

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2012



## PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Belinda Donovan  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton

### Councillors:

Michael Adam	Oliver Craig	Donald Johnson
Colin Aherne	Tom Crofts	Andrew Jones
Adronie Alford	Ali De-Lisle	Alex Karmel
Helen Binmore	Charlie Dewhirst	Mark Loveday
Nicholas Botterill	Gavin Donovan	PJ Murphy
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Rachel Ford	Caroline Needham
Daryl Brown	Marcus Ginn	Harry Phibbs
Jean Campbell	Peter Graham	Sally Powell
Joe Carlebach	Stephen Greenhalgh	Greg Smith
Michael Cartwright	Steve Hamilton	Matt Thorley
Alex Chalk	Wesley Harcourt	Mercy Umeh
Elaine Chumnerly	Lisa Homan	Rory Vaughan
Georgie Cooney	Robert Iggulden	
Stephen Cowan	Andrew Johnson	

### **1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2012/13**

7.00 pm – Councillor Frances Stainton, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Mark Loveday, proposed, seconded by Councillor Alex Karmel, that Councillor Belinda Donovan be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

There being no further nominations, the proposal was formally put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

Councillor Belinda Donovan was duly declared Mayor of the Borough for the 2012/13 Municipal Year, following which she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Under Standing Order 21 (d), the Mayor suspended the meeting while she put on the Mayor's robes.

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

(The meeting was adjourned until 7.10pm)

The Mayor announced that she had decided to appoint Mr David Brough, Mr Charles Forsyth and Mr Andrew MacDonald as her consorts for the 2012/13 Municipal Year. The Mayor then announced that she had appointed Councillor Frances Stainton as Deputy Mayor for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, moved that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Frances Stainton in recognition of her service to the Council in undertaking the office of Mayor, and in carrying out other associated civic duties as a Councillor, which was unanimously agreed.

The Leader made a speech about the excellent work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken during her term of office. Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, also thanked the outgoing Mayor for her work. Councillor Frances Stainton accepted her badge and made a brief speech. The Deputy Mayor had chosen Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith to be her deputy Mayoress.

A vote of thanks was given to the past Consorts Mr William Proger and Comte Edouard de Guitaut and past Mayoress Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out her civic functions. Mr William Proger, Comte Edouard de Guitaut and Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith then came forward to receive their respective badges.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 2012 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Iain Coleman, Councillor Lucy Ivimy, Councillor Jane Law and Councillor Peter Tobias.

Under Standing Order 15 (e) (ix), Councillor Michael Cartwright moved that the meeting now be adjourned, due to the High Court judgement relating to the Shepherds Bush Market SPD. It was advised that the reason for adjourning the meeting was inappropriate. Under Standing Order 15 (e) (viii), Councillor Alex Karmel moved that the question now be put. The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	13
AGAINST	28
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **LOST.**

**4. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)**

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

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

7.36 pm - The Mayor advised Councillors that, in relation to agenda item 6.3 – Councillors' Allowances Scheme, the Standards Board had advised that it was necessary for all Councillors to declare their allowances as personal interests under the Code of Conduct. In order to manage this with the minimum of disruption, all Councillors present in the Chamber would be deemed as having declared a personal interest in this item (unless the Councillor objects), and this fact would be duly noted and recorded in the Minutes.

This was agreed unanimously.

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Party Appointments for 2012/13 Municipal Year

7.37pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2012/13 was noted.

**7. SPECIAL MOTION 1 - APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER**

7.38pm Under Standing Order 15(e) iii, the Mayor agreed that Special Motion 7.1 Appointment of the Leader take precedence on the agenda and be considered. This was agreed.

Councillor Greg Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Nicholas Botterill as the Leader of the Council".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated Councillor Nicholas Botterill on his election as the Leader of the Council for the next four years. The Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill addressed the Council. Councillor Stephen Cowan made a speech on behalf of the Opposition.

7.44pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Nicholas Botterill as the Leader of the Council.

## **8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1 Annual Review and Adoption of the Council's Constitution**

7.45pm - The report of the Monitoring Officer on the Council's Constitution was moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Andrew Jones, Colin Aherne and Stephen Cowan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration).

The Monitoring Officer's report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	28
AGAINST	13
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.54pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the updates, amendments and corrections proposed to the Council Constitution, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed; and
- (2) That, subject to agreement of the above, the Council's Constitution be re-approved and re-adopted for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

### **8.2 Councillors' Allowances Scheme**

7.55pm - The report and recommendation was formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	28
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	13

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

7.57pm **RESOLVED:**

That the update to the Councillors' Allowance Scheme 2012/13 as set out in the report be noted.

### 8.3 Petitions: Annual Report 2011/12

7.58pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

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

7.58pm **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Council continue to operate the Petitions Scheme as outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report be agreed;
- (2) That the operation of the Council's Petitions Scheme be noted.

## 9. **SPECIAL MOTIONS**

### 9.1 Special Motion 2 - Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members and their Respective Portfolios

7.59pm – Councillor Nicholas Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Alex Karmel, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council notes the following appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and their respective portfolios."

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.59pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes the following appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and their respective portfolios.

LEADER  
(+REGENERATION, ASSET MANAGEMENT  
AND IT\*) Councillor Nicholas Botterill

DEPUTY LEADER  
(+ RESIDENTS SERVICES\*\*) Councillor Greg Smith

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES Councillor Helen Binmore

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(+CHIEF WHIP) Councillor Mark Loveday

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY CARE Councillor Marcus Ginn

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING Councillor Andrew Johnson

CABINET MEMBER FOR  
TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES\*\*\* Councillor Victoria  
Brocklebank-Fowler

\* Includes Economic Development

\*\* Includes Licensing and Public Protection and Safety.

\*\*\* Includes Planning.

The following Cabinet Assistants Members were also appointed:-

Councillor Harry Phibbs (Communications)  
Councillor Belinda Donovan (Crime  
Councillor Georgie Cooney (Education)  
Councillor Adronie Alford (Housing)  
Councillor Frances Stainton (Parks)  
Councillor Ali de Lisle (Street Scene)

9.2 Special Motion 3 - Appointment of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and Other Committees 2012/13

8.00pm – Councillor Nicholas Botterill moved, seconded by Councillor Greg Smith, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees the appointments of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2012/13, as set out in the motion.

This Council also notes their respective Portfolios / Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution."

Under Standing Order 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Nicholas Botterill moved an amendment to the special motion to appoint Councillor Helen Binmore to the Fostering Panel and Councillor Georgie Cooney to the Corporate Parenting Board.

The motion as amended was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

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

8.00pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees the appointments of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2012/13, as set out in the motion, as amended, and also notes their respective Portfolios/Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

9.3 Special Motion 4 - Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations 2012/13

8.01pm - Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Alex Karmel, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2012/13, as set out in Appendix 1".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

8.01pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2012/13, as set out in the Appendix of the report.

9.4 Special Motion 5 - Council Calendar 2012/13 and 2013/14

8.02pm - Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnson, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar, attached as Appendix 1".



The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	unanimous
AGAINST	0
NOT VOTING	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

8.02pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar, attached as an Appendix 1 to the motion.

## **10. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE**

### 10.1 To Receive the Leader's Annual Report (Oral)

The Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill, made a speech earlier on during the meeting.

### 10.2 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12

8.03pm - The Council received the Annual Scrutiny report of the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Select Committees and Scrutiny Task Groups during the course of the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

8.03pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report be received.

### 10.3 Summary of Attendance at Principal Committee Meetings of the Council in 2011/12

8.03pm - The summary report of Members' attendance at principal committee meetings of the Council in 2011/12 was duly noted.

### 10.4 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

8.03pm - The report was noted.

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

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 8.03 pm

Mayor .....

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. On 20<sup>th</sup> March, I attended the 'Music at the Heart of Fulham event', St John's Church, Walham Green Fulham, SW6
2. On 21<sup>st</sup> March, I was delighted to attend and officially start the H&F Mini Marathon Trial Race, Fulham Football Club, SW6
3. On 21<sup>st</sup> March, I hosted and presented with Mrs Sandy Cahill, Deputy Lieutenant, to H&F Cadets' Award Ceremony, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
4. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, I attended the opening of the St Andrew's Star Centre, St Andrews Fulham Fields, W14
5. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, I attended the opening of the New East Wing Extension of the Maidstone Museum and Bently Art Gallery, Maidstone Kent
6. On 24<sup>th</sup> March, I attended with Councillor Julie Mills, Mayor of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, the 4<sup>th</sup> Para Freedom of the Borough Ceremony, Parade and Dinner reception, Liverpool Town Hall, Liverpool
7. On 25<sup>th</sup> March, accompanied by my Consort, I attended the London Mayor's Charity Walk from Whittington Hospital in Highgate to the Mansion House, EC4
8. On 27<sup>th</sup> March, I was honoured to speak and officially unveil a commemorative plaque in memory of Marine Sam Alexander MC. Sam grew up and went to school in the borough. The ceremony conducted by the Rev Simon Downham was attended by members of Sam's unit, 42 Commando. The H&F Deputy Lieutenant was in attendance. Hammersmith Bridge, W6
9. On 28<sup>th</sup> March, accompanied by my Consort, I was delighted to host a Charity concert and tour of Fulham Palace and Bishops Park, SW6 in Aid of Walking With The Wounded.
10. On 29<sup>th</sup> March, accompanied by my Consort, I attended Her Majesty The Queen, Diamond Jubilee North London Lunch, which HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, H&F Deputy Lieutenant and representatives from the H&F community were in attendance. Waltham Forest Town Hall, Walthamstow E17
11. On 30<sup>th</sup> March, I attended and presented medals to the winners and runners up in the H&F Mayor's Football Cup Competition, Ravenscourt Park, W6
12. On 30<sup>th</sup> March, I attended and spoke at the Brain of the Year awards evening, The Simpsons, Strand, WC2
13. on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, I was delighted to greet Mr Akira Kobayashi, Deputy Director General, City Bureau of the Land and Ministry of Japan, to the H&F Japanese Garden, Hammersmith Park, W12

14. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, I attended the dinner for Perspective Ukraine Foundation evening, Great Hall, One George Street, SW1
15. On 7<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth charity Boat Race event onboard the Golden Salamander, Putney Pier SW15
16. On 8<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Friends of Normand Park Easter Event, Normand Park, SW6
17. On 13<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Redbridge Charity Race Night, Coral Romford Stadium, Romford
18. On 16<sup>th</sup> April, I attended a photo call and welcomed a charity runner, Mr Mike Chandler, the Royal Mail Postman who raised £20,000 for the Haven, Effie Road, SW6
19. On 16<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the GLL Sport Foundation evening, BT Tower
20. On 16<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the German Ambassadors 'Talk with Musical Illustrations' event, Belgrave Square SW1
21. On 18<sup>th</sup> April, I officially spoke at the opening of the new Waitrose Parsons Green Store, cutting their splendid ribbon, Parsons Green, SW6
22. On 18<sup>th</sup> April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the UK China and Culture Association celebration of 100 Day countdown to the 2012 Olympics, High Holborn WC1V
23. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Merton's Charity Tour of the All England And Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon
24. On 21<sup>st</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Barnet's Charity Dinner, Emerald Suite North London Business Park, Barnet
25. On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, I attended, spoke and presented the H&F RFC Awards, Hurlingham Park, SW6
26. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, I attended the Central Criminal Court reception, Warwick Square, London EC4M
27. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth's Ceremony of the Keys Dinner evening, Tower of London
28. On 26<sup>th</sup> April, I was delighted to attend a reception in honour of the new High Commissioner of India, HE Dr Jaimini Bhagwati, The Bhavan Centre, London W14
29. On 27<sup>th</sup> April, I attended with the Lady Mayor of London together with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Helen Binmore, a tour of Ark Conway Primary School, Hemlock Road W12 OQT

30. On 28<sup>th</sup> April, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich Annual Civic Dinner, Officers Mess, Woolwich Barracks SE18
31. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, I attended the Mayor of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Presentation Evening, Kensington Town Hall, W8
32. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the annual mass church service for Migrants, Westminster Cathedral, SW1
33. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Diamond Jubilee Pageant horse show and Dinner reception, Windsor Great Park, Windsor Castle
34. On 12 May, I attended an Open Day event at St Saviour Church, Cobbold Road W12
35. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Alzheimers Society Saturday Café tea party, Queen Caroline Street, W6
36. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, I attended a reception held at the BT Tower, WC1 in aid of the Mayor of Camden's chosen charity, Action on Hearing Loss
37. On 13<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Bahai Community and Performance day, Fulham Palace, SW6
38. On 14<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the CF Appointments Ltd, Annual Lecture, Drapers Hall
39. On 16<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the London City Mission Annual Gathering, Mansion House, EC4
40. On 16<sup>th</sup> May, accompanied by my Mayoress, and both Consorts, I was delighted to host and speak at my Charity Fundraising reception, hosted by Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Cholmondeley Rooms, House of Lords, SW1
41. On 17<sup>th</sup> May, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, I attended the Diamond Jubilee Pageant meeting, The Old Library, The Guildhall, EC2V
42. On 17<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Mayor of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Business reception, Leighton House, W14
43. On 19<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Mayor of Southwark's Charity Ball and Dinner, The Great Halls, Vinopolis, SE1
44. On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, I attended The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's 'Cultural Place-making' evening, The Louise T Blouin Foundation, 3 Olaf Street, W11
45. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, I attended St George PLC 'Ground Breaking' event, Fulham Reach, Distillery Road, W6

46. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, I attended the Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital Road, SW3
47. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, I attended the Britain Australia reception, House of Lords, SW1
48. On 24<sup>th</sup> May, I was interviewed for ITV London News, focussing on the restored Edwardian Beach which is the only metropolitan beach in London. This is all part of the restoration and regeneration of Bishops Park, Bishops Park, SW6
49. On 24<sup>th</sup> May, I attended a reception at The Royal College of Surgeons, Lincolns Inn Fields
50. On 25<sup>th</sup> May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the London Oratory School Church Service, Oratory Church, Brompton Road
51. On 25<sup>th</sup> May, I attended the Girl Guides Opening Ceremony, Paddington Recreation Ground, W9
52. On 26<sup>th</sup> May, I officially opened and cut the ribbon at St Michael's Centre Youth Club, Townmead Road, SW6
53. On 27<sup>th</sup> May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I was delighted to speak and open the Walled Garden, Fulham Palace, SW6
54. On 28<sup>th</sup> May I was delighted to speak and take part in the opening of Bishops Park which was attended by The Rt Rev, The Rt Hon Richard Chartres, Bishop of London and Wesley Kerr, Head of the London Heritage Lottery Fund and the outgoing and incoming Leader of the Council.
55. On 29<sup>th</sup> May, I was delighted to present the first winners of my 'Mayor's Unsung Hero and Heroines' Awards to the Virtual School for Looked After Children Team for the group award and to Bridget Steenkamp for the individual award. Bridget is a Community Worker/Normand Park volunteer. The awards were held in the Mayor's Parlour, W6 9JU