

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2009**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Eleftherios Savva (Mayor), Pamela Adams (Deputy Mayor), Kate Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Alan Barker, John Boast, Yasemin Brett, Kris Brown, Jayne Buckland, Lee Chamberlain, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Adrian Croshaw, Dogan Delman, Tony Dey, Annette Dreblow, Christiana During, Peter Fallart, Norman Ford, Achilleas Georgiou, Vivien Giladi, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ruth Hones, Ertan Hurer, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Matthew Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Bernadette Lappage, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Kieran McGregor, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Henry Pipe, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Jeff Rodin, Michael Rye, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince and Ann Zinkin

ABSENT Chris Bond, Bambos Charalambous, Denise Headley and Kate Wilkinson

**1
MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING**

The Mayor's Chaplain The Reverend Stephen Leader gave a blessing on the Council.

**2
CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Hurer moved and Councillor Rye seconded a motion to change the order of business on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-5) of the Council's Procedure Rules to enable the meeting to take the motion in the name of Councillor Rodin (agenda item 10) as the next item of business. This was agreed by the meeting.

**3
MOTIONS**

Councillor Rodin moved and Councillor Constantinides seconded the following motion:

"This Council is aware of the financial difficulties being faced by many Enfield residents in the current economic situation. It recognises that its decision to increase the Council Tax for 2009/10 was unwelcome. It is also aware that the Council has substantial financial reserves. It therefore resolves: -

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1. to change its decision taken at the Council meeting on 25 February to increase the Council Tax for 2009/10 and instead to set a Council Tax for 2009/10 at the same level as that for 2008/9
2. to declare its intention to set the Enfield element of the Council Tax for 2010/11 at the same level as the Council Tax for 2008/9.”

Councillor Rodin confirmed his view that it was unfortunate that this motion had not been debated at the last meeting because of the approach taken by the Majority Group. He felt that it was important for Council to consider and vote on this matter. As this was the Annual Meeting and the subject matter of the motion had been debated previously, he intended to formally move the motion without entering into a debate.

Councillor Rye responded on behalf of the Majority Group, confirming that this proposal had been debated twice as Opposition Business and at the budget Council meeting.

The motion was then put to the vote and lost with the following result:

For: 24
Against: 30
Abstained: 1

4 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Rye, seconded by Councillor Rodin:
“That Councillor Eleftherios Savva be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.”

On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously and Councillor Eleftherios Savva was duly elected Mayor.

RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor E Savva then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Chamberlain.

The Mayor left the chamber to be robed and then returned to the meeting.

5 MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Mayor made the following acceptance speech:

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“Honoured and distinguished guests, friends, colleagues, fellow councillors I would like to welcome you and to thank you all for showing your support by being here today.

I would like to thank Councillors on both sides of the chamber for supporting the nomination in electing me to serve as Mayor for the forthcoming year. I will endeavour to carry out my duties with dignity and to the high standards set by my predecessors. I would particularly like to thank both Mike and Jeff for the very kind words of introduction.

My thanks to Lee and Marcia Chamberlain for their work during the year. For Lee’s support during the twinning with Halandri and Sariyer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the late Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Jackson who was my mentor throughout my political career, as he is greatly missed. My gratitude also to Councillor Terence Neville for all his mentoring and support during my time on the various committees.

So who am I? I am a foster carer and I truly believe in helping and guiding young people to develop their skills for life. This is why I have decided that my charity for this year will raise funds to assist children and young people within the community of Enfield. I hope that you will all support my fund raising efforts.

I have lived in Enfield for over 30 years. I am married to Androulla and we have a daughter and a grandson. As we foster children our house is always a full house.

In 2002 I was elected as a councillor for the Bush Hill Park Ward. One of my first experiences during my period of canvassing was when I knocked on a door which a typically alpha-male Greek opened, with one look at my rosette and a distinctive angry pointed finger, he said “I’m not voting for you Tories”.

So I said ok and thanked the man for this and politely noted that there were 6 people in the house eligible to vote and he said yes we voted for Savva. So I thanked him for the 6 votes and promptly moved on.

I would like to finish off by saying that as a new councillor, on entering the Civic Centre dressed in jeans and a t-shirt Councillor Tony Dey saw me and said “you are a Conservative councillor now and your need to be appropriately dressed” So I apologised and followed his example and wore a suit and tie for my next visit to the Civic Centre. Who do I see in front of me the very next day but Tony Dey in jeans and a t-shirt – that proved to me that we were a big happy family.

I am looking forward to my year in office and having the opportunity to visit as many organisations, charities and local groups that work tirelessly on behalf of those less fortunate than ourselves.

To conclude, I must not forget to thank Androulla my wife for all her support and hard work which has enabled me to carry out my duties as a councillor and now as the Mayor. I look forward to my year in office, and I hope that I can follow in the footsteps of my predecessors.

My thanks to my daughter and grandson Charlie who have flown in for the day to witness this event. And to representatives from Courbevoie Madame Renaud and Monsieur Desesmaison, who have joined us tonight.

I am proud to serve, protect and celebrate all that is good in Enfield and ensure the borough is promoted to the best of my ability.”

**6
APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mrs Androulla Savva, as the Mayoress for the Municipal Year 2009/2010. He invested Mrs Savva with her badge of office.

**7
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of Councillor Pamela Adams to be the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010. The Deputy Mayor then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested by the Mayor with her badge of office. Councillor Adams then made a speech of thanks.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORESS**

The Deputy Mayor then announced the appointment of Mrs Pat Dawson, as the Deputy Mayoress for the Municipal Year 2009/2010. She invested Mrs Dawson with her badge of office.

**9
ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Lavender proposed Councillor Rye for the post of Leader of the Council. Councillor Hurer seconded this. There were no other nominations for the post of Leader. The nomination was agreed.

The Mayor then asked for nominations for the post of Deputy Leader of the Council.

Councillor Rye proposed Councillor Lavender for the post of Deputy Leader of the Council. Councillor Hurer seconded this. There were no other nominations for the post of Deputy Leader. The nomination was agreed.

AGREED that Councillor Rye be appointed Leader of the Council and Councillor Lavender the Deputy Leader.

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS' BADGES

The Mayor presented past Mayor's and Mayoress' badges and certificates recording the Council's appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Lee Chamberlain and Mayoress Marcia Chamberlain.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the contribution they had made as Mayor and Mayoress during the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

The Leader of each Group was presented with a small token of appreciation.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcement:

"I am delighted to tell you that Sylvia Chapman, one of our social workers who is in the disabilities team, has been nominated to go head to head with some of the best council workers in the country, to win the coveted prize of Council Worker of the Year! Nominated for her exceptional work with visually impaired people she needs as many people to vote for her as possible.

Sylvia, who has worked for the council for 32 years, visits residents, usually over 60 who have been newly registered as disabled, and often these people can be adjusting to losing their sight, which can be extremely upsetting.

She will complete a visual assessment which will help the person come to terms with their situation, and how they can best be helped come to terms with the changes they are going through. The loss of sight can hit people extremely hard, and many grieve for the things they can no longer do.

She richly deserves this award and the more people we can get to vote for this deserving lady the better.

To vote for Sylvia you need to go to www.localgovernmentchannel.com/awards .

If you need to find out more please contact Suzanne in the council press office."

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MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 April 2009 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Minute No. 116 (5) – correct spelling of chord.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bond, Charalambous, Headley and Wilkinson.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations in respect of the items on the agenda.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

1. Urgent Questions (Part 4 - Paragraph 9.2. (b) of Constitution – Page 4-9)
None received.
2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

- i. The six questions, on the Council's agenda, which received a written reply by the relevant Cabinet Member.
- ii. The following supplementary question received for the question indicated below:

Question 1 from Councillor Rodin to Councillor Lavender, Deputy Leader of the Council/ Sustainable Communities & Employment & Place Shaping:

“Will Councillor Lavender agree with me that both sides of this Council should unite to ensure that North London Waste looks elsewhere for a new waste facility?”

Reply from Councillor Lavender:

“I agree that we should be united to prevent needless waste uses being located in this borough.”

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URGENT DECISIONS REQUIRING THE WAIVING OF THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE (PART 4.2 – PARAGRAPH 17.3 – PAGE 4-34)**

NOTED the urgent decisions below taken in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure (Paragraph 17.3 – relating to the waiving of the requirement to allow a 5-day call-in period):

1. Reorganisation of the Environmental Crime, Environmental Health and Trading Standards Licensing Services within the Environmental Protection and Regulation Division.
2. High Court Judgement on Judicial Review of Chase Farm Hospital

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Councillor Hurer moved and Councillor Rye seconded report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.1), asking the Council to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that have been set up for the discharge of the Council's functions.

AGREED

1. that the seats allocated to each political party, on the committees and boards to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply, be as set out in Appendix A of the report.
2. in accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the report, Council resolved without dissent that the rules of political proportionality should not apply to the bodies listed below:
 - a. Health Care for London Joint Scrutiny Committee
 - b. Standards Committee
 - c. Twinning Working Party
 - d. Conservation Advisory Group
 - e. Green Belt Forum
 - f. Learning Difficulties Partnership Board
 - g. Parents Forum
 - h. Secondary Tuition Centre
 - i. Schools Forum
 - j. Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
 - k. Adoption Panel
 - l. Fostering Panel
 - m. Corporate Parenting Group
 - n. Edmonton District Community Housing Partnership
 - o. Edmonton Partnership Working Group
 - p. Public Transport Consultative Group
 - q. Tenant Participation Working Group

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2009/20010

AGREED

1. the establishment of the Council bodies for the coming Municipal Year and to appoint memberships to these as set out in the list tabled at the meeting.
2. to confirm the terms of reference of those bodies set out in Part 2 (pages 2-27 to 2-70) of the Constitution.

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REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

AGREED the Council's representation on other bodies and organisations as detailed in the list tabled at the meeting.

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

AGREED the Council's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 (pages 3-3 to 3-12) of the Constitution.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

AGREED

1. the calendar of Council meetings, including the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, 1 July 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.
2. that any further changes/additions to the calendar of Council meetings be delegated to the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, in consultation with party groups.

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CALLED IN DECISION

None.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 1 July 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.