



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 16 May 2012 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor M Aslam Choudrye

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Michael Adeyeye

COUNCILLORS:

Aden	Al-Ebadi
Arnold	Ashraf
Mrs Bacchus	Beck
Beswick	Brown
Butt	Cheese
Chohan	S Choudhary
Clues	Colwill
Crane	Cummins
Daly	Denselow
Gladbaum	Green
Harrison	Hashmi
Hirani	Hopkins
Hossain	Hunter
John	Jones
Kabir	Kansagra
Kataria	Long
Lorber	Mashari
Matthews	J Moher
R Moher	Moloney
Naheerathan	Ogunro
Oladapo	BM Patel
CJ Patel	HB Patel
HM Patel	RS Patel
Pavey	Powney
Ms Shaw	Ketan Sheth
Krupa Sheth	Singh
Sneddon	Thomas
Van Kalwala	

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Councillors Allie, Baker, Hector, Leaman, McLennan and Mitchell Murray

Brent Community Champion Awards

Prior to the formal business of the meeting the outgoing Mayor presented Brent Community Champion Awards to the following people in recognition of their outstanding voluntary service within the borough:

Azhar Jawad
Dzevad Dizdarevic
Eileen Moore*
Friba Rawish
Jayant P Patel
Marie Hancock
Mohammed Sadeeq
Musa Muhammad
Nivethitha Vadivel
Rhian Skye Downes-Cyrus
Robert Wilson
Shawna-Lee Lewin
Sidra Jamil
Surjit Singh Dhemrait
Thivya Jeyashanker
Tyrell Cristopher
Vallabhbhai Patel
Amina Hagi

* this person was unable to attend the meeting to collect their award.

1. To elect the Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2012/2013

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Choudry called for nominations for the office of the Mayor of the Borough for the municipal year 2012/2013.

Councillor Butt nominated Councillor Adeyeye and this was seconded by Councillor Kansagra.

Councillor Lorber nominated Councillor Cheese and this was seconded by Councillor Hunter.

A vote was thereupon taken, 42 Members voted for Councillor Adeyeye and 15 Members voted for Councillor Cheese.

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Adeyeye be and he is hereby elected, Mayor of the London Borough of Brent, for the municipal year 2012/2013.

Councillor Adeyeye was robed and invested with the Mayor's chain.

Councillor Adeyeye signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor.

The past Mayor, Councillor Choudry vacated the Chair which was taken by the newly elected Mayor.

The Mayor then thanked Members of the Council for his election and informed the Council that his charities for the year would be Brent Association of Disabled People, Rays of Sunshine (a children's charity) and The Sickle Cell Society.

2. Appointment of a Councillor of the Borough to be Deputy Mayor

The Mayor announced the appointment of Councillor Thomas as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the municipal year 2012/2013.

3. Vote of thanks

Councillor Arnold moved a vote of thanks, which was unanimously supported.

RESOLVED:

that the Council place on record their thanks and regard for the outstanding public service rendered by the co-opted members, independent members, observers and others who have served on council committees, sub-committee, consultative committees, boards, governing bodies, resident associations etc during the past municipal year.

Councillor Butt moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor for his services to the community. Councillors Lorber and Kansagra spoke on behalf of their groups and paid tribute to the work of Councillor M Aslam Choudry during his year as Mayor.

RESOLVED:

that the Council records its appreciation of the outstanding service rendered by Councillor Choudry as Mayor of the London Borough of Brent during the past municipal year and for the manner in which he has presided over Council meetings. The Council also appreciates his attendance at a vast number of events and functions and his service to all sections of Brent's diverse community.

Councillor Choudry, having been invested with the past Mayor's Badge, thanked councillors for their tributes and reflected on his year of office.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

None declared.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2012

RESOLVED:-

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2012 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

6. **Changes to the Constitution and approval of the pay policy statement**

The report before members proposed minor changes to the Council's Constitution by amending Standing Orders in relation to petitions and motions, adopting the Members' Allowance Scheme and also formally approving the pay policy statement.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Constitution be amended to incorporate the changes to the Standing Orders relating to petitions, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) that the Constitution be amended to incorporate the changes to Standing Orders in relation to motions, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (iii) that the Members Allowance Scheme be agreed, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (iv) that the pay policy statement attached at Appendix 4 to the report be approved as an accurate and factual representation of the Council's pay arrangements for 2012/13.

7. **Political balance**

The report before Members dealt with the rules to be applied on the allocation of places on committees established by the Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the size of the committees to be established by the Council and the allocation of seats to each of the political groups be as follows:

Committee	Size	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Conservative
General Purposes	10	6	3	1
Planning	11	7	3	1
Audit	3*	2	1	0
Totals	24	15	7	2
Other committees	Size	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Conservative
One Council Overview and Scrutiny	8	5	2	1
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny	8**	5	2	1

Budget and Finance Overview and Scrutiny	8	5	2	1
Partnership and Place Overview and Scrutiny	8	5	2	1
Health Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny	8	5	2	1
Call-in Overview and Scrutiny	8	5	2	1
Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing	15	10	4	1
Standards	3#	1	1	1

*plus 1 non voting co-opted member

**plus 4 statutory co-opted members and 2 non statutory co-opted members

#plus 4 independent members

- (ii) to note that the political balance on sub-committees will be reviewed at the first meetings of the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee and General Purposes Committee.

8. Notification of appointments to the Executive and appointments to committees and other bodies

Councillor S Choudhary moved the appointment of Councillor Butt as Leader of the Council following the written resignation submitted by Councillor John. Notification of the appointment of members to the Executive (and Highways Committee) and nominations for the places on committees and other bodies, including chairs and vice chairs and outside bodies were tabled.

Councillor Lorber moved that the Council's appointments to Brent Housing Partnership should comprise two Labour councillors, 1 Liberal Democrat councillor and one Conservative councillor. This was put to the vote and declared LOST.

Councillors Colwill, Hashmi, Jones, Ogunro and Thomas had been nominated to fill the four places on the Brent Housing Partnership Board. Following voting on each nomination it was agreed that Councillors Colwill, Jones, Ogunro and Thomas be appointed.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that Councillor Butt be appointed Leader of the Council until the Annual meeting of the Council in May 2014;
- (ii) that the appointment of the Executive, as notified by the Leader of the Council, be noted:

Councillor	Portfolio
Butt (Leader and Chair)	Corporate Strategy and Policy Co-ordination
R Moher (Deputy Leader and Vice Chair)	Corporate Resources
Arnold	Children and Families
Beswick	Crime and Public Safety
Crane	Regeneration and Major Projects
Jones	Customers and Citizens
Long	Housing
J Moher	Highways and Transportation
Hirani	Adults and Health
Powney	Environment and Neighbourhoods
Highways Committee Councillor	Alternate
Beswick	John
Jones	R Moher
Long	Arnold
J Moher (Chair)	Butt
Powney (Vice Chair)	Crane

- (iii) that the appointment of Chairs, Vice-Chairs and the memberships of committees be as set out in Appendix A to these minutes;
- (iv) that Angela Ruotolo be appointed Chair and Sola Afuape appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee;
- (v) that Stephen Woods be appointed Chair of the Audit Committee;
- (vi) that the following statutory co-optees be appointed to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2012/13:

Mrs S Abbasi	Parent Governor, Primary
Dr Kumar	Parent Governor, Secondary
Mr A Frederick	Catholic faith
Ms E Point	Church of England faith

- (v) that Dr J Levison, representing the Jewish faith, and Mrs Hawra Imame, representing the Muslim faith, be appointed as non-statutory members of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2012/13;
- (vi) that appointments/nominations to outside bodies be made as set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

9. **Municipal calendar of meetings for 2012/13**

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the dates for Full Council and other meetings to take place during 2012/2013 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted be agreed in principle;
- (ii) that the Democratic Services Manager be authorised to make any alterations deemed necessary to the calendar during the course of the municipal year, subject to the usual consultation.

10. **Urgent business**

None.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

COUNCILLOR M ASLAM CHOUDRYADEYEYE
Mayor