



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Minutes of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on Monday, 21 November 2011 at 9.20 pm

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor M Aslam Choudry

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Michael Adeyeye

COUNCILLORS:

Aden	Al-Ebadi
Allie	Arnold
Ashraf	Mrs Bacchus
Baker	Beck
Beckman	Butt
Castle	Cheese
Chohan	S Choudhary
Clues	Colwill
Crane	Cummins
Daly	Gladbaum
Harrison	Hashmi
Hector	Hirani
Hossain	Hunter
John	Kabir
Kansagra	Kataria
Leaman	Long
Lorber	Mashari
Matthews	McLennan
J Moher	R Moher
Moloney	Naheerathan
Ogunro	Oladapo
BM Patel	CJ Patel
HB Patel	HM Patel
RS Patel	Powney
Ms Shaw	Sheth
Sneddon	Thomas
Van Kalwala	

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Councillors Beswick, Brown, Denselow, Green, Jones and Mitchell Murray

1. **Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

None declared.

2. **Procedural motion**

Councillor Moloney moved a procedural motion.

RESOLVED:

that the Leader or a representative of each political group be invited to speak for up to three minutes each and at the conclusion of the contributions a vote shall be taken on the motion submitted and any amendments submitted.

3. **Motion - School crossing service**

Upon receiving a requisition from five members of the Council, the Mayor had called the Extraordinary Council meeting to consider the motion submitted on the school crossing service.

In moving the motion, Councillor Lorber stated that he had wanted overview and scrutiny to consider the decisions of the Executive because he was not sure how many councillors understood what had been agreed. He felt it was confusing and, in describing the outcome, asked what it was thought the response would be when a school crossing patrol was removed. He believed there to be four vacancies at the present time but was unsure when the new scheme was due to become operational. Councillor Lorber felt it would have been better if he had been allowed to call-in the decisions so that non-Executive members could properly discuss the issues in the way it was envisaged when overview and scrutiny was introduced. He felt the overview and scrutiny process was not used properly in Brent and if it had been on this occasion it would have come up with a better result than the Executive had.

Councillor HB Patel stressed the importance of the school crossing service in looking after young children who did not have much road sense. He submitted that the schools would not support the funding of the service and so it was important that the Council did. He supported the view that the proposals should have been subject to greater scrutiny and expressed support for the motion before the meeting.

Councillor J Moher stated that he would have been happy to discuss the proposals at overview and scrutiny but the terms of the request had not passed the protocol for calling-in decisions. He reminded the meeting that the views of those that had responded to the consultation and from fellow councillors had resulted in the proposals being changed, but not abandoned. Each location had been looked at and where it was clear that road safety improvements meant there was no longer a need for a crossing patrol it would be withdrawn. This would also help with the current recruitment difficulties experienced. Schools were being asked if they would share in the provision of patrols and these discussions were continuing at a senior level. Councillor Moher stated that the motion pretended that the Council had not listened to the views of local people when in fact it had and for that reason he opposed it.

The motion was put to the vote and declared LOST.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

COUNCILLOR M ASLAM CHOUDRY
Mayor