

PRESENT

Members of the Council

THE MAYOR: COUNCILLOR TIM AHERN

THE DEPUTY MAYOR: COUNCILLOR ROBERT FREEMAN

ALAPINI, Marianne
ATKINSON, Catherine
BLAKEMAN, J M
BORWICK, Victoria
BUXTON, Fiona
BUXTON, Terence
CAMPBELL, Miss Barbara
CAMPBELL, Elizabeth
CAMPION, David, BA (Arch), Dip TP, FRIBA, MBCS
CECIL, James
COATES, Professor Sir Anthony, Bt, BSc, MD, FRCPath, FRCP
COCKELL, Merrick
COLERIDGE, Timothy
CONDON-SIMMONDS, Maighread
COX, John, MA, FCA
CUNNINGHAM, Keith
DALEY, M P
DALTON, Andrew
DENT COAD, Emma
DONALDSON, Ian
EDGE, Jeremy
FAIRHEAD, Thomas
FEILDING-MELLEN, Rock
FRAZER, Mrs Priscilla
GARDNER, Joanna
HANHAM, Dr Iain, MA, MSc, DIC, FRCP, FRCR
HANHAM, The Lady, CBE
HOIER, Bridget
HOLT, Tony
HUSBAND, James
JAMES, Margot
LAMONT, Andrew
LASHARIE, Mushtaq
LEVITT, Bryan P, MA, PhD, FRSC
LIGHTFOOT, Warwick
LINDSAY, David
MASON, Pat

MILLS, Julie
MOYLAN, Daniel
O'NEILL, Dez
PAGET-BROWN, Nicholas
PALMER, Matthew
PHELPS, Barry
RITCHIE, Shireen
TAYLOR, Mrs Frances
WEALE, Mary
WEATHERHEAD, Miss Doreen M
WILLIAMS, Charles

A1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Mayor.

A2 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Miss Sophia Lambert, CB

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting Miss Sophia Lambert who was recently appointed Chairman of the Royal Borough's Standards Committee.

Freedom Ceremony for Chelsea Pensioners

The Mayor thanked all those Councillors who were able to be present that morning for the Freedom ceremony for the Chelsea Pensioners.

Councillor Dominic Johnson

The Mayor offered congratulations to Councillor Dominic Johnson on his recent marriage to Alice Hamilton and wished them both a long and happy life together. He also reported that Councillor Johnson had been badly injured by a falling tree. The Mayor added that he was making a good recovery and was sure that Members would join him in sending him best wishes for a return to full health.

Councillor John Corbet-Singleton

The Mayor said that it was a very great relief to be able to inform the Council that Councillor Corbet-Singleton was making good progress after his accident and illness. All Councillors would join in sending him every good wish for a full and speedy recovery.

Councillor Christopher Buckmaster

At the end of his Mayoral Year Councillor Christopher Buckmaster's name had been put forward to the Beacon Fellowship for an award

in recognition of his contribution to charitable and social causes. The nomination was submitted just too late for 2005 but the Mayor informed the Council that, this year, Councillor Buckmaster had been highly commended for his leadership in the field of charitable and social causes.

Former Councillors Mrs Prue Taylor and Ben Bousquet

With very great sadness, the Mayor reported the deaths of two former Councillors: Mrs Prue Taylor and Ben Bousquet.

Prue Taylor served as a Councillor for Norland Ward from 1968 to 1971 and was particularly active in social services and children's matters. Her interest in these fields was reflected in her work outside the Council. As well as being an active member of the Kensington and Chelsea Play Association she was a Governor at Avondale Park and Colville Schools.

Ben Bousquet, who died at his home in South Africa in the week before the Council meeting, served on the Council for 14 years from 1978 until 1992. He was a Councillor for Avondale Ward. Born in St Lucia, he came to Britain alone as an 18 year old. Within two years of his arrival he was actively and passionately involved in local affairs in Notting Hill and remained so throughout his time as a Councillor. He made a great contribution to community leadership and twice stood as a Parliamentary candidate in the Kensington constituency. Although he was more than capable of fervent argument, he will also be remembered for his warmth and for the twinkle in his eye.

Councillors Blakeman, Lightfoot and Moylan spoke about former Councillor Ben Bousquet.

The Council stood in silent remembrance of both former Councillors.

A3 TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Apologies for absence

- (i) The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported apologies for absence from Councillors Buckmaster, Corbet-Singleton, Johnson and Warrick.

- (ii) **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Williams declared a prejudicial interest in item 8 regarding the PCT and the motion in item 9.

- (iii) **Members' Return of Attendance**

RESOLVED:-

- a) That the report be received and noted.

A4 (i) PETITIONS

(a) Colville Ward - Diversion of five major bus routes

Councillor Alapini presented a petition containing 71 signatures with the following prayer:

"We the undersigned residents of Ledbury Road in Colville Ward are concerned at the diversion of five major bus routes from Chepstow Road into Ledbury Road and the resulting intolerable heavy traffic noise and road safety issues being experienced - day and night. (This is as a result of the replacement of damaged mains pipes).

Ledbury Road is a densely populated residential street and home to many families with young children and vulnerable elderly people. It is used by many children walking to St Mary of the Angel's school and Colville primary school and attracts heavy pedestrian traffic around the shopping areas with no safe crossing anywhere on the road.

We therefore call on the Council and TFL to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment on Ledbury Road, as it is not suited to being a bus route and properties are not equipped for such heavy traffic and noise.

Additionally for the Council and TFL to undertake a Health and Safety Assessment of Ledbury Road with a view to implementing urgent traffic calming measures, as there is no safe means of crossing the heavily trafficked street.

Lastly, we wish to discuss with the Council and TFL compensation to make up for the prolonged disruptions, relocation and loss of business. As part of such compensation, we ask for re-evaluation of our rates and council tax as this falls within the accepted reasons listed by the Valuation Office Agency: 'If there have been physical changes in your area which could affect the value of your property'.

Pursuant to Standing Order 18, the petition stood referred to the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy, Housing Policy and Transportation for consideration and reply.

(b) Extension of Resident Parking Hours

Councillor Campion presented a petition containing 27 signatures with the following prayer:

"We, the undersigned, request your support to extend resident parking hours in the Ladbroke Road area to seven days per week (8.30am - 10pm)

The reasons are as follows:-

- 1. The "World Famous" Portobello Road Market brings many home and foreign vehicles into our ward on Saturday afternoons and the thriving bar/club/restaurant scene attracts as many on Saturday evenings.*
- 2. The Fundamentalist Elim Pentecostal (Texas) Kensington Temple runs non-stop worship from 9am to 9pm on Sundays which prevents any residents from parking.*
- 3. We note that streets under control of Westminster Council which border our Ward have already had parking controls, which we now request, for many years, despite the fact that their streets do not suffer parking problems to the extent that our streets do.*
- 4. We strongly urge you to support us and look forward to your reply.*

Pursuant to Standing Order 18, the petition stood referred to the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy, Housing Policy and Transportation for consideration and reply.

(ii) RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

(a) Response to petition on Ashburnham Adventure Playground

(b) Response to petition on replacement trees in Oakley Street

(c) Response to petition on Sloane Square

(d) Response to petition on Hammam and Moroccan Arts Centre

(e) Response to petition on anti-social behaviour in St Charles Ward

RESOLVED-

That the responses be received and noted.

A5 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that in accordance with Standing Orders the order of debate be as set out in the agenda.

A6 SUBMISSIONS FROM THE CABINET

(i) The Next Four Years

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report be received and noted.

(ii) Draft Environmental Strategy

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Paget-Brown and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED -

- (b) That the recommendation at paragraph 1.4 be adopted.

(iii) Draft Children and Young People's Plan

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Ritchie and Seconded by Councillor Cockell.

RESOLVED-

- (c) That the recommendation at paragraph 1.5 be adopted.

(iv) Best Value Performance Plan

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED-

- (d) That the recommendation at paragraph 1.5 be adopted.

(v) Urgent Key Decisions taken since 26 April 2006

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED -

- (e) That the report be received and noted.

A7 MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY COUNCIL-SIDE COMMITTEES

Report of the Administration Committee

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cockell and seconded by Councillor Moylan.

RESOLVED -

- (a) that the report be received and noted;

- (b) that the recommendations at paragraph 1.2 and 2.2 be adopted;
- (c) that the action taken at paragraph 3 be noted.

A8 MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Joint Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Cabinet and Corporate Services and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Adult Care, Health and Environmental Health

(i) Benefits Take-Up

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Miss Campbell.

Councillor Cunningham asked that it be minuted that he considered the Cabinet's response the best since the new governance arrangements were introduced in 2001.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report be received and noted.

(ii) Consultation on a New Housing Allocation Scheme

The reception of the report was moved by Councillor Terence Buxton and seconded by Councillor Gardner.

RESOLVED-

- (b) That the report be received and noted.

A9 MOTION FOR DEBATE

The following motion was moved by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Dent Coad:-

"Whilst noting that Kensington and Chelsea Primary Care Trust are reducing their spending by £10 million during 2006/07 as required by the Department of Health and Strategic Health Authority as they work to eliminate their cumulative £26 million deficit, the Council is concerned that some of the savings in the PCT's Financial Recovery Plan will adversely affect important services provided through the PCT to Borough residents, including those provided in partnership with the Council.

The Council is, for example, concerned by the case put to close the Joan Bartlett Nursing Home, by the £200,000 budget cut to the princess Louise Nursing Home, by the reductions in voluntary sector grants, HIV and drug and alcohol services funding, as well as cuts to

MIND-Many HANDS Project, Age Concern home bathing service and the EPICS day centre.

The Council will continue to work closely with the Primary Care Trust and local partnership bodies to minimise the effects of health service reductions on our residents, and will urge that adequate consultation is carried out with service users and residents on the proposals in the PCT recovery plan."

Debate ensued.

The motion was put to the vote and declared by the Mayor to be carried unanimously.

A10 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Appointments to Committees

Councillors Paget-Brown and Blakeman moved the nominations standing in their names.

RESOLVED -

- (a) to note that urgent action was taken on 31 May 2006 under SO37.02 to appoint Messrs Ian Luder and Andrew Ling as co-opted non-voting members of the Audit Committee;
- (b) to note the resignation of Councillor Cunningham from the Investment Committee;
- (c) that Councillor Alapini be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Investment Committee;
- (d) to note the resignation of Councillor Williams from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Health;
- (e) that Councillor Mills be appointed to the Licensing Committee.
- (f) to note the resignation of Councillor Professor Sir Anthony Coates from the Planning Services Committee;
- (g) that Councillor Williams be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Services Committee.

Appointments to Outside Organisations

RESOLVED -

- a) that Councillor Atkinson be appointed to the Kensington and Chelsea Police and Community Consultative Group;
- b) that Councillor Cox be appointed to the Schools Forum.

OTHER URGENT MATTERS

No other matters were dealt with at the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Mayor