

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Dino Lemonides, Ahmet Oykenner and Haydar Ulus

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Father Witon from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George gave the blessing.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmet Oykenner and Dino Lemonides and for lateness from Councillors Michael Lavender, Doris Jiagge and Ozzie Uzoanya.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared by members at the meeting.

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TRIBUTES TO NEIL ISAAC AND MAME GYANG

Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development, paid tribute to Neil Isaac, who had recently died. Neil Isaac had been an assistant director in Regeneration and Environment since 2009, recently leading the Council's economic development function.

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Councillor Sitkin praised Neil as a modern, entrepreneurial man, who was well liked and respected, both at work and by those who knew him socially. He had been committed to improving services both in Enfield and across the region in his role in ALCO (Association of London Cleansing Officers).

Since his death the Council had been inundated with emails from both private and public sector colleagues expressing their dismay and obvious sense of loss at Neil's passing.

Neil bravely and resolutely faced his illness, steadfastly refusing to be cowed and to the last retained his sense of humour and smile.

He would be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu regretted the sad death of Mame Gyang on 22 April 2016 saying that it had been a pleasure working with her. Mame would be remembered for her commitment and focus on service users and carers, her sense of humour and positive outlook.

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu sent her heartfelt condolences to Mame's family and friends.

Councillor Neville added his tribute to Neil Isaac whom he had known very well. He said that Neil had been a real addition to the staff at a crucial time, that of the wheeled bin roll out. This was an initiative that had needed careful handling and Neil had proved adept at bringing it in.

Councillor Neville said that he had last spoken to Neil in the office recently where he had been full of courage, showing himself dedicated to the job and talking about coming back to work. The Council had lost a dedicated local government officer of the first order. He knew how to do the work and how to teach others, skills he had passed on to the benefit of the borough.

Councillor Neville sent his condolences to Neil's friends and family, saying that he would be much missed. He had liked him and felt sadness at his passing.

One minute's silence was held in memory of Neil Isaac and Mame Gyang.

5 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Neville seconded the nomination of Councillor Bernadette Lappage as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

Councillor Neville, in seconding the nomination on behalf of the Conservative Group, looked forward to Councillor Lappage's year of office acknowledging

that they had worked together for a long time, and he wished her an enjoyable year.

AGREED that Councillor Bernadette Lappage be elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

The motion was agreed unanimously (without a vote). Councillor Lappage then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Ekechi.

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MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Mayor made an acceptance speech:

Good Evening and Welcome

The Mayor began by wishing everyone good evening, thanking them for coming and then welcoming particularly Alma Nichoigh, First Secretary of the Irish Embassy and the family of former Council Leader Jeff Rodin.

The Mayor said that she was proud to be part of the Enfield Community and that her year as Deputy Mayor had taught her so much about the extent of the giving and caring for others that exists around us in Enfield.

Looking round the room she said that she could see so many people with whom she had worked. All of whom had something to contribute to Enfield and wanted the best for the borough.

History of the Past

The Mayor said that she stood before the Council, as the daughter of Irish immigrants who had arrived in the country in the late 1940s. She had been born and grown up mostly in Forty Hill. She had good memories of Forty Hall, Hillyfields and other parks where she played when young, apart from the memory of when her older brother and sister had dropped her in the river by the Victorian ponds at Forty Hall.

The Mayor said that she was truly honoured to be the Mayor of Enfield. She owed a great debt to her wonderful parents, Pauline and Liam, who worked tirelessly for others in the borough and ensured that we never ignored anyone that needed help.

As a former French graduate, The Mayor spent a year in the Sorbonne in Paris studying art history and in particular the Impressionists.

While a student she met her husband, Andrew to whom she has been married for over 30 years. He attended the Mayor making celebrations as her consort, along with her son Edward, also her consort.

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As the Mayor, she promised to bring a multiplicity of perspectives to the role, like the crest above her: the Enfieldian, with its head of a fox, chest of a hound, body of a lion, hindquarters and tail of a wolf and the talons of an eagle. Whether it was accepted as the amalgam of animals on the old royal hunting ground of Enfield Chase or as the family crest of the O'Kelly's in Ireland for over 1,000 years, she could identify with both.

The Mayor's perspective on Enfield was similarly varied. She had been born in Enfield, attended local schools, commuted into Central London, had been a parent with a son at Enfield schools and a parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George on the London Road. Her parents had helped raised money for the construction of the church: the predecessor had been destroyed in the war.

The Mayor had also been an officer at the Council, run her own business teaching French at local nursery schools and also taught in several local primary schools.

The Mayor had first been elected as a councillor in 1998, taking breaks since then, one voluntary, one not. She had served on the Cabinet with the portfolio for Adult and Children's Social Services and as Chair of the former Association of London Governments Health and Social Care Panel. She had also served in opposition and now as Mayor.

Thank You

The Mayor said that she could not have done this without the support of many people. She thanked:

- Former Councillor and Leader of the Council Jeff Rodin, a great friend and outstanding individual.
- Councillors Doug Taylor and Terry Neville for nominating her as well as all the other councillors.
- Her ward colleagues Councillor Alev Cazimoglu and Nesil Cazimoglu, the model ward team.
- Rob Lead, Chief Executive of the Council and all the officers for all the outstanding work they do.
- Father Witon and his team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George
- The good people of Jubilee Ward who elected her to the Council.

And particularly her family and friends whom she said had lasted the course with her all these years, her three wonderful sisters, fabulous brothers in law, sister in law and umpteen nieces and nephews that they were all so proud of.

Looking to the Future

In her Mayoral year, the Mayor said that she wanted to harness the power of music in the borough to improve the quality of life for as many people as possible. Music was such a powerful force to bring people together, to raise spirits to give comfort. It was magical.

As Mayor she said that she wanted to hold a year-long musical festival fundraising the raising the profile of music in the borough.

She planned:

- A musical instrument amnesty, under which we will ask people to dig out those un-played instruments stuck in cupboards or lofts so that they can be repaired if necessary and handed over to young people. Councillor Taylor had already promised a guitar.
- Projects to deliver music therapy to older people and those with mental health difficulties.
- Celebration events to shout out about the amazing cross cultural skills and efforts to improve the lives of fellow residents.

The Mayor said that she would profile music in the borough and support Enfield's choirs and orchestras. The numerous fundraising events that would be held would provide support to those that needed help.

The Mayor hoped that everyone would join her in the adventure and proclaim to all who would listen "Enfield Sounds Great". This was to be the name of her charity. She hoped all would enjoy the music that would be showcased later in the evening.

Final Engagement as Deputy Mayor

On the preceding Monday, the Mayor with the former Mayor, Councillor Patricia Ekechi, had together attended a full school assembly at St Ignatius College. Both their sons had attended the school. Together they had seen the introduction of the new college captain and, for the first time ever, a female headteacher of a Jesuit school, Mary O'Keeffe. She wished Mary O'Keeffe the very best for a successful headship.

The mayors had listened to the boys' talk about their love of the school and listened to the present headteacher who had spoken of Nelson Mandela's words about "invisible wounds", and the importance of recognising mental illness as having an equal status with any other illness.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Patricia Ekechi for her friendship and support over the year and welcomed Councillor Christine Hamilton and Ian Hamilton, as the new deputy and consort. She said that they had been good friends and

colleagues for many years and that they would make a strong mayoral team together.

Chairing Full Council Meetings

The Mayor said that she was looking forward to the two political groups challenging each other but that this must be in a courteous manner. She knew that the two whips would ensure good behaviour from their parties and was hoping that she would not have to resort to the naughty step.

Conclusion

Later on in the reception she said that she had dedicated a song to all her fellow councillors that the Council choir would sing "One Call Away". She would be one call away as Mayor. If she was needed to support another councillor in a ward activity or anything else they were to let her know. Or if there was a problem, as a caring Mayor, she was one call away.

Finally she wished the best for the people of Enfield and pledged to work hard all year to make them proud of her. She thanked all for supporting her and asked them to remember to tell everyone "Enfield Sounds Great".

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TRIBUTE TO JEFF RODIN

Councillor Doug Taylor paid tribute to Jeff Rodin, former councillor, former Leader of the Labour Group, former Leader of the Council and freeman of the borough.

He began by saying that Jeff Rodin had been an embodiment of civic life and he felt it was therefore appropriate to pay tribute to him on this occasion. A memorial event would also be held later in the year.

Jeff Rodin had been a councillor from 1986 to 2010 and leader of the first Labour administration for 26 years. He had given up his time to serve the community to make a difference: "to dare is to do". He was a politician with principles who believed in fairness and redistribution and was dedicated to the abolition of need and want. When he became leader in 1994 his clear focus had been combatting poverty, making a difference to individuals, families and groups in the borough.

Since leaving the Council, Jeff had continued to make a contribution to society through his work with the Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Transport and the Over 50's Forum.

His unexpected early death had been met with great sadness but Councillor Taylor hoped that all who knew him would acknowledge his achievement, contribution and worth. And that he would live on personal memories. Enfield was a better place because he had lived here.

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Councillor Taylor thanked Jeff's family for coming along that evening.

Councillor Neville also paid tribute.

Councillor Neville said that this was a sad occasion and that he had been stunned when he had heard about his death as he had not heard that Jeff Rodin was unwell. He had known Jeff for a long time, since he had first joined the Council.

Although he had taken a different view in politics, he had respected Jeff Rodin as a highly principled man who held to his principles. Both parties were in politics to strive to do something to address people's problems, the problems of poverty, fairness and equality, but they believed in different means to do so.

Both had agreed on the introduction of Cabinet government, the new model of governance which had been brought in in 1998. It was fitting that they liked each other.

He felt that Jeff Rodin had been a good man who did what he believed to be right.

Councillor Achilleas Georgiou added his own tribute saying he was pleased that Jeff Rodin's wife and family were present that evening. Jeff Rodin had been proud of Enfield which had much going for it. Jeff had wanted to improve the borough and there was much to admire. It was thanks to Jeff that the borough had the Southbury Leisure Centre, the Cinema on Southbury Road, the redevelopment of Edmonton Green and Community House. These developments had been achieved because of Jeff's vision, leadership and courage.

Councillor Georgiou praised Jeff's conviction and belief in social justice, fairness and equality, also mentioning his volunteer work at the Citizens Advice Bureau and his free tax advice. He had a desire to make the world a better place and had changed the lives of the people of Enfield for the better.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Jeff Rodin.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CONSORTS

The Mayor announced the appointment of Andrew and Edward Lappage as her Consorts for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. She then invested them with the badge of office.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of Councillor Christine Hamilton as Deputy Mayor for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. 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 Hamilton thanked the Mayor for her appointment and looked forward to supporting her and working together.”

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORT

The Deputy Mayor announced the appointment of Ian Hamilton as her Consort for the 2016/17 Municipal Year, and invested him with the badge of office.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

Councillor Taylor confirmed the appointments as set out below and detailed on the yellow list tabled under agenda item 10.1:

Deputy Leader – Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care - Councillor Alev Cazimoglu

Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development – Councillor Alan Sitkin

Cabinet Member for Education, Children’s Services and Protection – Councillor Ayfer Orhan

Cabinet Member for Community Arts and Culture – Councillor Yasemin Brett

Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health – Councillor Krystle Fonyonga

Cabinet Member for Environment – Councillor Daniel Anderson

Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency – Councillor Dino Lemonides

Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration – Councillor Ahmet Oykenner.

Councillor Taylor thanked former cabinet members, Councillors Andrew Stafford and Nneka Keazor for their work in the areas of finance and public health.

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS' BADGES

The Mayor presented past Mayor's and Mayors Consort badges and certificates recording the Council's appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Patricia Ekechi and her Consort Dr Christine Ekechi.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the work they had undertaken during the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Leaders of both Groups were also presented with a token of appreciation for their support over the year.

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MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Councillors Pite and Stewart would be taking part in a through the night charity cycle ride and would be grateful for any donations and/or sponsorship. More details were available from the Mayor's Office.
2. The Enfield Night Hike would be held on Friday 20 May 2016, starting at the Civic Centre. Further details were available from the Mayor's Office and the Acting Head of Leisure Facilities, Sport, Recreation, Leisure and Culture.

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MINUTES

NOTED the following amendments to the minutes of 23 March 2016:

1. To add apologies for lateness to Councillor Anderson
2. The following changes to Minute 155 and 158:

Minute 155

To add in to paragraph 1 (Condolences) the following phrase: "and to the people of Ankara who had also suffered from terrorist attacks in recent weeks"

To change the third paragraph to read:

"Councillor Doug Taylor added his condolences to the victims in Brussels, which were echoed by Councillor Terry Neville who also added his condolences to the people of Ankara."

To change "Her Royal Highness" to "Her Majesty" in Para 2 Update on Mayoral Engagements.

Minute 158

To change “She” to “He” (Nineteenth bullet point second sentence).

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record with the above amendments.

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Alessandro Georgiou seconded the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services (No.1) seeking Council approval to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that had been set up for 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 approved as set out in Appendix A of the report.
2. That in accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the report, the Council resolves (without dissent) that the rules of political proportionality should not apply to those bodies marked with an * in Appendix A of the report.

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2016/17

1.1 Appointment of Council Bodies 2016/17: Committee Membership list

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Alessandro Georgiou seconded the list of Council bodies to be established and membership appointments for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

AGREED to the establishment of the Council bodies for the 2016/17 Municipal Year and appointment of their memberships, as set out on the yellow list tabled at the meeting.

1.2 Appointment of Council Bodies 2016/17: Terms of Reference

AGREED to confirm the terms of reference of those bodies as set out in Part 2 of the Council’s Constitution.

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REPRESENTATIONS ON OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS FOR 2016/17

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Alessandro Georgiou seconded the list of nominations for appointments to outside bodies for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

AGREED the Council's representation on outside bodies, as detailed on the green list tabled at the meeting.

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Neville seconded the authority's scheme of delegation.

AGREED the authority's Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 3 (pages 3-2 to 3-13) of the Constitution.

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COUNCILLOR'S QUESTION TIME

1.1 Urgent Questions

None received.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

None received.

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MOTIONS

None received.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

NOTED the calendar of meetings included indicative dates for future meetings of the Council up until May 2018.

AGREED

1. The calendar of meetings of the Council, including the next Council meeting, which had been scheduled for Wednesday 8 June 2016.
2. That approval of any further amendments to the calendar be delegated to the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services, in consultation with both party groups.

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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 would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at the Civic Centre.