate public transport infrastructure.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Stainton, Bethell and Karmel.

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

“...the progress being made in developing a former polluted brownfield site into a high-quality mixed-use development, including 1665 dwellings in mixed tenure, shops, restaurants, hotel, a new riverside park, opening up further stretch of Thames walk,

together with transport improvements including a new station, Imperial Wharf Fulham, on the West London line.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Cartwright, Jones, Bird and Stainton before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR – 23
AGAINST – 12
ABSTENTION – 0

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

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

FOR – 23
AGAINST – 12
ABSTENTIONS – 0

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED**

8.38pm – **RESOLVED**

This Council notes the progress being made in developing a former polluted brownfield site into a high-quality mixed-use development, including 1665 dwellings in mixed tenure, shops, restaurants, hotel, a new riverside park, opening up further stretch of Thames walk, together with transport improvements including a new station, Imperial Wharf Fulham, on the West London line.

21. INFORMATION REPORTS

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

22. TRIBUTE TO DIRECTOR OF POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

Noted fulsome speeches by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Burke, and the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, in tribute to Henry Peterson, Director of Policy & Administration, who was retiring after 30 years of service with the Council. Both thanked Mr.Peterson for all his hard work, dedication and service to the Council over the years, and wished him the very best in his retirement.

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

Meeting ended: 8.43p.m. - Wednesday, 29 June 2005