

COUNCIL MEETING

8 OCTOBER 1997

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COUNCIL
held at the CIVIC OFFICES, NEW ROAD, GRAYS on
8TH OCTOBER 1997 commencing at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:- The Mayor of Thurrock Councillor M.B.
Jones in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs. I. Archibald, Barron,
Barton, Bennett, Mrs. Betts, Bingley,
Clarke, Davis, Mrs. De'ath, Evans, Fish,
Garner, Mrs. Giles, Gillam, Gooding,
Groombridge, Gupta, Hooper,
Mrs. M.S. Jones, Kent, Kirkwood, Lee,
Maynard McMahon, Meen, Moore,
Morris, Nuss, O'Kane, Palmer,
Mrs. Revell, Rice, Sear, Slocock,
A.J. Smith, Southam, Timms, Warren
and Williams.

49. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. Archibald, Andrews, Barrett, Josling, Lawrence, Norris and Mrs. C.A. Smith.

50. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th July, 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: With the addition of Councillor Morris to the list of those persons presenting apologies for absence, the Minutes be received and approved.

51. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS**

Councillor Barton declared an interest in Planning Application 97/00446/REM.

52. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) Diana Princess of Wales

The Mayor referred to the death in tragic circumstances of Diana Princess of Wales. On behalf of the Council and all residents in the Borough the Mayor had offered condolences.

(b) J.K.K. Aberdein

Jimmy Aberdein died on the 13th August, 1997.

He was first Elected in 1972, then after a short break of service was elected as a Belhus Member in 1979. Jimmy was elected Leader of the Council in 1989 and only stood down from the Council in 1995. He would be missed both as a personal friend and for his contributions to Thurrock.

(c) Pat Bolger

Pat Bolger who had been a Member of the Chadwell Ward from 1964 - 1980 died on the 30th September. He had been Chairman of the Thurrock Urban District Council and had served as a County Councillor for Tilbury since May 1979.

Other Members of the Council associated themselves with the Mayor's tributes and all present stood in silence in fond memory of the deceased persons.

(d) Petitions Traffic conditions - Bridge Road, New Road and Exmouth Road

The Mayor reported receipt of a petition concerning provision of a pedestrian crossing in Bridge Road, Grays, safety barriers in Bridge Road and New Road, Grays, and speed ramps in Exmouth Road and New Road, Grays.

(e) Petition - Refurbishment of High Rise Flats

The Mayor reported receipt of a petition concerning a noise and disturbance compensation request arising from the refurbishment of the high rise flats in Grays South.

(f) Petition - Cladding/Lift Installation Costs - High Rise Flats Grays

The Mayor reported receipt of a petition from Leaseholders concerning cladding and lift installation costs.

The three petitions would be referred to the appropriate offices/leadership teams for further consideration.

53. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

(1) The Minutes of the Meeting of Community Safety Board held on 24th July, 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(2) The Minutes of the Meeting of Planning Board held on 7th, 28th August and 18th September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(3) The Minutes of the Meeting of Environmental Services Committee held on 2nd September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(4) The Minutes of the Meeting of Personnel and Performance Review Board held on 4th September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(5) The Minutes of the Meeting of Community Services Committee held on 9th September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(6) The Minutes of the Meeting of Legal Review Board held on 28th and 29th July, 10th and 22nd September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(7) The Minutes of the Meeting of the DSO Board held on 11th September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

(8) The Minutes of the Meeting of Learning Services Committee held on 16th September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

(9) The Minutes of the Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee held on 23rd September 1997 were presented.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be received.

Whilst discussing Minute 34 - Site 88 Baker Street, Orsett it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Revell and seconded, pursuant to Standing Order 8(5) that the decision to sell the land subject to Planning Permission being obtained was not in the best interests of the Borough and the Council.

On being put the motion was LOST.

54. **THURROCK SPORTS COUNCIL**

Council was asked to appoint a Councillor to the Thurrock Sports Council for the remainder of the current municipal year.

RESOLVED:- Councillor Bingley be appointed,

55. **NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CLEAN AIR**

Councillor M.B. Jones had resigned as one of the Councils' representatives and consideration was given to a new appointment.

RESOLVED:- Consideration be deferred to the next meeting.

C H A I R M A N

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m. and finished at 7.40 p.m.