

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2014**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Ali Bakir (Mayor), Patricia Ekechi (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Christine Hamilton, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jiagge, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Bernie Lappage, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Donald McGowan, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Ozzie Uzoanya and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Katherine Chibah, Ahmet Hasan, Suna Hurman, Adeline Kepez, Michael Lavender, Michael Rye OBE, Andrew Stafford and Haydar Ulus

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WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the first of two Extraordinary Council meetings that had been arranged for the evening.

He reminded Members that the issues to be considered at the meeting were restricted to those items of business notified at the time the meeting was requisitioned, as listed on the agenda.

He also advised all those present that the meeting was being filmed by the Barnet Bugle, as permitted under section 33 of the Council Procedure Rules.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katherine Chibah, Ahmet Hasan, Suna Herman, Adeline Kepez, Michael Lavender, Michael Rye OBE & Andrew Stafford.

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Doris Jiagge.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

Agenda Item 4.1: Motion in the name of Councillor Neville regarding the unlocking of park gates at night

- Councillor Sitkin declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as a resident whose home backed on to one of the parks in the borough.. He withdrew from the meeting for the duration of this item and took no part in the debate or final decision.
- Councillor Simon declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as a resident whose home backed on to one of the parks in the borough.. He withdrew from the meeting for the duration of this item and took no part in the debate or final decision.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

NOTED

1. The two questions on the Extraordinary Council agenda which had received a written reply from the relevant Cabinet Member.
2. The following supplementary questions and responses received for the questions indicated below:

Question 3.1 (Council's contract with Serco) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council:

"Can the Leader confirm that he is satisfied it was appropriate for Cabinet to accept the recommendation on 12 February 14 to extend the Council's contract with Serco until September 2019, given the company background as we now know it at the time?"

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

"Yes."

Question 3.2 (consultation on decision to keep park gates unlocked at night) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety:

"The minutes from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) call-in meeting on this decision record the Cabinet Member as highlighting this as an operational decision yet the written response to this question states it was a management decision. Similarly it is noted in the same OSC minutes that consultation had taken place with the Community Safety Team who had direct

linkages with the police yet the written response to the question states that officers actually spoke to the police prior to making the decision. Can the Cabinet Member confirm which version of events is correct and advise why, if consultation had been undertaken prior to the decision, this is not referred to in the report on which the Portfolio decision was based?"

Reply from Councillor Bond:

"Consultation did take place with the police and my written answer sets out the response provided by the Borough Commander on the same issue raised at the recent Mayors Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) event."

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MOTIONS**

1.1. Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Laban seconded the following motion:

"The Council deplores the decision of Councillor Bond Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety to authorise the borough's parks including 22 which abut the rear of residential properties, to remain unlocked at night without any proper consultation with the Police or Friends Groups, having regard to the obvious implications for burglary and other criminal behaviour, given that Enfield has the fourth highest rate of burglaries in London.

Following the Conservative Group's call-in of this decision for scrutiny, Councillor Bond's decision at the meeting to delay the implementation is welcomed, so that proper consultation could take place, but in the light of the expressed public concern, the Council now instructs the Cabinet Member to abandon this senseless proposal."

Following a lengthy debate the motion was put to the vote and not approved. In accordance with section 15.4 of the Council Procedure Rules the Opposition Group requested a roll call vote, with the result as follows:

For: 20

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban

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Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville
Councillor Ann Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 32

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
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Councillor Chris Bond
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Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Abstention: 0

Councillors Sitkin and Simon declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this matter and both withdrew from the meeting for the duration of discussion and decision on the item.

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1.2 Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Ann Marie Pearce seconded the following motion:

“The Council welcomes the acquisition of the Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital NHS Trust by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust.

The Council welcomes the Royal Free’s assessment that the site needs to be redeveloped and it’s acknowledgement that most parts of that site are “no longer suitable for the delivery of modern health care.” The Council looks forward to working with the Royal Free NHS Trust for the early achievement of the Trust’s stated plan to build a “state of the art” general hospital on the site, which when delivered will be of real benefit to Enfield residents, and welcomes the fact that the Trust is now in the process of submitting a planning application for this development.”

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END OF MEETING

Having dealt with the items of business on the agenda, as listed above, the Mayor advised that the first Extraordinary Council meeting had been concluded.