

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2010**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT**

Jayne Buckland (Mayor), Christiana During (Deputy Mayor), Kate Anolue, Ali Bakir, Alan Barker, Caitriona Bearryman, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Bambos Charalambous, Yusuf Cicek, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Ingrid Cranfield, Christopher Deacon, Dogan Delman, Marcus East, Patricia Ekechi, Achilleas Georgiou, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ertan Hurer, Tahsin Ibrahim, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Jon Kaye, Joanne Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Simon Maynard, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Michael Rye OBE, Eleftherios Savva, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Ozzie Uzoanya, Glynis Vince, Tom Waterhouse and Lionel Zetter

**ABSENT**

Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Ayfer Orhan, George Savva MBE and Ann Zinkin

**1**

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

The Mayor's Chaplain Ann McNair gave a blessing on the Council and read the following poem:

Poem - Written for the Inauguration of Councillor Jayne Buckland as Mayor of Enfield on 26 May 2010

As each new Mayor of Enfield,  
Is ceremoniously installed,  
They will be touched by the history  
Of this town to which they're called.

Alas it has been chequered,  
Through rich heritage has its place  
And with every generation we have  
New difficult times to face.

The folks here in Enfield  
Had a massive part to play  
When the farmers drove to London  
With fresh produce every day.

When ravaged by the plague  
Just to help keep folks alive,  
And for their pains and selflessness  
So many of them died.

And in more recent times  
When cruelty was at its height  
How people pulled together;  
And still held up the light

So Jayne the task's upon you,  
You are passionate and sincere  
And you'll strive to make things better  
And make your reasons clear.

So all health and strength be yours this day  
In the things you seek to do,  
And that spirit of compassion  
Will work for good in you.

## **2**

### **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Lavender:  
"That Councillor Jayne Buckland be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the Municipal Year 2010/2011."

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

**RESOLVED** accordingly.

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

## **3**

### **MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH**

The Mayor made the following acceptance speech:

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

I am proud and honoured to stand here as the elected Mayor of this great, vibrant and diverse London borough. My fellow councillors bestow a great privilege and responsibility upon me. I express my sincere appreciation to them for placing their trust in me. I take this responsibility and the trust they have shown in me very seriously. I commit to serving the people of Enfield to the best of my abilities with compassion, enthusiasm and energy.

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This speech if anything should be one of thanks. Thanks to you all individually and collectively for enabling me to take this office for a year.

To begin with, thanks to my daughter Isabelle for her support and understanding over the years in my role as Councillor and in my political life. Many thanks go to Democratic services and the invaluable help of the Mayors secretary and the team. Thank you to the chaplains who have agreed to lead prayers in the Mayors Parlour before Council meetings, all are welcome to attend.

I must also thank my political colleagues, for their endless support over the past years and for the help I know that I can rely upon during the coming twelve months. Eight years ago when first elected to this chamber, I did not predict or consider that this day would ever occur.

My family came to live in Enfield in the 1960s; my mother believed Enfield to be an excellent place to raise a family, and my daughter was also born and raised here. I can honestly say that Enfield has given me and my family many opportunities to succeed in life.

Of all the people who have been most inspirational in my life my Mother, is the one. Born ahead of her time she was liberal, a critical thinker and highly intelligent. She did not have the same opportunities as I have had, but she made sure my brother and I had plenty. In my family I was exposed to music, art and literature and I went onto Higher education, the first in my family to do so. My father played professional football after the 2nd world war; my brother and I were coached by him to play cricket and football.

My dad inspired the confidence in me to compete, he treated me as an equal with my brother

My education began at Bush Hill Park Junior School. I went onto Edmonton County School the year it became a comprehensive. Through the inspiration of my English teachers and the complete freedom of my Art teacher, (who mostly hid in a cupboard to get away from us!) creative writing and art became my life.

During the early eighties - the punk era, I went onto have a very interesting and creative time at Gloucestershire College of Art and Design and I returned to live in Enfield and worked as a Fashion designer in the West end of London

Becoming a parent is a life changing experience and when my daughter was born I decided to go back to study at Middlesex University where I was inspired by a group of Marxist writers. The light bulb went on and I was introduced to a different way of thinking. I went on to achieve a Masters degree in filmmaking and a career in teaching. Contact with local politicians inspired me to get things changed. In 2002 I was elected as a Labour Councillor in the Jubilee ward. In my capacity as an opposition Councillor I have been committed to working to improve the lives of residents in the Borough.

Likewise, I will use this time of Mayor and my charity to support and celebrate the hard working unsung heroes of the Voluntary sector. Those organisations that work with the elderly, the vulnerable and underprivileged. The Carers in our community, not forgetting the Young Carers who have to look after a parent or relative. I pledge to give them my support.

Using the platform of Mayor I will support the Arts in the borough. There are so many talented artists, craft practitioners, musicians, poets and writers in Enfield, from a diversity of cultures. . 1. Art crosses barriers and brings communities together, promotes a different way of thinking and understanding. Brings purpose, self-development and well being, releasing human potential. People can gain skills and earn a living through creative enterprise. 2 The arts can also enrich our living environment and improve economic sustainability through business .Creativity is the glue to Community cohesion. During my Mayoral year I intend to celebrate and encourage the Arts and cultural diversity in Enfield.

In Ancient China candidates chosen to the town administration were to pass an examination in aesthetics and display their love and understanding of art. Only then could they become high-officials. It has been said before; a society that values art and its artists is a civilized society.

In my work as a mayor I pledge to adhere to the Constitution and the universal principle of equality, to represent all residents of the Borough, irrespective of their economic, political or social status.

Finally I would like to thank all Councillors for putting their trust in me to represent the Council in the Community over the coming year. I am proud of your trust, and I will justify it to the best of my competence and knowledge. Thank you.”

#### **4 APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Miss Isabelle Buckland, as the Mayoress for the Municipal Year 2010/2011. She invested Ms Buckland with her badge of office.

#### **5 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of Councillor Christiana During to be the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011. 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 During then made a speech of thanks.

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ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Georgiou proposed Councillor Taylor for the post of Leader of the Council for a four year term of office. Councillor Brett seconded this. There were no other nominations for the post of Leader. The nomination was agreed.

AGREED that Councillor Taylor be appointed Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

Councillor Taylor thanked the Council for electing him to the position of Leader of the Council. Councillor Taylor acknowledged the work of the last Leader of the Labour Group and former Leader of the Council Jeff Rodin for the contribution he had made to the Council. He also highlighted the contribution of Councillor Rye for his commitment to the Council and the people of Enfield.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET**

Councillor Taylor confirmed the appointments set out below:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Public & Service Delivery – Councillor Georgiou

Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion & Capacity Building in the Third Sector - Councillor Anwar

Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services – Councillor Orhan

Cabinet Member for Environment , Street Scene & Parks – Councillor Bond

Cabinet Member for Finance, Facilities & Human Resources – Councillor Stafford

Cabinet Member for Housing & Area Improvements – Councillor Oykenner

Cabinet Member for Older People & Adult Social Services – Councillor McGowan

Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Improving Localities – Councillor Goddard

Cabinet Member for Young People, Culture, Leisure, Sports & Olympics – Councillor Charalambous

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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 Eleftherios Savva and Mayoress Androulla Savva.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the contribution they had made as Mayor and Mayoress during the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

The Leader of both Groups were presented with a small token of appreciation.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The Mayor had no announcements.

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**MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 31 March 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anwar, Orhan, G Savva and Zinkin.

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**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members had no declarations of interest in respect of the items on the agenda.

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**STATUTORY DUTY TO IMPLEMENT A PETITIONS SCHEME UNDER THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ACT 2009**

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Brett seconded report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 2) outlining the requirements of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 ('the Act') which introduces a new mandatory duty upon the Council to implement and publish a Petitions Scheme with effect from 15th June 2010.

AGREED

1. the timeframe of 10 working days for responding to any compliant petition setting out what action the Council proposes to take.
2. that the specified number of signatures (2,750 or 1% for a petition to Council and 1375 or 0.5% for officers to be called to account at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee). These figures being based on the estimate of the local population for 2010/11. These thresholds to be kept under review by the Governance Review Group.
3. that the Council publish the Scheme on its website and by other appropriate means for bringing it to the attention of those who live, work study or do business in the Borough as detailed in the report.
4. that the Chief Executive, Directors and Assistant Directors of the Council may be called to give evidence before a relevant Overview and Scrutiny meeting.

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**COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

None received.

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**MOTIONS**

None received.

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**MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Lamprecht seconded report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.3 ), 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. Standards Committee
  - b. Learning Difficulties Partnership Board

- c. Secondary Tuition Centre
- d. Schools Forum
- e. Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
- f. Adoption Panel
- g. Fostering Panel
- h. Corporate Parenting Group

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**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2010/11**

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Waterhouse seconded the establishment of the Council bodies for the coming Municipal Year.

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 subject to the amendment below:

Place Shaping and Enterprise Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Lavender to replace Councillor Neville.

2. to confirm the terms of reference of those bodies set out in Part 2 (pages 2-27 to 2-68) of the Constitution.

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**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Lamprecht seconded the proposed representation on other bodies and organisations for the coming Municipal Year.

AGREED the Council's representation on other bodies and organisations as detailed in the list tabled at the meeting subject to the amendments below:

1. Community Business Enfield – Councillor Bakir
2. Lee Valley Regional Park Authority – Councillor Rye 30.6.13 and Councillor Taylor (Deputy) 30.6.13

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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, 30 June 2010 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 DECISIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 30 June 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.