

COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Enfield held at the Civic Centre on

28 SEPTEMBER 2005

MEMBERS: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Bill Price), The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tony Dey).

Councillors Pamela Adams, Christopher Andrew, Catherine Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, Alan Barker BA, John Boast, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Jayne Buckland, David Burrowes LLB, Bambos Charalambous LLB (Hons), Lee Chamberlain, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides BSc (Hons), Betty Costello BA (Hons), MBE, Don Delman, Annette Dreblow JP, Christiana During, John Egan, Graham Eustance OBE, Peter Fallart, Norman Ford, Achilleas Georgiou BA (Hons), Dip Econ, MSc, Vivien Giladi, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Ahmet Hasan, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Penelope Heathwood, Ertan Hurer, Francis Ingham BA (Oxon), John W.E. Jackson JP, Eric Jukes MSc, Matthew Laban MA, Michael Lavender, Alex Mattingly, Joanne McCartney, Paul McCannah BA (Hons), MA, Terence Neville JP, Andrew Nicholas, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Martin Prescott, Irene Richards BA (Hons ARMIT), Jeff Rodin, Michael Rye BA (Hons) PGCE F Coll P, NPQH, Ola Salako, Hyacinth Sandilands, Eleftherious Savva, George Savva MBE, David Schofield, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, Andrew Stafford, James Steven, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, John Wyatt BA (Hons) C Eng, MIEE, John Yates and Ann Zinkin.

Italics denote absence.

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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 Mayor then made the following announcements:

BEATING OF THE RETREAT ON 16TH JULY 2005 AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

On the 16th July Councillor Pamela Adams and I attended the Beating of the Retreat organised by the London District Boys Brigade. It was an honour to represent the borough at this ceremony as four young men received their Queens Awards. This is the highest award that can be given and I congratulate Graham White, Philip Norman, Louis Clarke and Jimmy Leech who are members of the 10th Enfield Boys Brigade based at the Winchmore Hill Baptist Church on their achievement. I would also like to congratulate Martin Legg for the part he played in gaining these awards.

Pam and I managed to gain pole position with a front seat virtually next to the Duchess of Gloucester who presented the awards.

TOWN SHOW

I would like to place on record our thanks to all the Council staff and teams involved with the Town Show and for their splendid displays of the work of the service departments.

Special thanks also to Obique who planned the much-improved layout of the show and for their culinary efforts in preparing the lunch.

LONDON IN BLOOM

On Friday the 23rd September Councillor Pamela Adams and I attended the London in Bloom Awards Presentation at the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea.

I was joined by the new chairman Graham Deal, the acting Enfield in Bloom Co-ordinator Tony Corrigan, along with Steve Grey, the Enfield in Bloom Assistant.

We were joined by Fay and Dennis Lushey who won the prestigious Best London Front Garden for the second year in succession, George and Bianca Galli- Atkinson who won the Cleary Trophy, (Special award for structure planting). We also won the overall silver (2nd place to Bromley)

Anne Tott, who was the Enfield in Bloom Co-ordinator for many years was invited as a VIP by the London in Bloom Committee and was presented on the evening with an achievement award for all her in Bloom work over the years.

Also a special thanks to the Parks Business Team including Sharon Keon and Gillian Pasha who have assisted in the co-ordination of Enfield in Bloom over the last year.

I announce with sadness the deaths of Harry Corpe a past Mayor of LBE in September and Dr. Geoffrey Roberts a Freeman of LBE and former Headmaster of Bishop Stopford School in July.

Would members please stand and observe a minutes silence.

GLADBECK VISIT

Councillors Glynis Vince, George Savva, a council officer and myself visited our Twin Town of Gladbeck on Friday 2nd September until the Sunday. To celebrate their Appleaten Fest, by invitation of Bergermaster Ulrich Rowland.

We arrived at the hotel very late on the Friday at around 11.30 p.m. but were however given a splendid welcome and late dinner.

The following morning we attended the Appletarten Fest in the market place, where the Bergermaster started the Festival by opening the first barrel of beer, which was subsequently poured and passed round to everyone there.

There was an orchestra present playing typical Glen Miller type music and soon had everyone dancing.

We had lunch at the local Sparkasse, which happens to be a bank. It was a massive place with a banqueting suite on the 9th floor. This is where the exchanging of gifts and speeches took place. I did have a rather anxious moment when I thought I'd lost Glynis. She was missing for 20 minutes stuck in a lift, I was rather concerned because she had my chain in her purse.

On the Sunday they crowned the Appletarten Fest Queen for the year

All in all they treated us with tremendous hospitality over the weekend and we must reciprocate that when they visit Enfield.

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 June 2005 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew, Anolue, Buckland, Burrowes, Charalambous, Costello, During, Headley, Hayward, Ingham, McCartney, Pearce, Richards, E Savva, Salako and Schofield.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors G Savva and Oykenner.

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

45 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Geoffrey Mills the Chairman of the Standards Committee introduced the second Annual

Report of the Standards Committee (Report No.151), setting out the key issues dealt with by the Committee in the past year and looking ahead to priorities for 2005/06.

NOTED

1. that the report was endorsed at the Standards Committee meeting on 13 September 2005.
2. that the report was formally moved by Councillor Nicholas and seconded by Councillor Boast.

RESOLVED to receive and approve the Standards Committee Annual Report for 2004/05.

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**SECTION 66 REGULATIONS -
PROCEDURE FOR THE LOCAL
INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS
INTO ALLEGATIONS OF
COUNCILLOR MISCONDUCT**

Geoffrey Mills the Chairman of the Standards Committee introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 152) recommending the adoption of procedures for the conduct of local investigations and Standards Committee hearings into alleged councillor misconduct referred to the Council's Monitoring Officer by the Standards Board for England.

The report was formally moved by Councillor Nicholas and Seconded by Councillor Boast.

NOTED

1. that the procedures were very much based on the models recommended by the Standards Board.
2. that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Standards Committee meeting on 13 September 2005.

RESOLVED

(1) that the procedure for local investigations set out in paragraph 4.4 and Appendix A of the report be approved.

(2) that the procedure for the conduct of hearings by the Standards Committee referred to in paragraph 5 and Appendix B of the report be approved.

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**AUDIT COMMISSION - ETHICAL
GOVERNANCE AUDIT**

Geoffrey Mills the Chairman of the Standards Committee introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 74) summarising the findings and recommendations of the Audit that have formed the basis of an action plan, which was submitted to Council for approval.

NOTED

1. that the report and action plan had been endorsed by the Audit and Standards Committees and the Cabinet.
2. the comments of Councillor Taylor that the removal of political assistants was damaging the ability of the opposition to effectively scrutinise the majority party. The Labour Group wanted to see the reintroduction of some political assistance to both groups.

RESOLVED to approve the action plan set out in the report of the Audit Commission in relation to ethical governance within the Council.

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**SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK
PROGRAMME 2005/06**

Councillor McCannah moved and Councillor Zinkin seconded the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Report No. 57A) setting out the annual work programme for the Council's six Scrutiny Panels and Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC).

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were supported at the Cabinet meeting on 13 July 2005.

RESOLVED that the Annual Scrutiny Work Programme for 2005/06 set out in the report be approved.

**49
STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT**

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor E Smith seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (Report No. 153) seeking the endorsement of Council for Enfield's Submission Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

NOTED that the SCI set out how the community will be involved in the preparation and revision of the Local Development Documents, that will form the Local Development Framework (LDF) and in the consideration of planning applications.

RESOLVED to approve the statement of Community Involvement for submission to the First Secretary of State.

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FOOD SAFETY: SUBMISSION OF FOOD
SERVICE PLAN 2005/6**

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Delman seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (Report No. 154) detailing the Food Safety Service Plan, shown in abridged form at appendix 1, submitted for approval in accordance with the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law enforcement, made under the Food Standards Act 1999.

NOTED the congratulations of the Mayor to the Trading Standards Service for their excellent presentation at the Town Show.

RESOLVED that the Food Safety Service Plan 2005/06 be approved.

**51
RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 155) outlining the progress made on implementing the corporate risk management strategy in 2004/05. It also revises and updates the strategy and seeks approval for the proposed changes. In addition the report gives an overview of the key areas of activity in 2005/06.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the progress made for risk management and contribution to corporate governance during the financial year 2004/05;
- (2) to endorse the revised Risk Management Strategy (approved by the Audit Committee on 20th July 2005);
- (3) to approve the proposed developments for 2005/06.

**52
HOUSING STRATEGY**

Councillor Laban moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Community, Housing and Social Services (Report No. 156) setting out in detail the Council's strategic direction for housing, progress to date in housing and a programme of actions for 2005 – 2010 to deliver housing objectives and priorities.

NOTED that the Housing Strategy was endorsed at the Cabinet meeting on 23 March 2005.

RESOLVED that the Housing Strategy be approved.

**53
CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S
CONSTITUTION**

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Egan seconded the reports of the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources and

Environment, Street Scene and Parks setting out proposed changes to the Council's constitution relating to the Licensing Committee and the Conservation Advisory Group (CAG).

NOTED that the Constitution Review Group at their meeting on 20 September 2005 endorsed the recommendations set out in the report.

RESOLVED

(1) that the following requirements in relation to the membership of the Licensing Sub Committee be suspended until further notice, once the initial rush of applications under the new legislation is dealt with:

(a) that membership of the Sub Committee should include the member of the full Licensing Committee appointed as Chairman or one of the two members appointed as Vice-Chairman;

(b) that the chairman of any particular sub-committee be drawn from the Licensing Committee's chairman or vice-chairmen.

(2) that the CAG Membership be amended to allow two additional members to be co-opted, representing the Clay Hill Study Group and the Southgate Green Study Group, as detailed in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of the report.

(3) that CAG's Terms of Reference be amended (in accordance with paragraph 6.4 of the report) to reflect the input of CAG to the Enfield Design Awards, and contributing to the consideration of proposals affecting the architectural or historic interest of key sites in the borough generally (when requested by the Assistant Director - Planning & Transportation).

(4) that CAG's Terms of Reference be amended to refer to the appropriate body currently responsible for various functions in the decision making system as set out in paragraph 6.5 of the report.

**54
REVISION OF COUNCIL'S ANTI-FRAUD AND WHISTLE BLOWING POLICIES**

Councillor Lavender moved and Councillor Nicholas seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 159), outlining the progress on the corporate anti-fraud strategy.

NOTED

1. that the report included a revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy agreed by the Audit Committee and a revised Whistle Blowing Policy agreed by both the Audit Committee and the Standards Committee.

2. that the report also outlined briefly the proposed developments in 2005/06.

RESOLVED

(1) to approve the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy;

(2) to approve the revised Whistle Blowing Policy;

(3) to note the proposed developments for 2005/06.

**55
CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR MONITORING FIRST QUARTER 2005/06**

Councillor Lavender moved and Councillor Nicholas seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 160) informing Members of the current position regarding the Council's 2005 to 2009 capital programme, taking into account the latest monitoring information on the progress of schemes and the re-profiling of expenditure from 2004/05. It also reports the current position in respect of the prudential indicators approved by Council on the 23rd February 2005.

RESOLVED to approve the addition of the following projects funded from earmarked

resources (identified in paragraph 4.4 of the report) to the capital programme:

- (1) Regeneration Projects £4.038k;
- (2) Housing Enabling Programme £3,874k; and
- (3) Housing Works to Stock £2,657k.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Councillor Lavender moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 67A) considering the Council's Asset Management Plan; the full plan has been deposited in the Members' Library and both Group offices.

NOTED

1. that the draft Repair and Maintenance five year plan had been deposited in the library.
2. that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting on 13 July 2005.

RESOLVED to approve the Asset Management Plan with specific reference to the summary work programme contained in Appendix 1 of the report.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

Questions by Councillors

1. Urgent Questions

NOTED that no urgent questions were received.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

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

2. that the following supplementary questions were received for the questions indicated.

Question 4

Councillor Brett to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene
"Should a public inquiry need to be called, how much money is the Cabinet prepared to set aside to present the Council's case?"

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"If the decision is called, it will be to look at the Fairview planning application, it is not our view that any appeal has any jurisdiction over the future use of the site as a recycling centre. The developer will make the case to the Inspector. The Council feels that there is no need for a recycling centre at this site. If there is an inquiry with a wider scope we will need to know the remit of that body to enable us to decide if the Council needs to be represented, a decision can then be made on what funds need to be set aside."

Question 7

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

"Would you like to add more to your response on the work of the Enviro Crime Unit?"

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"This breach was a brazen one and the Planning Inspector was supportive of our work in his decision letter. After 1 October 2005, I will want officers to pursue this case using the full powers of the law to ensure compliance."

Question 8

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

"Have there been any further developments you would like to update us on?"

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"This recent exercise shows us the benefit of joint working and the extent of organised

crime in the area. The third raid shows the involvement of illegal immigrants. However when the police sought guidance from the Home Office they were advised not to do anything further with the detainees and they had to be released. This highlights the poor policies of this government, which are a disgrace.”

Question 9

Councillor Heathwood to Councillor Rye, Leader of the Council.

“Can you confirm if you have received an invitation to a public meeting from Councillors Headley and Stafford?”

Reply from Councillor Rye:

“I regret no such letter of invitation reached me either at my office or home address. The first I knew of this invitation was on Saturday 24th September when Councillor Jackson brought his copy of such a letter to my attention. It seems to me to be a great pity when we were earlier discussing ethical governance and standards that an invitation is extended by two Councillors to three other Councillors to attend a public meeting which they have apparently already advertised. This does nothing for local government in Enfield and does not support the electorates expectations of their elected representatives. Councillors Headley and Stafford who extended such an invitation to myself, Councillor Laban and Councillor Neville did so at eleven days notice, knowing full well that it was highly probable our diaries would already be full and during the week of the Conservative Party Conference when quite reasonably we could be expected to be away from Enfield. Had they had the courtesy to agree a date with us in advance, as Councillor Headley has now done subsequently, they would have discovered I have a highly efficient Office Manager in Mrs Chris Stubberfield, who would happily have made appropriate arrangements. As this meeting appears to have been advertised without our knowledge or agreement to the public of Edmonton I will ensure the Conservative Council is well represented but would hope

that in future Councillors will show courtesy to one another and behave in a way that shows respect to local government processes.”

Question 13

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

“Would you like to comment further?”

Reply of Councillor Neville:

“Yes, this shows that the work of the Enviro Crime Unit can deal with the problem of fly posting with the support of the Courts. This shows that the tough approach adopted by this Council is getting to grips with this problem.”

Question 17

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

“Would you like to comment further on the successful result from the recent appeal?”

Reply of Councillor Neville:

“This is one of several repeat applications and finally an appeal. Because of the approach taken we could have seen ongoing damage to this part of the borough. I am pleased to see the Inspector was emphatic in his dismissal of this appeal, which sets a good precedent to resist inappropriate applications. It also shows that a good outcome can be achieved by working in partnership with local residents.

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MOTIONS

RECEIVED the following motions pursuant to Part 4 - paragraph 10 of the Council’s Constitution, Rules of Procedure: -

1. In the name of Councillor Rye

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Rodin seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council congratulates Lord Coe and his team on achieving the Olympic Games for London in 2012 and reaffirms:

1. The games are a National achievement and the Government should fully fund them.
2. That a £20 surcharge on each Council tax payer in London is unfair and will adversely affect those on fixed incomes such as pensioners.
3. That the Council continues to lobby local MPs, GLA members and the Government in support of (1) and (2) above.”

After a short debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed.

2. In the name of Councillor Cole

Councillor Cole moved and Councillor Rodin seconded the following motion:

“That Enfield applies to the Fair Trade Foundation and does the appropriate work to become a Fair Trade Council.”

During the debate Councillor Nicholas moved the amendment set out below, this was seconded by Councillor Rodin:

“The Council resolves to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to commission a scrutiny review to investigate the full implications of Enfield becoming a Fair Trade Council. Recommendations to then be made back to full Council as soon as possible.”

After a short debate the amendment was put to the vote and agreed. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and agreed by the Council.

59 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS RESOLVED

(1) to confirm the following membership changes:

- i. Special Projects Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Goddard to replace Councillor Charalambous as the Chairman.

- ii. Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Goddard to replace Councillor Charalambous.

- iii. Twinning Working Party
Vacancy to replace Councillor Brett.

- iv. Inspection Advisory Panel – Adults
Councillor Sandilands to be appointed to the vacancy.

- v. Single Homeless Forum
Vacancy to replace Councillor Brett.

- vi. Public Transport Consultative Group
Councillor Delman to replace Councillor Dey.

- vii. Overview & Scrutiny, Education Skills & Leisure Scrutiny Panels and Member Governor Forum
Mrs Carmel Tylee be appointed as the new co-opted Roman Catholic representative on the above bodies.

- viii. School Appeal Panel (Community & Voluntary Aided Schools)
To appoint Mrs Sally Yusufu, Mrs Eleanor Bard, Mrs Colleen Robinson, Mrs Sonia Marcia Robinson in place of Theresa Gleenson and Mr. Gladstone Virgo.

- ix. School Appeal Panel (Community & Voluntary Aided Schools)
To appoint as Lay Members, Mrs Ruth Hayles, Ms Vivienne Johnson, Ms Irene Byard, Ms Lesley Mansbridge and Mr. Mike Weeks in place of Mrs Helen Barget, Jean Daniel Boodhum, Mr. Barry Chand, Miss Safirah Irani and Mr. Dennis Whitlock off.

- x. School Appeal Panel (Community and Voluntary Aided Schools)
To appoint as:

- a. Education Members
Mr Russell Hertzog and Mrs Diana Lazarus
- b. Lay Members
Mrs Xenia Demetriou

xi. Fostering Panel
Councillor Zinkin to replace Councillor
Heathwood.

xii. Planning Committee
Councillor Prescott to replace Councillor Egan

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED to confirm the following
nomination change:

i. North London Waste
Councillor Price to replace Councillor
Delman.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council
would be held on Wednesday 9 November
2005 at 7p.m. at the Civic Centre.