



COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING) held on WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2003 at 9.27 P.M. at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Columba Blango

Councillor Alfred Banya	Councillor Kenny Mizzi
Councillor Mick Barnard	Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Beverley Bassom	Councillor Alison Moise
Councillor Paul Bates	Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Catherine Bowman	Councillor Gavin O'Brien
Councillor David Bradbury	Councillor Dr. Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola
Councillor Denise Capstick	Councillor Michelle Pearce
Councillor Fiona Colley	Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle	Councillor Richard Porter
Councillor Toby Eckersley	Councillor Mark Pursey
Councillor Stephen Flannery	Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor John Friary	Councillor Tony Ritchie
Councillor Norma Gibbes	Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Mark Glover	Councillor William Rowe
Councillor Aubyn Graham	Councillor Andrew Simmons
Councillor James Gurling	Councillor Tayo Situ
Councillor Barrie Hargrove	Councillor Robert Skelly
Councillor Alun Hayes	Councillor Robert Smeath
Councillor Jeffrey Hook	Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor David Hubber	Councillor Nicholas Stanton
Councillor Kim Humphreys	Councillor Richard Thomas
Councillor Jonathan Hunt	Councillor Dominic Thorncroft
Councillor Peter John	Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Billy Kayada	Councillor Neil Watson
Councillor Paul Kyriacou	Councillor Sarah Welfare
Councillor Jelil Ladipo	Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Lorraine Lauder	Councillor Anne Yates
Councillor Linda Manchester	Councillor Lorraine Zuleta
Councillor Eliza Mann	
Councillor Daniel McCarthy	
Councillor Dermot McInerney	

6. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

6.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Councillor Nicholas Stanton informed the meeting that it was the Borough Solicitor & Secretary's birthday. The meeting extended its best wishes to her.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT

The Mayor announced that there were no late items of business. However, he drew Members attention to the amendments to be considered, which were contained within the appendix to the report, on pages 209 to 213 of the agenda.

6.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Columba Blango declared a personal non prejudicial interest in Item 7 – Motion No.1 – Voluntary Sector in Southwark.

Councillor Stephen Flannery declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 7- Motion No.1 – Voluntary Sector in Southwark

Councillor Veronica Ward declared a non prejudicial interest in Item 7 – Motion No.1. – Voluntary Sector in Southwark

Councillor Ian Wingfield declared a non prejudicial interest in Item 7 – Motion 7 – Southwark's Heritage and Tourism Organisations.

6.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Margaret Ambrose, Catriona Moore and Vicky Naish.

7. MOTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – MOTIONS REFERRED FROM 30TH APRIL 2003 COUNCIL ASSEMBLY TO AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (see pages 200 – 213)

7.1 MOTION NO.1 – VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN SOUTHWARK (see pages 201 – 202)

Councillor Veronica Ward, seconded by Councillor John Friary, moved the motion.

Following debate (Councillors Richard Porter, Jonathan Hunt, Aubyn Graham, Alfred Banya, Michelle Pearce, Nicholas Stanton, Ian Wingfield, Mark Glover, Graham Neale, Caroline Pidgeon, Andy Simmons, David Hubber and James Gurling), Councillor Veronica Ward exercised her right of reply.

The motion was put to the vote and was declared to be lost.

NOTE: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.17 (5) the following Members requested that their vote in favour of the substantive motion be recorded:- Councillors Alfred Banya, Mick Barnard, Paul Bates, Fiona Colley, Dora Dixon-Fyle, John Friary, Norma Gibbes, Mark Glover, Aubyn Graham, Barrie Hargrove, Alun Hayes, Peter John, Billy Kayada, Lorraine Lauder, Dermot McInerney, Adbul Mohamed, Alison Moise, Michelle Pearce, Tony Ritchie, Andy Simmons, Tayo Situ, Robert Smeath,

Charlie Smith, Dominic Thorncroft, Veronica Ward, Sarah Welfare and Ian Wingfield.

7.2 MOTION NO.2 – ABANDONED VEHICLES (see pages 202 – 203)

The Mayor announced that there were two amendments to this motion.

Councillor David Bradbury, seconded by Councillor Toby Eckersley, moved the motion and with the agreement of the meeting he accepted Amendment A.

Councillor Kim Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Lewis Robinson, moved Amendment A.

Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor Richard Thomas, seconded by Councillor James Gurling, moved Amendment B.

Following debate (Councillors David Bradbury and Barrie Hargrove), Councillor Kim Humphreys exercised his right of reply.

Amendment B was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

Following debate (Councillors Fiona Colley, Richard Thomas, and David Bradbury) the substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED: That Council calls for a report from the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure on the Council's current performance dealing with abandoned vehicles and what steps are planned to improve it, the report especially to look at the question of increasing court action against perpetrators, a matter only briefly touched on in the report that went to the Executive on 11th March. 2003.

NOTE: The decision stands referred to the Executive for consideration.

7.3 MOTION NO.3 – REVIEW OF DULWICH VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA (see page 203)

Motion withdrawn with the consent of the meeting.

7.4 MOTION NO.4 – MOBILE PHONE THEFT (see pages 203 – 204)

The Mayor stated that there were two amendments to the motion.

Councillor Eliza Mann, seconded by Councillor Richard Porter, moved the motion.

Councillor Mark Glover, seconded by Councillor Peter John, moved Amendment A. The amendment was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

Councillor David Bradbury withdrew Amendment B.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That Council notes:
 - Up to 10,000 mobile phones are stolen every month.
 - Mobile phones are involved in 28% of street robberies with under-18s being the most common victims.
 - The recent Government initiative to develop a national mobile database allowing handsets to be cancelled and barred across all networks.
 2. That Council resolves:
 - To work with the police, heads of local schools and other agencies to ensure that mobile phone users – particularly the under 18's, are aware of recent developments and basic steps they can take to ensure mobile phone safety.

NOTE: The decision stands referred to the Executive for consideration.

7.5 MOTION NO.5 – OFSTED REPORT (See Pages 204 – 205)

The Mayor announced that there was one Amendment to the motion.

Councillor Ian Wingfield, seconded by Councillor Norma Gibbes, moved the motion.

Councillor Bob Skelly, seconded by Councillor Nicholas Stanton, moved an Amendment.

Following debate (Councillors Aubyn Graham, Kim Humphreys, Andy Simmons and Dermot McInerney), Councillor Ian Wingfield exercised his right of reply.

The Amendment was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be lost.

7.6 MOTION NO.6 – REPRESENTATION ON THE SOUTHWARK ALLIANCE (see pages 205 – 206)

Motion withdrawn with the request that it be submitted to the next meeting.

7.7 MOTION NO.7 – SOUTHWARK'S HERITAGE AND TOURISM ORGANISATIONS (see pages 206 –208)

The Mayor announced that there was one amendment to the motion.

Councillor Robert Smeath, seconded by Councillor Sarah Welfare, move the motion.

Councillor Catherine Bowman, seconded by Councillor Bob Skelly, moved Amendment A.

Following debate (Councillors Toby Eckersley and John Friary), Councillor Robert Smeath exercised his right of reply.

Amendment A was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

NOTE: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.17 (5) the following Members requested that their vote against Amendment A be recorded:- Councillors Alfred Banya, Mick Barnard, Paul Bates, Fiona Colley, Dora Dixon-Fyle, John Friary, Norma Gibbes, Mark Glover, Aubyn Graham, Barrie Hargrove, Alun Hayes, Peter John, Billy Kayada, Lorraine Lauder, Dermot McInerney, Adbul Mohamed, Alison Moise, Michelle Pearce, Tony Ritchie, Andy Simmons, Tayo Situ, Robert Smeath, Charlie Smith, Veronica Ward, Sarah Welfare and Ian Wingfield.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the impact of 9/11 on local tourism and recognises the valuable contribution tourism makes to Southwark's economy.
2. That Council notes further that Southwark Council is working in partnership with a range of organisations, including Southwark Heritage Association (SHA), to address the decline in local tourism.
3. That Council notes that a concerted effort will continue to be made to maximise the council's opportunities for income from tourism.
4. That Council asks the Executive to consider a report on Southwark's tourist trade at the earliest opportunity, which should include the feasibility of making available facilities to organisations such as Southwark Heritage Association.

NOTE: The decision stands referred to the Executive for consideration.

The meeting closed at 11.25 p.m.

MAYOR:

DATED: