

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2006**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Pamela Adams, Christopher Andrew, Kate Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, John Boast, Yasemin Brett, Jayne Buckland, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Don Delman, Tony Dey, Annette Dreblow, John Egan K.S.G, Peter Fallart, Norman Ford, Achilleas Georgiou, Vivien Giladi, Del Goddard, Ahmet Hasan, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Penny Heathwood, John Jackson, Eric Jukes, Matthew Laban, Michael Lavender, Paul McCannah, Joanne McCartney, Terence Neville, Ahmet Oykener, Anne-Marie Pearce, Martin Prescott, Bill Price (Mayor), Irene Richards, Jeff Rodin, Michael Rye, Hyacinth Sandilands, Eleftherios Savva, George Savva, David Schofield, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, James Steven, Glynis Vince, John Wyatt, John Yates and Ann Zinkin

ABSENT

Alan Barker, Chris Bond, David Burrowes MP, Betty Costello, Christiana During, Graham Eustance O.B.E, Jonas Hall, Ertan Hurer, Francis Ingham, Alex Mattingly, Andrew Nicholas, Chris Salako, Andrew Stafford and Doug Taylor

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

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

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council stood to observe a moments silence in memory of Lord Ted Graham's wife Margaret who died recently.

The Mayor then made the following announcements:

1. New Years Day Parade

The Mayor reported that the Parade was extremely well attended, unfortunately we didn't manage to enter a float. It was a long and cold day but very successful.

2. The Advertiser's Pride in Our Community Awards

The Mayor Congratulated the winner and 2 runners up for their achievements

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Runner up – Irene Wilson for persistently campaigning against the proposed downgrading plan of the A & E department at Chase Farm Hospital. She presented her petition to Tony Blair last month.

Runner up – Janet Graham ‘Supergran’ – for her heroic feat chasing after a thief and jumping on his getaway car.

Winner – Joyce Francis who has fostered and brought up dozens of children from troubled backgrounds during the past 18 years.

Over the years Joyce has cared for more than 50 children at her home in Palmers Green

3. Chase Farm Hospital best Christmas decorated ward competition

There was fierce competition for the £2,000 first prize. Staff and nurses in the Maternity ward worked extremely hard months before Christmas, planning the decorations because the financial benefit is going to help tremendously towards the benefit of the patients.

4. Steve Rose

Welcome to our new chauffeur, not only will he act as a chauffer but will be an ideal bodyguard!

5. Mayor’s Charity Ball

The Mayor reminded Members that his ball was to be held on Friday 7th April and excellent entertainment was promised. Tickets were the same price as last year (£40.00).

100 MINUTES

RESOLVED that subject to the inclusion of the apology for absence submitted by Councillor Wyatt, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 December 2005 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

101 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barker, Bond, Burrowes, Costello, During, Eustance, Hall, Hurer, Ingham, Mattingly, Nicholas, Stafford and Taylor. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Andrew, Chamberlain and Neville.

102 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NOTED the following statement read out by the Mayor at the meeting.

“Item 8 (pages 17-30) on the agenda relates to a proposal to serve an Article 4 Direction on identified properties within conservation areas in the Borough. Please also see the tabled amendment sheet (coloured green) that sets out changes to the report agreed at Cabinet on 19 January 2006. Members are advised that if they live or have an interest in premises or land in any of the conservation areas included in the report, as amended by the tabled paper, this is likely to give rise to a personal and prejudicial interest. In such cases, they should declare that interest now and leave the chamber when we reach that item on the agenda.

Recommendations 2.3 and 2.4 refer to delegation to the Planning Committee to consider a final formal decision as to whether the Direction should be made permanent to any of the affected properties – after representations have been received. Members on the Planning Committee who declare interests at this meeting must do likewise when the matter comes before the Planning Committee. The advice of either the Borough Secretary or the Borough Solicitor should be sought at the appropriate time if members are in any doubt.”

Councillors Brett, Goddard, Lavender, Sandilands E Smith and T Smith declared prejudicial interests in relation to item number 8 – Enfield’s Conservation Areas – Proposed Article 4(2) Directions, as they lived or owned property in the conservation areas affected. They left the room during the discussion and vote on this item.

Councillors Buckland, Constantinides, Fallart, Giladi, Hasan, Hayward, Pearce, Prescott, Schofield, Richards, Steven and Wyatt declared prejudicial interests in relation to item number 8 – Enfield’s Conservation Areas – Proposed Article 4(2) Directions, as they were members of the Planning Committee. They left the room during the discussion and vote on this item.

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DESIGNATION OF FOOTWAY HIERACHY**

Councillor E Savva moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (Report No.235) recommending the initial designation of all footways within the Borough in accordance with the Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance.

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed by Cabinet on 14 December 2005.

RESOLVED

1. that the designations for footways identified in the schedules contained within Appendix 1 and 2 of the report be approved.
2. that all other footways not included within the attached schedules be designated Category 3.

3. that a more detailed review of the footway hierarchy is undertaken as part of the Highway Asset Management Planning process.

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ENFIELD'S CONSERVATION AREAS – PROPOSED ARTICLE 4(2) DIRECTIONS

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor E Savva seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (No.264) setting the background to conservation work and outlining the detrimental impact that some small-scale "Permitted Development" works to dwelling houses were having on the Borough's Conservation Areas. See minute 102 for details of Members declaration of interests.

NOTED

1. that the recommendations set out in the report were agreed by Cabinet on 19 January 2006, subject to the amendments to the schedule of affected properties tabled at the meeting.
2. the view expressed by Councillor Constantinides that he did not feel it was appropriate for the Council to debate this issue with Members of the Planning Committee present.

RESOLVED

1. that the dwelling houses listed within Appendix A of the report, be subject to an Article 4(2) Direction under The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, in respect of those Parts/Classes of the Order scheduled against each Conservation Area in Appendix A, removing specific permitted development rights.
2. that the Director of Environment, Street Scene & Parks undertakes the necessary steps to serve an Interim Direction on the properties within the Conservation Areas referred to in Appendix A.
3. that any representations arising from the serving/publication of the Direction, be reported to the Planning Committee, for consideration and a final formal decision as to whether the Direction should be made permanent with regard to any of the affected properties.
4. that Council delegates the authority to Planning Committee to do as mentioned in 2.3 above, in relation to this proposed Direction.
5. that the Conservation Advisory Group is advised when the Direction is made.

Members of the Labour Group abstained from voting on the above resolutions.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

1. Urgent Questions

None received.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. the eight questions, on the Council's agenda, which received a written reply by the relevant Cabinet Member.

2. the following supplementary questions received for the questions indicated below:

Question 2

Councillor Rodin to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene.

"Does he agree with me that he would not wish to see residents of this borough disturbed by refuse crews before 7am and would he join me in congratulating the Labour Boroughs of Bexley and Camden and the Liberal Democrat controlled Council of Sutton for their higher scores in this service area?"

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"Yes, they had more enlightened Labour leaderships, he is failing to recognise that these performance indicators have some drawbacks. In 2002 the residents of the borough knew that Environmental Services was badly managed, facts are facts and your reduced spending on this service was the cause of the poor levels of service. You thought you could patch up the roads in your last year of office, but the residents did not buy it. Your administration was totally different to those in Bexley and Camden and their approach is light years ahead of what you did when you were in power."

Question 4

Councillor Charalambous to Councillor Lavender, Deputy Leader of the Council.

"Can he assure the Council that he will take steps to tackle the high level of agency staffing costs and what is he doing to work with local universities and colleges; and to hire permanent staff to address recruitment difficulties?"

Reply from Councillor Lavender:

"Our aim is not to employ more staff, but we are now in a position to provide more accurate figures which was not possible in the past. I am not convinced that employing agency staff is more expensive, especially when sickness and pension costs are taken into account. By having a level of agency staffing,

this enables the Council to down scale its staffing levels without having to incur redundancy costs. But we do need to recruit permanent staff in certain areas and this is being addressed. On your other point, Human Resources are taking up the University and College issue.”

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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 made 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):

- i. The submission of a funding bid to the London Development Agency’s Opportunities Fund 2006-09 in Respect of Edmonton Green/Angel Edmonton Town Centres.
- ii. Purchase of Supplier Relationship Manager (SRM) Software

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MOTIONS

None received.

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MEMBERSHIPS

RESOLVED to appoint Mrs M Pryce and Mrs F Skuse as Lay Members of the School Appeal Panel.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED to appoint as the Council’s representatives Councillors Vince and a Labour Group Member (name to be notified) to the Advisory Group for Barnet and Enfield Children’s Rights Service (BECRS).

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 22 February 2006 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.